

WORD

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Dolphin's weekly news

DOLPHIN SCHOOL
2021
POETRY
RECITAL

#Something
Brilliant

These
are the
days
of

"A change is in the air"

07 OCTOBER 2021



Foreword

Dear Parents,

We can certainly sense a change in the air! The light is changing, conkers have been picked and the cooler, yet sunny mornings this week have been a refreshing start to the day. Autumn is setting in.

This week at Dolphin School has been particularly enjoyable, and as you read through the many activities that have taken place, you will be comforted that our school is once again in full swing. The fire brigade have visited – not on a shout, Neal Zetter inspired us during poetry workshops and an assembly, the girls roared through their matches at Allyn's and the choir have been warming up for the open morning next week. Mr Woodcraft gave parents an impressively forensic understanding of how to support our children with their reading, from early activities with pictures and sounds, to developing a love for reading throughout the school. Mr Schmidt's cameo role as a reception pupil was award winning, as usual. Year 6 last week enjoyed their Power Thoughts workshop with Natalie Costa, providing them with a toolkit to manage their minds and thinking during a busy time of exam preparation.

Last Thursday, I concluded the last of the 'Meet the Head' sessions for the time being. During these sessions, I have been genuinely warmed by the responses from parents in their praise for the children and our staff at Dolphin. Descriptions such as "Outwardly encouraging", "Non-competitive, but secretly ambitious", "They know our children in ways we sometimes don't" were reinforced to the staff, but will also be communicated to our governing board over the coming days. Salient themes such as PE kit, hot food, marketing and after school care are actively being investigated and whilst I do not have specific updates for you just yet, they are certainly at the forefront of our minds in the Senior Team.

I look forward to seeing you at tomorrow's Year 4 assembly. If not, have an enjoyable weekend.

Sam Gosden, Headteacher

Events & Reminders

October

- 8 - Y4 Assembly 11:15 in the Church
- 12 - Open Morning
- 12 - Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v The Roche 13:45
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- 13 - Second Hand Uniform Sale - 15.30 in the Hall
- 15 - Y5/Y6 Girls' Football Trinity Cup 14:00

Half Term

18 October - 29 October

November

- 4 - DT Day
- 10 - Nasal Flu Immunisation Day
- 11 - School Photographs (Individual)
- 16 - Parent Teacher Interviews 16:30 onwards
- 18 - Parent Teacher Interviews 16:30 onwards Reading
- 23 - Grandparents' Tea - Reception 14:00 School Hall
- 30 - Celebration of Christmas (Lower School) 14:00 in Church
- 30 - Celebration of Christmas (Lower School) 17:40 for 18:00 in Church



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Notice board

Reminders

Parent Prayers

All parents are warmly invited to join Parents' Prayers on 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.

Lower School Drop In Sessions

On Friday 8 October it will be the turn of Reception Diamonds Parents to pop down to their child's classroom between 08:30 and 08:45.

Assembly Tomorrow

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are always warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11.15. Please note that Year 4 will be leading the Assembly on Friday 8 October.

Open Morning - Tuesday 12 October

As we are having an Open Morning on Tuesday 12 October we sadly will not be able to accommodate the storage of scooters and bikes on that morning. Please also ensure that your children come into school in clean uniform and looking really smart. Thank you.

POD News

Second Hand Uniform Sale

POD will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the school hall on Wednesday 13 October at 15.30. Please bring your own bag to put your purchased school uniform in, as unfortunately bags will not be supplied. You will find a current school uniform price list attached with the newsletter.

POD Christmas Cards



Next week your child will bring home an order form for Christmas Cards. If you wish to create a Christmas Card please follow the instructions on the attached letter. Designs should be created on A4 paper and glued to the order form. Please remember to order your cards online before returning the design to school after half term using your unique reference number. The deadline for designs to be returned to the school office is Tuesday 2 November. This can be fun half term activity. Further information will be sent out via class reps.

Love In a Box - Mustard Seed Relief Missions - Shoebox Appeal

We will be sending out all the details on how to get involved with the Love in a Box appeal next week.



Poetry Week

What a delight poetry week has been so far! On Tuesday, we were entertained by our award-winning visiting poet, Neal Zetter, who performed a number of his amusing poems for us in assembly such as 'I'm Not Too Told to Own a Teddy Bear' and 'Blah! Blah! Blah!' Neal then spent the remainder of the day working with each year group to inspire them into creating their own poems on our school theme for this year: celebration and joy. The discussions and ideas that flowed from the classrooms were a real inspiration to all and the resulting poems were an absolute joy to read.

Every pupil from our Year 1 Pearls up to our Year 6 Aquamarines has worked hard over the last week to learn a poem to recite in front of their class. The effort that went into memorising the poems and adding extra touches to the performances has been very impressive, and we are grateful for the help that no doubt was given at home.

