



14 November 2019

Dear Parents

How edifying to know that at Dolphin our staff create such exciting opportunities which help to cement in our children a love of learning, in the widest sense. Reading below about the inspiring DT day and Owl visit, gives an insight into the joy of extra-curricular enrichment.

### DT Day

The Upper School classes were captivated by the passion of Neil Palfreyman from Thames and Hudson publishers, as he launched our DT Day.

He inspired the children as he expounded on the joys of a tangible book which you can hold in your hand, so that they could set off to create their own unique hand-made books. It was as if they had journeyed back in time to re-create the skills in use before the advent of the printing press.

Over the course of the day, the most wonderful books took shape. It was a brilliant day, developed by Mr Anderson and Mr Schmidt, which allowed creative and practical skills to come to the fore.





## Year 2 Sapphires – Owls



Never has Year 2 moved so silently through the school as they did to meet predators with sharp beaks and lethal talons.

Awaiting the children with swooshes and screeches were Simba, a Tawny Owl, Accio a White Faced Owl, and Midge a very excited Barn Owl! Keeping very still, (remembering if prey doesn't move an owl can't see it!) the children were introduced to

each owl and learnt all about their different habitats, use of camouflage, feeding habits, and how they use their wings differently to fly.

With so many jaw-dropping new facts to digest, here are just a couple you may not know: Apologies to Christopher Robin, but owls are in fact not especially intelligent or wise! Owls are unable to move their eyes, which is why they can turn their heads 270 degrees. Some owls have such special powers they can hear the heartbeat of their prey.



We all agreed it was a privilege to see these birds close-up and learn from an expert the trials and tribulations of the life of an owl.



### Year 2 Sapphires – Wales



"Diwrnod da!" Who knew Mr Hinton could speak some Welsh? Certainly not Year 2! Mr Hinton went on to explain some interesting facts about his home country and heritage.



Following Wales' great success in this year's World Cup, Mr Hinton shared the country's passion for its national sport. The children became nearly as excited as Mr Hinton as we watched the Welsh rugby team stand to attention and sing their national anthem with pride. He explained the story behind the Red Dragon, and why the leek and daffodils are emblems of Wales. We also had a go at saying their longest place name – Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogo. Perhaps this needs more practice! Diolch Mr Hinton.

### Grandparents' Tea

A little reminder about the Grandparents' Tea events on Tuesday 26 November for Reception SS and Thursday 28 November for Reception AW. Mrs Benson would be very grateful if any parents are able to bake delicious little cakes, cookies and biscuits or indeed to create little sandwiches for the event. We cannot accept nuts or egg sandwiches owing to serious allergies. We so appreciate your help in making homemade delicacies for our very special guests.

Each Reception event will start at 14.00 and we would ask that everyone enters through the Northcote Door. **Please would Reception parents email Mrs Benson on [admissions@dolphinschool.org.uk](mailto:admissions@dolphinschool.org.uk) by Thursday 22 November, giving the name of your child's guests.**

### **Love in a Box**

This annual event provides us with an opportunity to give in a very special way. Thank you for the many boxes that have already been handed in to the school office. **Monday 25 November** is the final date when these can be submitted.

### **Sports Report**

#### **Friday 8 November - Y5/Y6 Girls JAPS Football Tournament**

The girls enjoyed a tremendous afternoon playing some brilliant football. The tournament followed a round robin format and we finished with 3 wins and 3 losses. All the girls played incredibly well.

#### **Friday 8 November - Y5/Y6 Boys Football v Honeywell**

The boys played four matches. We had one win and three losses, but two of those losses were very close. Special mention to Elijah who was spectacular in goal and Vova who scored two great goals in his match. Well done all the boys!

#### **Wednesday 14 November - Y5/Y6 Girls Netball v Eaton House**

For the A team players this was their best performance so far. The game-play looked amazing with the girls displaying the skills we have worked on all term. The B team also played strongly as they have done consistently this year. The C team fought hard but Eaton House were too strong. Special mention for Irina, Olivia-Mae and Aavani.

#### **Wednesday 14 November Y5/Y6 Boys Football v Newton Prep**

From the four matches, we finished with two wins, one draw and one loss. Special mention to James R, Matthew S and Frankie.

### **Assembly tomorrow**

Our Friday Assembly to which parents are always warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11.15 and will be led by Year 4.

### **Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers**

Tomorrow morning from 08:30 – 08:45 Reception and 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			
Winter uniform			
Date	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 15 Nov	Parents' Prayers	08.50	Music Room
Friday 15 Nov	Assembly led by Year 4	11.15	Church
Monday 18 Nov	Y5/Y6 Girls' Netball v Streatham & Clapham School	14.00	Streatham & Clapham School
Monday 18 Nov	Parent Teacher Interviews	16.30 onwards	School
Wednesday 20 Nov	Parent Teacher Interviews	16.30 onwards	School
Friday 22 Nov	Y5/Y6 Boys' Rugby v Emanuel	14.00	Emanuel