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Dear Parents

What a wonderful variety of trips and visitors we have had over the last week. As you will read below, the children's learning has been immeasurably enriched by these experiences.

Also, following last week's excellent charity presentations by Year 6, every class has carefully reviewed the options and voted for our Lent charity. The three worthy charities, Kick, Foodbank and Tearfund, all found supporters keen to vote for them, but the charity selected by the majority of classes is Tearfund, a Christian charity working to end global poverty. We will now be directing our fundraising efforts to support our chosen charity.

### Year 4 Emeralds – Butser Farm



Last Thursday the Year 4 Emeralds had *the* best time on their trip to Butser Ancient Farm. Here, we travelled back in time, immersing ourselves in the Anglo-Saxon and Viking time periods. We had so much fun spinning our own yarn, excavating as archaeologists, sewing Anglo Saxon runic letters and carving our own lucky talismans - just like the Vikings would have done! We will certainly never forget what it was like to live in those days.





**Year 3 Rubies – Russia**

On Monday, it was the Year 3 Rubies' last lesson learning about Russia: but this was no ordinary lesson. We had a special visitor in the form of Vova from Year 6 who came to share his experiences of his life in Russia before coming to Dolphin. He was full of interesting information and spoke with clarity and confidence. This was followed by a leap into the world of Russian cuisine. Vova's mother had very generously cooked some Vatrushkas for us to sample! We thoroughly enjoyed tasting them and are very thankful for the time she took to share her culinary skills with us. Thank you, Mrs Samburova!





**Year 6 Aquamarines – Fragrance Workshop**

On Monday, exclamations of delight and discovery could be heard from Year 6 as they joyfully participated in an enterprise project led by Mrs Griffith. The “brief” was to create their own limited edition, bespoke room spray using the 4P model: product, price, people and promotion. It was a beautiful opportunity to dovetail maths, science and creativity together.





The pupils had to decide on a dominant base note for their spray, committing to a percentage of the 50 ml atomiser. Top notes of bergamot and rosemary filled the air while the pupils created a perfect blend of floral waters and essential oils. Understanding the science behind emulsifying oil and water as well as creating a perfect blend to create an uplifting spray



or a calming one, was challenging. Once they had done this, they then had to convert the percentage into actual ml of the container, pouring geranium or lavender into a beaker before adding the top notes of carefully selected essential oils. The oils were measured out in drops, 20 drops were equivalent to 1 ml.



After that, they had to calculate the cost of their spray, taking into account the different prices for the essential oils. Profit and loss were discussed in preparation for the forthcoming Year 6 enterprise project. Mrs Griffith shared information about her beauty company Rosalena, inspiring the pupils to create a product that was both beautiful and ethically made. The afternoon was devoted to identifying a market for their product and promotion. A good day was had by all!



## Year 5 Topaz - Eco House Talk

On Monday we welcomed Mr Shahpazova to talk to us about Eco Houses. We have been studying 'Houses Through History' this half term and as the last instalment, we had the opportunity to explore the concept of green architectural design.



Mr Shahpazova spoke about the importance of using reusable and sustainable building materials and passed around lots of examples for us to hold. Jessica and Matthew took up the challenge of making their own earth bricks, which then dried beautifully overnight. We were fascinated to find out that just under the top soil in almost every garden in the UK is the right mixture of sand, silt and clay to build an entire house! We spent the last part of the session designing and labelling our own eco houses. Lourdes, Jessica and Sebastian were all recognised for the eco friendly features they included in their designs. Well done!

## Year 2 Sapphires – Florence Nightingale

This week Year 2 were visited by Florence Nightingale. Miss Nightingale was very impressed by the children's courteous manners. Year 2 now know about the symptoms of cholera, tuberculosis and typhoid. They went back in time and recreated Scutari Hospital which was in quite a state! The nurses did a fantastic job of caring for the soldiers, cleaning the hospital and preventing the spread of infection. Florence Nightingale has certainly inspired some of the children to enter the medical profession. Can you recognise any of the nurses or soldiers in the photographs below?





### Year 1 Pearls – Vauxhall City Farm

On a bright and sunny Wednesday, our Year 1 Pearls escaped the normal school routine to experience a morning of being a farm child. Although it was just around the corner in Vauxhall, the pupils were able to view an abundance of strange and interesting farm creatures. To extend our current Science topic of Animals, the children were able to partake in an engaging animal workshop and wander past the tremendous range of animal enclosures. From patting the fluffy-headed Polish chickens, to feeding the gawky goats, the children had a sensational time.



## **Sports Report**

### **ISA West London Cross Country Friday 7 February**

Dolphin sent a total of 24 runners to this event. The day was brilliantly managed with each race having over ninety children competing.

All the Dolphin runners thoroughly enjoyed their races and several finished very well and placed. Nat and Emily both came in the top ten so are off to compete in the National Finals at Worksop on the 20 April. Louis came 11th while Lucy and Sofia both finished well placed. All our runners, several of whom would have never competed in such a big event before, ran superbly well.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped transport the children to the event.

