



12 March 2020

Dear Parents

The sun is shining and there are definite signs of spring in our school garden.

While in school, some of our year 5 pupils have been making the most of their time in the school garden, meanwhile the sun has also been shining on our Year 6 pupils in Dorset.

Please see the account from Day 1 of the Hooke Court Year 6 trip, which so clearly captures the enriching experience of “out of class” learning.

### **Hooke Court 2020 - Day 1**

After a flawless journey, Year 6 arrived at the centre brimming with optimism- the sun was shining, the Hooke Court staff were full of warmth and the accommodation was sparkling.

After a lunch enjoyed in the sunny courtyard, the pupils set to work on their first activity of the day, ‘Crossing the Moat’. Working extraordinarily well together, they managed to solve the various tasks with impressive acuity. The instructor remarked that he couldn’t remember the last time a group was able to implement the bridge building phase on their first go! Not even the ‘deadly’ moat dwelling *Crocapig* could distract from their laser sharp focus.

During the break before dinner the pupils burned off excess energy in the adventure playground. Although not managing to avoid the ample mud, they thoroughly enjoyed spending time in the great outdoors.

Dinner was served in generous portions and, we are happy to report, all the children devoured the home cooked meal including a fresh assortment of vegetables!

The evening ushered in an intriguing introduction to WW1 - the pupils have now been conscripted into the British army, having signed their papers and received the King’s shilling. Tomorrow the trench experience begins.

Sleep, despite the children’s best laid plans earlier in the day, came swiftly.

## Year 4 Emeralds – St David's Day



Recently Year 4 were honoured to receive a visit from Bertie and Willow's mummy, Mrs Lloyd. She came in wearing a daffodil and captivated us with tales of her childhood in Wales. We got to pronounce the longest place name in the U.K and learnt about St David, the patron saint of Wales. Mrs Lloyd shared her love of music and sourced a powerful rendition of the national anthem beautifully sung by a Welsh male voice choir. We were so excited to have such an enthusiastic guest sharing her love for her homeland and treating us to super-duper, scrummy Welsh cakes! Diolch Mrs Lloyd!



## Y6 Aquamarine – Enterprise Project

A reminder that Y6 will be selling their range of products in support of our Lent charity, Tearfund, during the week of 16 March. You will find attached a reminder of all the fabulous projects and how you can kindly support them. If you have any questions please email [dolphinsden@dolphinschool.london](mailto:dolphinsden@dolphinschool.london)

## Year 2 Sapphires - Chicks

Great excitement has been flowing through the corridors of the Lower School. Ten chicken eggs were dispatched for hatching into Year 2's welcoming hands. Within 48 hours four chicks had successfully pecked their way through their shells followed closely by the rest. Year 2 have learnt how to care for a chick through feeding, watering, cleaning and handling on a daily basis. Year 2's excellent parenting skills have ensured the chicks are ready to fly the nest! Bon Voyage and thank you to Living Eggs for kindly putting their trust in us to care for the chicks.





### Garden Report

In the garden this week, so much has been happening! We worked as a team to build a greenhouse to nurture young plants. Some of us have been insect exploring. There are millions of worms making our soil richer. The chive plant has accomplished its goal, producing a bitter but delicious taste!

Sophia, Esther and Edward – Year 5





### **Book Sale funds**

We are delighted to let you know that as a result of our book sales last week, Dolphin raised a total of **£284.90!** All of the proceeds will go to our Lent Charity, Tearfund.

We would like to say a huge thank you to each family who donated their books and to each parent who volunteered to organise and sell the books last week; you made it a real success!

### **Hot Meal Trial**

How encouraging that many parents are already expressing interest in the hot meal trial. Understandably, there have been some additional queries, which I will try to address here, so that everyone has the benefit of the information.

During the trial from Monday 27 April to Friday 15 May the options are a vegetarian, vegan or meat/fish option, following the menu that was sent out. Most other dietary requirements can be accommodated. A further form will be sent out once you have signed your child up for the hot lunches, where you can inform Kidz co. of any allergies or dietary requirements your child may have.

The trial is for the full three weeks and there is no option to select just certain days.

The Senior Team had a tasting session before we opted to launch a trial of Kidz Co. lunches. After the trial, we will take feedback and review the experience.

The meals conform to the early years and school food trust guidelines. The food is not organic but Kidz Co. ensures a recommended nutritional balance. The meat is not reconstituted but is all free range.

If you have not already signed up but would like your child/ren to participate in the hot lunch trial, given the information above, please sign up [here](#) by Monday 20 March.

### **Sports Report**

#### **Friday 6 March Y5/Y6 Boys' Hockey v Oakfield School**

Four Dolphin teams were joined by two Oakfield teams to play a round robin competition. Two groups of 3 teams allowed plenty of hockey to be played throughout the afternoon. It was a very successful session for Dolphin, as each side won their encounters against Oakfield. To finish off the afternoon, the teams from each group played their opposing placed side.

It was great to see such a fun hockey session carried out where Dolphin played fantastically well.

### **Art Exhibition – 24 March to 26 March**

Please bear in mind that when you purchase your child/children's art during the exhibition that unfortunately only **cash payments** can be made.

### **Summer Term Clubs**

Tomorrow you will be sent a separate email detailing all the clubs offered next term. Please consider the options with your children over the weekend. Booking will then go live on **Monday 16 March at 13.00.**

### **Signing not Shaking**

Thank you all for embracing our change of practice for 'signing' good morning and good afternoon with the children, rather than shaking hands. In these rapidly changing times we continue to follow Public Health England advice and best hygiene practices, with regard to the Coronavirus. We continue to be vigilant and prudent. We will continue to stay open, unless the only option is to close, but are planning for all eventualities.

### **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.

### **Assembly**

Our Friday Assembly at 11.15 tomorrow will be led by Year 1, to which all parents are warmly invited.

With best wishes

*N. S. Baldwin*

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

**Forthcoming events**

| <b>Date</b>               | <b>Event</b>                                       | <b>Times</b>  | <b>Venue</b>             |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| Friday 13 March           | Parent Prayers                                     | 08:50         | Music Room               |
| Friday 13 March           | Year 1 Assembly                                    | 11:15         | Church                   |
| Monday 16 March           | Y5/Y6 Girls' Hockey v Streatham & Clapham          | 14.15 – 15.45 | Ferndale                 |
| Tuesday 17 March          | Y3/Y4 Boys' Tag Rugby v Oliver House               | 14.15 – 15.30 | Wandsworth Common (Home) |
| Thurs 19 and Fri 20 March | The Mill (Year 4)                                  |               | Residential Trip         |
| Friday 20 March           | Y5/Y6 Boys' Tag Rugby v Roche                      | 13.45 – 15.45 | Wandsworth Common (Home) |
| Friday 20 March           | Y5/Y6 Girls' Roche Football Festival (A Team only) | 14.00 – 16.00 | Wandsworth Park          |
| 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   | Hall                     |
| Thursday 26 March         | Assembly   | 11.40         | Church                   |
| Thursday 26 March         | End of term  | 12:30         | School                   |