

WORD

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Dolphin's weekly news



"How amazing is that brain of yours!"

Pupil, Year 3

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Foreword...

Dear Parents,

Thank you for those who attend the Launch evening this week. I hope you enjoyed meeting and hearing from the class teachers, learning about the curriculum ahead, as well as asking important questions on how to support your son or daughter at home. For those who were sadly unable to attend, I would like to use this opportunity to communicate the key messaging of the evening.

Alongside Sian Gates our Chair of Governors, the Senior Team spoke about the school's founding Christian ethos and values, whilst exploring projects in the school over the coming terms. We will be pleased to shortly launch our school app which will provide access to our school calendar, reports, letters and newsletters, attendance and links to key forms. You will receive instructions on how to access the app after our final checks have been completed.

"To add to Miss Clark's presentation about Dolphin's foundations, I want to add that our school is unique. We are unique because our ethos, based on the life of Christ, is lived by our staff team every day. Every day our staff put others first, they are kind and generous and they offer unconditional love to your children. In this atmosphere your children (who know they are precious and unconditionally loved) thrive academically, in sports and music and most importantly in character!" Sian Gates

Events & Reminders

September

- 20 - 28 Y5 Transition meetings
- 21 Meet the Head - Y3 18:00 in the Hall
- 23 Meet the Head - Y2 18:00 in the Hall
- 24 Macmillan Coffee Morning, 08:45 in the Hall
- 24 Harvest Celebration Assembly Y5 - 11:15 in the Church
- 24 Y5/Y6 Girls' Football v The Roche 14:15
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- 28 Meet the Head - Y1 18:00 in the Hall
- 30 Meet the Head - Reception, 18:00 in the Hall

October

- 5 Y3/Y4 Girls' Football v Alleen's 14:00
- 7 National Poetry Day in school
- 7 Reading Information Session (Lower School Parents) 08:45 - 10:00 in the Hall
- 8 Y4 Assembly 11:15 in the Church
- 12 Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v The Roche 13:45
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Half Term

18 October - 29 October



Love | Wisdom | Truth



Dolphin School

Mr Schmidt announced the creation of the school council, a representative body of the children who will meet to discuss salient themes of the school that they feel strongly about. Supported by a member of staff, the children will ask for ideas and feedback from the children on a range of topics about the school. Being a member of the council will help children develop their listening, negotiating and discursive skills. We will be communicating more information on how the council will function in due course.

“Richness and wonder was part of the plan for Dolphin School from the beginning. The founders who started the school back in 1986 saw what they believed to be a God-given image in their minds’ eye of a child riding, with great joy through the waves of the sea, on the back of a dolphin, with some words above reading ‘Riding on the back of my Word’. From this came the vision for a new school with a Biblical foundation – a place for the tangible expression of the love of God – a place of warm welcome, where children could be nurtured in their educational journey as they ‘roamed the universe’ in their learning and discoveries, encouraged to ponder and to question; a place where each child would be known and loved, recognized as an individual of very great worth with a unique personality and attributes.”

Miss Clark

As our new Headteacher, I spoke about some of the principles I hold dear to education; values which nest well inside the values of Dolphin School – the individual, kindness & empathy, fostering a love of learning through discovering how we learn best, developing resilience and inner strength, as well as a ‘get up and go’ attitude to learning and life.

Dolphin pupils have all been born within the smart-phone revolution and live as digital natives. An element of our role within education and at home is to help provide clarity and meaning in a noisy world of technology, a world where our personal values need to be stronger than the screen. And yet, our children’s futures will be rich in technology I posed the question of our interest in Lego robotics, drone clubs, 3D design and printing, but also a deeper understanding of societal-technology, discussing digital poverty or bias in AI and algorithms for example.

The need for excellence in handwriting, public speaking and core academic rigour will remain a strength of the school in preparing our children for their futures, albeit short term for I I+ examinations or longer term into the world of study and work.

I look forward to seeing parents across the number of Meet the Head’s sessions remaining over the coming weeks to hear and discuss your positive ideas on what makes the school so unique.