## **After School Club**

A reminder to parents that you have until tomorrow, **14 February**, to sign up for the after school provision, Kids' Club. At present Kids' Club has informed us that initial expressions of interest have not turned into enough registrations for them to be able to offer this service after half term. If this continues to be the situation, this provision will have to be deferred and may run after the Easter holiday, provided sufficient registrations are received by then.

Should you still wish to sign up, please click on the following [link](#)

## **Parent Teacher Evenings**

After half term, our Parent Teacher Evenings will be on Tuesday 3 and Thursday 5 March. The sign up will go live on our Events portal on our website on the first day back, **Monday 24 February, at 10am**. We will send out a reminder email, as soon as school is back from half term. Parent Teacher Evenings are such an important part of our Home/School partnership. We look forward to seeing you.

## **World Book Day – Thursday 5 March**

World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 5 March and we are inviting all of our children to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. The day itself is a wonderful opportunity to promote reading and books both in and outside of school.

We will continue to run our **Book Sale** on World Book Day for the pupils to enjoy.

In order for this to be a whole-school event, we are **relying on each and every family to donate some good quality children's books**. We would therefore encourage you to delve deep into your book shelves, boxes and cupboards and select a few books that you and the family are willing to be parted from, and that you would consider to be suitable for children aged between 5 and 11.

In the past we have had a surplus of books suitable for Lower School, but have been short on books for children in Upper KS2. Therefore we would be **especially grateful for KS2 books**. Donations will be received through the Office and they will be welcome right up until Monday 2 March.

Our hope is that each child will have an opportunity to choose and purchase a book for £1. The proceeds raised from the sale will go to our Lent Charity. We thank you in advance for your donations and trust that the sale will be a great success!

### **Literacy Events**

Some of you may be interested in book/reading related events (storytelling, performances and visiting authors and illustrators) held in London over the Half Term break:

- Imagine Children's Festival at The Southbank Centre  
<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/imagine-childrens-festival> *Suitable for Primary Age.*
- Fairy Tales - an immersive world of play and story-telling at Discover Children's Learning Centre in Stratford: <https://discover.org.uk/event/fairy-tales/> *Suitable for Lower School.*

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale - Friday 6 March**

You may have school uniform which you no longer need and are willing to donate to the school. If so, please bring along any good condition, freshly laundered items to the school office for the sale on Friday 6 March at 15:25 – 16:00 in the hall. It would be so helpful if name tags could be removed so that future confusion is avoided. Thank you!

### **Staff News**

Miss Walters is expecting a baby, due to be born in the summer holidays. We share her excitement at this news and are also delighted that she plans to be with us for the rest of the academic year, before taking maternity leave.

### **Friday 28 February - Assembly**

Our Year 6 children will become School Captains in this assembly, and all parents are welcome.

### **Tomorrow**

Please note that tomorrow is Upper School DT Day, which means that there will be **no** Parent Prayers or Assembly.

There will also be **no** Drop In session as it is Reception Diamonds International Day where every child can come in dressed as someone from their special place. There is no need for Reception children to wear school uniform on International Day.

With best wishes

*N. S. Baldwin*

**Mrs N S Baldwin**  
**Principal**



## Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Times	Venue
Friday 14 February	No Drop In session		
Friday 14 February	No Parents' Prayers		
Friday 14 February	No Assembly		
Friday 14 February	International Day – Reception	All morning	School
Friday 14 February	DT Day – Upper School	All day	School
<b>Half Term 17 February – 21 February</b>			
Monday 24 February	School resumes	08:30	School
Monday 2 March	Y3 Boys' Tag Rugby Tournament (A Team)	13.00 – 16.00	Battersea Ironsides
Tuesday 3 March	Parent-Teacher Interviews	16:30 onwards	School
Thursday 5 March	Parent-Teacher Interviews	16:30 onwards	School
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day	During the day	School
Friday 6 March	Y5/Y6 Girls' Football v Honeywell	13.30 – 15.30	Wandsworth Common (home)
Friday 6 March	Y5/Y6 Boys' Hockey v Oakfield	13.30 – 15.45	Ferndale
Friday 6 March	Uniform Sale	15.25 – 16.00	Hall
Wed 11 - Fri 13 March	Hooke Court (Year 6)		Residential Trip
Thurs 19 and Fri 20 March	The Mill (Year 4)		Residential Trip
Tuesday 24 March	Art Exhibition (Reception - Year 2 Parents)	14:45 - 15:30	Hall
Wednesday 25 March	Art Exhibition (Year 3 - Year 6 Parents)	13:30 - 14:15	Hall
Wednesday 25 March	Dolphin Concert (Year 3 - Year 6)	14.20 - 15.20	Church
Thursday 26 March	Art Exhibition (All Parents)	08.30-09.15	
Thursday 26 March	Assembly	11.40	
Thursday 26 March	End of term	12:30	School