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on the Street



Dolphin's weekly news



"The Dolphin community at its best"

14 OCTOBER 2021

Events & Reminders

October

- 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

Foreword

Dear Parents,

Half term is almost upon us, and what a busy six weeks it has been. The children, staff and parents have shown an incredible sense of energy and zest in this short but action-packed first half term. Our new Dolphin families, whether in the nursery, reception or further up the school have settled in well and are very much part of the fabric of the school already. The welcome from the community to myself has been both warm and sincere at every turn.

This week saw the first of our open mornings take place with great success. The year 6 pupils were outstanding in their ambassadorial roles in touring families around the school. After initial nerves, they settled into their role with ease and the questions and answers were flowing. A parent commented to us, saying "I was so impressed by the Year 6 pupils – how confident and at ease they were when talking about their school". Meanwhile, the younger pupils were also very friendly and warm when welcoming families into their classrooms. Many thanks to all the parents, staff and pupils who helped make this a success for the school.

Some families might be venturing abroad for the first time in a while, others staying in the UK, and many like mine might be staying closer to home for some time to recuperate, refuel (literally) and unwind. As you are enjoying your adventures, I would like to remind pupils that they have the chance to design the front cover for the first 'Word on the Street' after half term. The theme is 'celebrating movement' i.e. nature, travel or dance! Submissions should be handed in on Monday 1 November on a piece of A4 paper to class teachers. Mrs Nicholson and the Senior Team will judge the winning entry/entries and other pieces will be displayed in school.

I wish you all a thoroughly splendid half term holiday.

Warm regards,



Sam Gosden, Headteacher



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 15 October it will be the turn of Year 2 Sapphires 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.

DT Day

On Thursday 4 November, Years 1-6 will be embarking on an exciting DT day project. We will keep the details of the design project under wraps until the day itself but the pupils will be using a selection of recyclables or objects in their house colour (green, red, yellow and purple). Over half term, we would be very appreciative if Dolphin families would be able to keep hold of any clean objects that would otherwise be recycled and then bring these in after half term. Anything from milk bottle tops to coloured paper and everything in between. Any donations will help us get creative!

POD News

Please check in your child/children's book bags today for the leaflets about the following two activities:

POD Christmas Cards



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

Please return the filled shoeboxes for the Love in a Box appeal to the school office by Monday 8 November.

Instrument Lessons

We were treated this morning to a very special assembly from Dr London and a collection of his woodwind pupils playing the flute and clarinet. Joey and Hugo performed a duet on the clarinet, whilst Allegra performed a piece with Dr London on the Flute. He then performed The Pink Panther on the saxophone, accompanied by the wonderful Mrs Oram. The assembly was aimed at promoting music lessons at Dolphin School. Pupils from Year 2 upwards can try the flute or clarinet, whereas the saxophone can be trialled from year 3 onwards, depending on the size of hands and fingers!

After half term, we are also hoping to arrange taster sessions on the violin, viola and the trumpet. Instrument lessons are a very important part of a child's creative development, but also offer wider experiences when performing in ensembles, building routines, confidence and resilience. We are deliberately beginning with instruments which can be easily formed into ensembles and will look to expand the instrumental provision further as soon as is both appropriate and practical to do so.

If any pupils would like a trial lesson on any of these instruments please do email Mrs Saunders for more information.



Noah's Ark Dolphin

We ventured out of the building as a whole group for the first time this week and made our way to the playground on Wandsworth Common. The children walked up Wakehurst Road very confidently and once in the playground discovered lots of different activities. Some were challenging, such as climbing ladders with widely spaced rungs. Some were fun such as pushing the seesaw up and down and travelling across the rope bridge. It was great to see the children enjoying each other's company in a larger space. Some of us found it harder than others to leave the playground, but all of us are looking forward to going again.



Year 2 Sapphires

Last Friday Year 2 Sapphires became shortbread chefs for the morning! We made Scottish shortbread with a coconut twist. The children did a fantastic job at taking turns to measure the ingredients and mix them all together. A great deal of fun was had by all.



