



26 September 2019

Dear Parents,

It is always a joy to see so much enriching learning going on across our site, both inside and outside the classroom. Our brilliant teachers are always finding exciting ways to engage their children in their learning.



Year 4 Emeralds - Sunflowers

On a lovely sunny Thursday morning, Year 4 were very excited to be heading out to the secret garden to help with taking down the (extremely) large sunflowers. Just like in *The Enormous Turnip*, in small groups, we pulled the sunflowers out at the root. How strong the Year 4 pupils are! Then we (very) carefully, after discussing how to be safe, sawed the sunflowers into smaller parts. Finally, we extracted the seeds, ready for next summer. We loved learning more about the life cycle of plants and it was splendid to have Year 4 so ready to help!

Sunflower Competition

Savills visited Reception to Year 3 today to see photographs of how our sunflowers have grown at home. Savills will return tomorrow during assembly and present a few prizes.



Year 2 Sapphires – Visit from Bob

Last week Year 2 were very lucky to be visited by Bob the Man on the Moon. The children spent time getting to know Bob and asked him lots of questions. This year we learned that he communicates with his friends via the inter-galactic network which is a lot faster than the internet.



Year 2 Sapphires – DT Unit Rockets

Year 2 Sapphires have been creating rockets as part of their DT unit. They had to consider different types of materials to make their rocket. Thank you to all the parents for collecting necessary junk to create the rockets and for parental support in making them last Friday.



Poetry Week



We are tremendously excited to be holding a 'Poetry Week' beginning next week, which chimes beautifully with National Poetry Day being on Thursday 3 October.

During yesterday's Assembly, children in Year 1 - 6 were set a challenge to choose a poem (either from a book, online or one of their own) on the theme of truth. This theme is very much open to interpretation and can simply reflect true ideas.

Every child in Year 1 - 6 will then perform their chosen and learnt poem to their class on Wednesday of next week and the children in the class will vote for the most engaging performance.

One child from each class will be selected to perform their poem next Friday 4 October during our *Performance Poetry Assembly* at which parents, as always, would be most welcome. At this Assembly, we will have a visit from a real, live poet, Mr Ed, who will be entertaining us with some of his own poems and helping to judge the performances.

We will be focusing on various aspects of Poetry next week in our English lessons, but we would be most grateful for any support you can offer at home in both helping your child choose a suitable poem, and in encouraging them to learn it and practise performing it, ready for next Wednesday's class recital.

Below are a few links to various poetry websites which you may wish to use, in addition to or instead of, any poetry books you may have at home:

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/poems/poems/>

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/learn/children>

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

When the children perform their poem, we will be looking for (and they will be aiming for) the following:

- Clear voice which can be heard
- Expression
- Movement or Gesture
- Varying pace
- Clear understanding of the meaning of the poem
- Confidence
- Eye contact with the audience
- Following the rhythm where needed
- Engaging the audience in the performance
- Use of extra touches to make it memorable and entertaining

We look forward to the poetic delights that next week will bring!

Reminders

Macmillan Coffee Morning 27 September

Please remember 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 there is still time to send in your donations. The Foodbank will be collecting our donations on Friday and 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

Photo and Video Permissions

As mentioned in last week's Dolphin Newsletter, 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>

Cancellation of Afterschool Sports clubs

Due to the Consortium Shield Football Tournaments next week the following afterschool sports clubs will have to be cancelled. Tuesday 1 October – Y5/Y6 Football club and Friday 4 October – Dodgeball club.

These club sessions will be made up by the end of the Autumn Term.

Sports Report

Friday 21 September Y5/Y6 Boys' Football V Dulwich

The A team played a very strong Dulwich side containing several players already signed to professional clubs. The boys fought hard the entire match but it was always going to be a tough one to win. Our other three teams found their opposition a little easier and we ended up with one narrow loss, a draw and a win.

Assembly tomorrow

This Friday Year 5 Topaz will be leading our Harvest Assembly. During the assembly we will also be awarding the **Summer Reading Challenge** certificates to the children who participated in this over the summer holiday.

Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers

Tomorrow morning from 08.30-08.45 Reception parents only are invited to pop down to visit their child's classroom. There will be **no** meeting tomorrow for Parents' Prayers as everyone is invited to the Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall from 08:45-09:30.

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 27 Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning	08:45 - 09:30	School Hall
Friday 27 Sept	Year 5 Assembly Harvest Celebration	11:15	Church
Tuesday 1 Oct	Y3/Y4 Boys' Football Consortium Shield Tournament (A team only)	13:00 – 16:00	Wandsworth Common
Friday 4 Oct	Y5/Y6 Boys' Football Consortium Shield Tournament (A & B teams only)	13:00 – 16:00	Wandsworth Common
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