The fun continued on Thursday during our poetry assembly, when we were treated to a performance by the finalists from each class. Enormous congratulations go to Kezia, Matilda, Caleb, Danny, Joey, Reuben and Willow for seeing off the strong competition from their classmates. Their poems ranged from thought-provoking to laugh-out-loud silly, and each performance was filled with confidence and creativity. There were even some special appearances from a few members of staff throughout the assembly. Our overall winners are Kezia from the Lower School and Reuben from the Upper School, who will perform their poems once again in tomorrow's assembly. Very well done Kezia and Reuben!

Sofia's poem:

Kindness is...

Kindness is the warmth of a polar bear, cuddling you when you feel down.

Kindness is the brightness of the sun, shining down on earth.

Kindness is the blue sea, that the Lord has made.

Kindness is ice cream, that fills your mouth with fluffiness.

Kindness is God's creation.

Kindness is the wideness of kindness.

Kindness is the love of your dog when they come to your door and wait for you.

Kindness is the tastiness of sweets, sugar and marshmallows.

Kindness is our class.





Felix's poem:

Kindness is...

Kindness is fizzy and funny and fluffy,
 Kindness is flamboyant and joyous and caring,
 Kindness is delicate and squishy and full of life,
 Kindness is radiant and soft and bright.

Kindness is yellow and pink and green,
 Kindness is maroon and turquoise and silver
 Kindness is everywhere in everyone,
 Kindness can be deep down or close up in our hearts.

Kindness is a dog ready to cuddle you and lick you clean,
 Kindness is a lollipop sweet and long-lasting,
 Kindness is a mother happy and caring,
 Kindness is an undesirable love.

Kindness can unite nations,
 Kindness is a protective blanket wrapped around your soul,
 Kindness is a bird with two bright yellow wings,
 Kindness is what will help the earth when we need it.

Kindness is the key to a better world,
 Kindness will connect us when we are out of reach,
 We need kindness, we shall crumble without it,
 It will keep us safe and block out evil.



Noah's Ark Dolphin

This week in Nursery, we have been making large puzzles as a group, printing with stampers and making autumn patterns at group times. During independent learning time we have been trying out different ways to make marks and during Outdoor learning on Monday we were finding feathers near the pond. While we were there, two boys even worked together and left a big branch for a squirrel to play with under a tree.



Year 1 Pearls

There was huge excitement in Year 1 Pearls last Thursday when the Fire Brigade visited. They met us at the Common and the children were each allowed to have a go at aiming one of the hoses. They all got a bit wet when the firemen increased the water pressure, not that anybody minded! The children then took turns at sitting in the truck and trying on the helmets. Before going back to school they had a go at using the thermal imaging camera, which picked up the outline of the heat left by a handprint. Back at school the firemen talked to the children about fire safety and answered their (many!) questions. Finally they left the children with an activity book, and a secret mission to carry out at home...



Year 2 Sapphires

We were delighted to take Year 2 Sapphires into their own World of Work outside the confines of the Dolphin School building! The children were beautifully behaved on the journeys and members of the public even gave up their seats for Year 2.

With so many career opportunities to choose from it was hard to know where to start - perhaps they could be the next 007 learning to spy for MI5 or scale the dizzy heights to keep The Shard windows squeaky clean. Or maybe the inner voice was ready to be released on the radio airwaves bringing breaking news to the nation and creating the front page of a newspaper.

By lunch, the children were quickly learning the value of hard earned cash and were calculating the profits they had earned. After a full day's work, Year 2 returned to school with much to discuss around the boardroom table.



Year 3 Rubies

We had a fantastic workshop with Neal Zetter on Tuesday – it was definitely something to celebrate and brought us much joy. Linked to our theme this year and for Poetry Week, Neal helped us to expand our imagery to create some brilliant poems about friendship. Here we are deep in thought about what friendship looks like, tastes like, the colour of friendship and lots more... Look out for some of our poems next week!



Sports Report

Friday 1 October - Year 5/Year 6 Boys' Football Consortium Shield Tournament

Two Dolphin teams played in this very well attended tournament. Both teams played brilliantly, particularly the A team who finished top in their side of the draw with four wins and one draw. In their semi final match they were unable to take any of the many chances they created and lost 1 - 0 to Rutherford House.

In the A team I cannot select anyone in particular to mention as everyone was outstanding. In the B team Otto and Hugo both played well in goal and Josh from Yr 2 (who was a late substitute due to illness) scored a nice goal.



Tuesday 5 October - Y3/Y4 Girls' Football v Alleyn's

We fielded three teams and played a small round robin competition with Alleyn's. Each of our three teams played four matches. This format worked brilliantly with the girls enjoying a full hour of football. They played amazingly and from a total of 16 matches played over the course of the afternoon we only lost two games.

At the end of the match we had to leave to return to school, so unfortunately did not manage to have players of the day picked by the opposition, but I would have to mention Kitty, Emilie, Scarlett and Hope for their excellent play.

