



30 January 2020

Dear Parents

In this newsletter you will, as usual, get a delightful insight into some of the brilliant experiences the children have enjoyed over the last week... but there is more to come! Please do join us for our #Something Brilliant assembly tomorrow.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the POD Quiz Night tonight.

Coronavirus

There are world-wide concerns following the outbreak of the Coronavirus in China. I thought it would be helpful for you to know the approach we are following at Dolphin.

I have sought advice and as a school, we are following the advice and guidance from Public Health England and the Chief Medical Officer regarding the coronavirus, and looking at daily updates from the Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England. We know that to date there are no diagnosed cases of coronavirus in the UK. There is advanced monitoring at airports with direct flights from China, and a team of public health experts has been established in Heathrow to support anyone travelling in from China who feels unwell. China has also introduced port-of-exit screening so people already exhibiting symptoms are not allowed to leave the country. I am also choosing directly to contact any of our families known to have been in China, to discuss the situation with them and support them.

In school, we are continuing to be vigilant in reminding all our children about best hygiene, regarding handwashing, coughs and sneezes.

The Chief Medical Officer for England, Professor Chris Whitty, states: "The risk to the UK public remains low", however I am taking a keen interest in developments, and monitoring the situation closely.

Year 4 Emeralds – Royal Academy of Music

Our Year 4 Emeralds shone and sparkled at The Royal Academy of Music Museum on Monday. They were invited to test run a new workshop, designed to explore musical instruments - which linked perfectly to our current inquiry of 'Sound'. Their faces lit up as they were entrusted with handling a century old violin and their hands clapped in delight as they appreciated a personal recital by a 'Master' violinist. As well as all this wonder,

our pupils were inspired by a showcase of James Blades' individually designed percussion instruments, to create their own. They were left dazzled by the mechanics found inside a piano, prompting discussion of whether it is an instrument of percussion or string. The debate goes on!



Film Night



As always, Film Night proved to be a very popular event in the life of Dolphin School. This year we reached capacity with 95 pupils staying to watch *Smallfoot*. It was an engaging, feel-good animated film offering positive messages and plenty of laughs (and made all that much better with cinema-quality popcorn and pizza). We are already looking forward to next year!

Sports Report

Friday 23 January Y5/Y6 Girls' Consortium Shield Hockey Tournament

The girls all played in the Consortium Shield Hockey Tournament held at Ferndale. The Tournament is a great opportunity for the girls to play an entire afternoon of hockey. Both the A and B teams finished with one win, one draw and two losses. It was the B team which had the most success that afternoon, winning all their pool matches with ease and gaining a spot in the final. They played brilliantly in the final which contained some great hockey from both sides. With only a minute left, Oakfield managed to score the only goal of the game. We were very unlucky, as all the girls had played so well.

Tuesday 21 January Y3 and Y5 Boys' Hockey Match v Newton Prep

We fielded four teams, each of whom played two matches. For the Year 3s it was their first hockey match. The boys played brilliantly against older opposition and used all their skills learned in lessons, earning a win in the process. Leo G and Reuben played excellently. The Year 5 boys gained 2 wins, a draw and a loss. Oskar and Elijah deserve special praise but there were great all round team performances.

Thursday 23 January Y5/Y6 Girls' Alleyns Football Tournament.

This was an amazing afternoon for the girls. They finished first in the group stages after beating Alleyns, Heath House and Oakfield. In a tense semi-final against Dulwich Hamlet, Agatha produced a fantastic save to see the girls draw 0-0 and go straight into penalties. It had been a great achievement to get to this stage, but we lost 2-1 on penalties with Olivia-Mae's penalty hitting one post, trickling along the goal line, hitting the other post and out into open play!

The girls were absolutely brilliant and most importantly demonstrated teamwork and positive spirit. Girls were playing in different positions to normal but making no fuss, for the greater good of the team.

Reminder - Online Evening with Karl Hopwood Wednesday 5 February

We would strongly encourage that one parent from each family attends the evening, where possible. Feedback has always been really positive from those attending. The session is for adults only and not for children and will run from 19:00 – 20:30. If you have not already done so, please reserve a place, by clicking [here](#). Throughout the day, Karl Hopwood will have been working with all our classes.

After School Care

Following the email last Friday about After School care, please remember to register your interest by clicking on this [link](#) before **Monday 10 February**.

Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers

Tomorrow morning from 08:30 – 08:45, Reception and Year 2KV parents are invited to visit their child's classroom.

Parents' Prayers will be held as usual at 8:50. If you are joining us for this you are asked to sign in at the office first, before making your way to the Music Room.

Something Brilliant Assembly

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11:15.

Class Assembly

Year 2 Sapphires will lead an Assembly on 7 February.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal

Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Times	Venue
Friday 31 January	Parents' Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 31 January	'Something Brilliant' Assembly	11:15	Church
Tuesday 4 February	Y3/Y4 Girls' Consortium Hockey Tournament	13.30 – 16.00	Ferndale
Wednesday 5 February	E-Safety Talk for Parents	19.00 – 20.30	Hall
Friday 7 February	Class Assembly Year 2 Sapphires	11.15	Church
Friday 7 February	ISA West London Cross Country (selected teams)	10.00 – 15.00	Sherfield School RG27 0HU