



3 October 2019

Dear Parents,

Our Poetry Week has inspired the children and teachers alike. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm with which creating, learning and reciting poems has been embraced. Not only have the children immersed themselves in poetry but the staff have too. Staff volunteered to perform a whole range of poems to the children on Wednesday, much to the children's delight. Our whole school focus rounds off with our special poetry assembly tomorrow.

There is a place of glittering jewels
Where Love, Wisdom, Truth abound.
Discover the treasures that gleam and glow
Where something brilliant is found.



Year 4 Emeralds – Foodbank

Our Year Four pupils zipped and zapped around the church to sort and pack all of the wonderful food items donated by our Dolphin community for the foodbank on Friday. What a busy time! The pupils were so very keen to execute their role as efficiently as possible and get the donations bundled off to serve those in need. Well done all!



Year 2 Sapphires - Kidzania

Anyone looking for a new career? Look no further; Year 2 are now fully qualified to advise **YOU!**

Looking like the young professionals they aspire to be, the Year 2 Sapphires began their commute to Kidzania with empty purses for their first fully paid day at work.

With so many career opportunities to choose from it was hard to know where to start - perhaps they could be the next James Bond, learning to spy for MI5 or scale the dizzy heights to keep The Shard windows squeaky clean. Or maybe the inner voice was ready to be released on the radio airwaves, bringing breaking news to the nation.

By lunch, the children were quickly learning the value of hard earned cash! Some of our future Alan Sugars were then eligible for the much desired credit card. (Don't worry, no overdrafts permitted!)

After a full day's work, Year 2 returned to school with much to discuss around the boardroom table.



Year 4 Emeralds - Celebrate Invertebrates



On Monday afternoon, a troop of earnest zoologists hunted through our secret garden to identify invertebrates living in their natural habitats. Carefully lifting logs and peering through the foliage, the explorers were able to examine the micro-habitats and retrieve spineless specimens for observation.

Using a variety of highly sophisticated tools and an identification key, the pupils were able to sketch and successfully name a variety of the creatures before returning them home. Supersonic science Year Four – well done!



Reading Information Session for Lower School Parents

On Friday 11 October, we will be holding our Reading Information Session for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It will be an opportunity to hear more about how we teach Reading at Dolphin and how you can help support reading at home. Please note that the session will be very similar to the session held in the Summer Term of last year.

It will take place in the Hall and so entry will be through the Staff Door. Tea and coffee will be available from 08.45 and we will begin promptly at 09.00, aiming to finish by 10.00.

If you would like to attend, please inform the School Office by email receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk by Tuesday 8 October. We look forward to an inspiring time together and hope that many of you can join us.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

This year, nasal flu vaccinations are being offered by the NHS to all pupils from Reception to Year 6 on **Thursday 14 November** at Dolphin School. Whether or not you wish your child to be immunised at school, you are requested to still complete the form which will be sent home tomorrow. Then, please return the form to the school office by **Friday 18 October**.

Sports Report

Friday 27 September Y5/Y6 Girls' Netball v The Roche

Two teams played in this fixture. As always when it comes to netball, The Roche were tough opponents, and although the girls tried their best we lost both matches.

A Thank You from POD

Thank you so much for supporting Dolphin School POD organised events last year. As well as raising thousands of pounds for various charities we were able to give almost £2,000 to the School. These funds were put towards the garden project to ensure it was kitted out with everything the children need to enjoy the beautiful space, and to buy an array of new reading books.

POD is delighted to let you know that some of your favourite events from last year such as the Quiz Night and Summer Fayre will make a return this academic year. Please find the Events Timetable attached and get those dates in your diary!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to everyone who baked for and supported our Macmillan coffee morning last Friday. We raised an amazing £604.20 for this very worthy charity. Cake tins are available for collection from Mrs Saunders in Reception.

Assembly tomorrow

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are always warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11.15. Please note that Year 3 will be leading Assembly in Friday 11 October.

Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers

Tomorrow morning from 08:30 – 08:45 Reception and Year 1CB parents are invited to visit their child's classroom. 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 4 Oct	Parents' Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 4 Oct	Poetry Assembly	11:15	Church
Friday 4 Oct	Y5/Y6 Boys' Football Consortium Shield Tournament (A & B teams only)	13:00 – 16:00	Wandsworth Common
Tuesday 8 Oct	Y4 Boys' Eaton House Football tournament (A team only)	13:00 -16:00	Battersea Astro Park
Wednesday 9 Oct	Y3/Y4 Girls' Netball v Oliver House School	14:15 – 15:30	Oliver House School
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			