Dolphin Library

Year 4 Emeralds and Year 2 Sapphires

If you went down to the library
You'd have surely been surprised
If you went down Friday afternoon
You'd have not believed your eyes
For Year 4 veered down to the Year 2 halls
To gather together in pairs,
Because that was the day
Their buddies read them poetry.



Year 6 Aquamarines

This week has seen the Year 6 Aquamarines exploring the curriculum in a variety of ways; from honing their speaking and listening skills with school tours to welcoming in visitors and learning about personal travel safety with Transport for London.

A particular highlight was an inspiring virtual tour of the Charles Dickens museum. Through the wonders of technology the children were guided around each room, discovering more about the life and works of Dickens and what it was like to live in Victorian times. They were fascinated by some of the household items that were used, particularly the commode (toilet) chair in the bedroom! The guide was impressed by the children's eye for detail and their ability to give evidence for their thoughts based on what they had seen. It was a truly wonderful experience and has added great value to our Victorians topic.



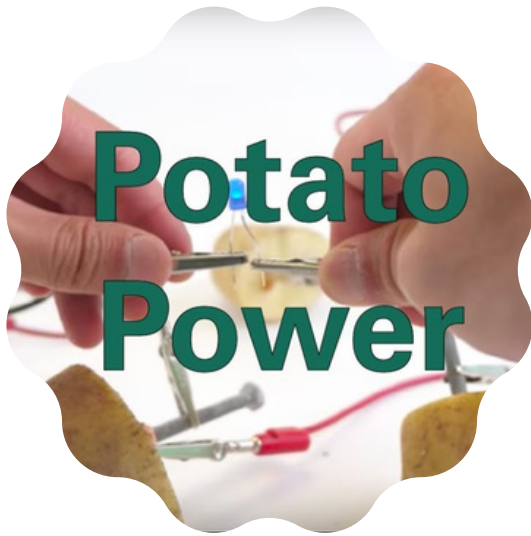
Garden News

A big thank you to those of you who have sent in Wellies and egg boxes for planting and also for the Capital Garden receipt. If you do buy plants, etc, from Capital Gardens at Neals Nursery Garden Centre then please do bring in the receipt because the points can go towards the Dolphin Loyalty card which has enabled us to purchase lots of plants and equipment for the children to use .

Good news! The children have achieved the first two levels in the RHS School Gardening Awards and we will be working towards the third level – more information to come.

As the theme this term is "From Garden to Plate" any way you can encourage the children to think about what vegetables and fruits they could grow and how they would cook them would be really helpful. Any good recipes for Green Tomato Chutney?

A couple of fun experiments for you to do at home: How can you create an electrical charge with a lemon, a piece of copper and a zinc galvanized nail? Can you create an electrical charge using a potato? Can you charge your mobile phone with a potato or lemon? All answers and explanations to be forwarded to the office – let us know how you get on?



Sports Report

Friday 8 October - Year 4 and Year 6 Girls' and Boys' Rosemead Cross Country Meet

All the Dolphin runners ran amazingly but a special mention goes to the following runners:

Year 4 Race

David - 6th (Y4)

Freddy - 10th (Y3)

Penny - 8th (Y3)

Holly - 9th (Y4)

Year 6 Race

Nat - 5th (Y6)

Louis - 6th (Y6)

George - 7th (Y5)

Lucy - 3rd (Y6)

As pleasing as these individual results were, watching the children as team mates cheering on every competing Dolphin runner was very special.

Tuesday 12 October - Year 3 and Year 4 Boys' and Girls' Football v The Roche

In the girls matches we had a win and a loss. Emilia was the player of the day, scoring two goals and helping the team to a 3 - 1 win. The other team had a tough afternoon playing a strong Roche boys team but they never gave up and produced a strong gutsy defence performance headed by player of the day Sophia in goal.

The boys matches finished in a draw and a win. In the 2-2 draw Joey was player of the day in goal, while in the other match David and Rollo both scored goals helping their team to a 5-1 win.