Have a lovely weekend,



Sam Gosden, Headteacher



Notice board

Assembly

On Friday 24 September Year 5 will be helping us celebrate our Harvest Assembly and on Friday 8 October Year 4 will lead our Assembly.

Parent Prayers

All parents are warmly invited to join Parents' Prayers every Friday at 08.55 - 09.25. Please arrive in Reception to be signed in and meet Miss Clark who will accompany you to the music room

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 24 September we will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. All parents are welcome to join us from 08:45 - 09:30, in the school hall.

Lower School Drop In Sessions

Parents of children in the Lower School are invited to pop down to their child's classroom between 08:30 and 08:45 on Friday mornings starting with Year 2 Sapphires on Friday 24 September, this will be followed by Year 1 Pearls on Friday 1 October and Reception Diamonds on Friday 8 October.

Year 6 References

Please remember we will now be receiving requests for references for our Year 6 children for independent secondary schools, may we ask that you help us to gain the broadest picture of your child by completing the google form <https://forms.gle/khF9uvF99DJI3Ubd9> telling us about all interests, hobbies and sporting / cultural / creative / musical activities. Please include any grades / levels attained, if relevant.

Celebrations

We are very happy to announce that if your child is celebrating their birthday, they can once again bring cakes into school to share with their classmates.

Please remember that we need a list of all the ingredients in the cakes and they MUST NOT contain any nuts.



Noah's Ark Dolphin

This week in nursery, we have been busy creating jellyfish and faces using paper plates, paint and other craft materials.

This provoked discussion about what we liked about ourselves and where jellyfish live and what they do.



Year 1 Pearls

Year One Pearls had the privilege of meeting and interviewing Mr Gosden. They went armed with some excellent questions and spent twenty minutes talking to him about his new role as Headteacher of Dolphin School. After they had sat down around the table, Mr Gosden asked them what on the agenda, and so the questions began!

Here are some of them:

How did you become a Head Teacher? (Theo B.)

Why did you choose Dolphin School? (Theo W.)

What is the favourite bit about your job and why? (Sam)

Do you like being a Head Teacher and why? (Archie)

What things do you need to do your job? (Gikeno)

How do you know what to say in Assembly? (Lauren and Timothy)

What things can we do to help you? (Ethan)

Kezia enjoyed talking to Mr Gosden about his music.

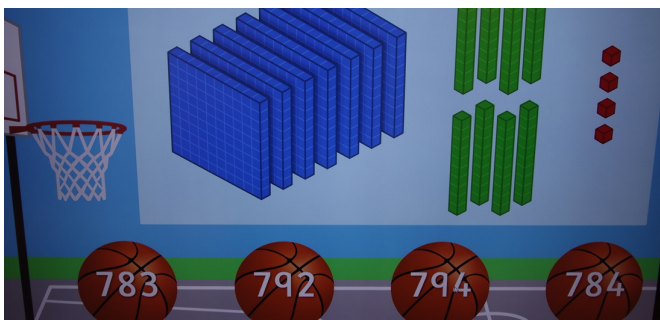




Year 3 Rubies

The Year 3 Rubies have been so impressive in their maths skills so far this year! Here they are using place value to identify 3 digit numbers.

The Rubies have been so beautifully reflective this week. When discussing our Memory Verse, the Rubies made mind maps with either 'Thank you God for...' or 'Thank you Lord for...' and all the things they are thankful for – boy, were there a lot of things listed! One thing that stood out about our Rubies, is how selfless they were when sharing prayers at the end, not only were they thankful for their families, food, water, education, as well as many other things, they also selflessly prayed for other people in the world to have enough to eat and drink. A fine example of how caring our Dolphin community is!



The Dolphin Garden

CHILDREN TO THE RESCUE!

Annie, Sophia, Genevieve and Abigail helped Mrs Benson replant a Hydrangea that needed rescuing from its small pot which it had outgrown. Under the gentle guidance of Mrs Benson, the girls enthusiastically went about carefully removing it from its original pot. Carefully, they loosened its roots before placing it in a bigger clay pot that had some healthy soil already at the bottom. Once they had put the rest of the required soil in, carefully patted it down, watered and prayed for God to bless it, the Hydrangea was ceremoniously placed in the middle of the garden to grow.

