

19 September 2019

Dear Parents,

It was marvellous to have the whole parent body together for the Dolphin Launch on Monday night. We were so keenly reminded that there is a distinct feeling of warmth and community amongst our families. It was particularly fascinating to reflect on the responses to the question, 'If Dolphin had a hotel, what would it be like?' The answers highlighted individual priorities, humour and the wonderful diversity within our parent population. They also underscored our common values. Several words repeatedly came to the fore, words like: welcoming, friendly, fun, boutique, warm.

Below is a visual summary of parental responses to the question posed.



As I said on Monday, we will inspire our children to develop their love for learning, giving them the tools for curious questioning, perseverance and resilience. From this secure foundation, they can face their future with hope, confidence and optimism.

Year 3 Rubies went to the Common and made volcanoes. We used clay to mould our volcanoes, making sure we included a **vent** to let the **magma** out. We then placed 2 teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda in the vent and poured vinegar in. We watched the eruption of our volcanoes!



Year 6 Aquamarines – Harefield Hospital

We walked into the imposing looking hospital building and were led by the hospital director straight into an operating theatre! There we were faced with an incredibly life-like prosthetic body, open at the chest revealing the heart. After we had prodded and poked at it, we were told that it is the one that is used on *Holby City*! Our minds were then blown by the sight of a real vein that had been taken from a human leg. The consensus was that it looked similar to a squid tentacle with suckers. As we entered the second theatre, there on the table lay a dissected pig's heart- a source of fascination and intrigue to us all. After a spot of dissection, it was off to 'play' with some surgical equipment and technology. We were mesmerised by the 3D glasses and screens and how they enable surgeons to perform complex operations. As we approached the final theatre, it was the smell that hit us! It made us all feel a little queasy. The reason for the stench was two pairs of pigs' lungs, one being ventilated, the other ready for us to have a try at! Once we overcame the smell, we were able to prod and poke and learn a great deal from the very knowledgeable surgeons. The memorable trip concluded with the opportunity to insert a needle into a vein. We saw, felt, smelt, heard and **LEARNED** so much on this awesome trip.

- I will remember this day for a long time.
- I felt an exhilarating feeling in my tummy.

- I started quivering like mad at the sight of the real heart.
- A glimpse into the world of being a doctor!
- What an amazing trip!
- The most information I have ever received.



Macmillan Coffee Morning 27 September

Your support is encouraged for the coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support from 08.45-09.30 in the Hall, on Friday 27 September. Please bake cakes to support this event so that we can raise money for this good cause (NB. No nuts in any products please). All donations (edible or monetary) will be gratefully received.

The Foodbank and Year 5 Topaz Harvest Assembly 27 September

A quick reminder that we will be collecting donations from Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 September. The Foodbank has particularly requested the following items:

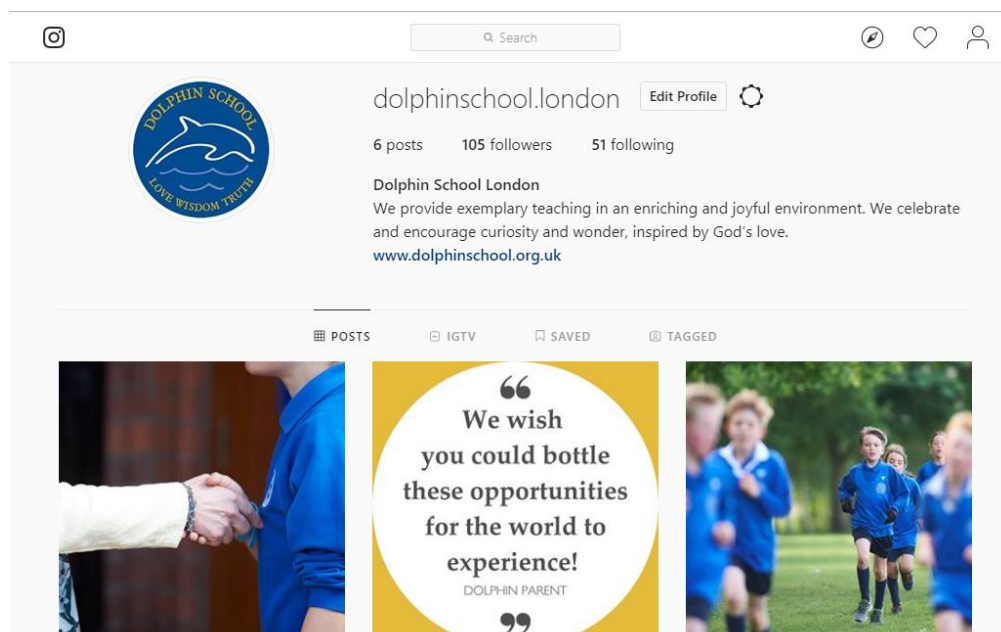
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Peas
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Meat (eg Corned Beef)
- UHT Milk
- Long-life Juice/squash
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Sponge Pudding
- Strong Carrier Bags

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We are updating our photo and video permissions to accompany our various platforms. Please could you take one minute to click on the below link to update your preferences. <https://forms.gle/4NTyg9p3s5nctrZ68>

Instagram

So many of you have commented over the years about how much you love being part of our community and, that we need to find ways of sharing that goodness with the world. So, with great enthusiasm, we are thrilled to announce that we are now using **Instagram**. It will be another avenue that we can use to celebrate with you, with our community, and with the world. If you have an account, please **log-in** and **follow us** @dolphinschool.london. If you do not yet have an account, simply register in 3 simple steps at <http://www.instagram.com>. If you have any questions, do please ask.



Sports Report

Friday 13 September Y5/Y6 Boys' Football v Roche School

It was the first match of the term for the boys, and we started well with two wins and two draws. Special mention goes to Thomas E for his last attempt to secure a draw for his team and Thomas L who also played very well in his match.

Friday 13 September Y5/Y6 Girls' Netball v Oakfield School

All three teams played very well. We finished with a win and two losses. There is a special mention for Esther who was amazing in her first game of netball at Dolphin.

Assembly tomorrow

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are always warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11.15.

Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers

Tomorrow morning from 8.30 – 8.45 Year 2 parents only are invited to visit the classrooms. Parents' Prayers will take place in the Music Room at 08.50.

Wish best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N. S. Baldwin

Principal

Upcoming Events and Sporting Fixtures

AUTUMN TERM 2019			
Summer or Winter uniform until half term			
Date	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 20 Sept	Parents' Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 20 Sept	Assembly	11:15	Church
Friday 20 Sept	Y5/Y6 Boys' Football v Dulwich College	14:00 – 15:45	Dulwich College
Mon 23 Sept – Wed 2 Oct	Year 5 Secondary School Meetings	Various	School
Tuesday 24 Sept	Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v Honeywell School	13:30 – 15.30	Wandsworth Common (home)
Friday 27 Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning	08:45 - 09:30	School Hall
Friday 27 Sept	Year 5 Assembly Harvest Celebration	11:15	Church
Friday 11 Oct	Reading Information Session (Lower School Parents)	08.45 - 10.00	Hall
Friday 11 Oct	Year 3 Assembly	11:15	Church
HALF TERM 21 October – 1 November			