

WORD

on the Street



Dolphin's weekly news

"The Curious Mind"

30 SEPTEMBER 2021



Events & Reminders

October

- 1 - Y5/Y6 Boys' Football Consortium Shield
- 5 - Y3/Y4 Girls' Football v Alleyn's 14:00
- 5 - Neal Zetter book signing in the Church at 15:25
- 6 - Y2 Trip to Kidzania
- 7 - National Poetry Day in school
- 7 - Reading Information Session (Lower School Parents) 08:45 - 10:00 in the Hall
- 7 - Y5/Y6 Boys' Football Trinity Cup 14:00
- 8 - Y4 Assembly 11:15 in the Church
- 12 - Open Morning
- 12 - Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v The Roche 13:45
- 12 - Y3/Y4 Girls' Football v The Roche 13:45
- 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

Foreword

Dear Parents,

Another busy week has passed at Dolphin School with an enormous variety of activities taking place around the school. I especially enjoyed the bustle of last Friday with Year 2 parents building rockets with their children in the Lower School, the Macmillan Coffee morning and Harvest Assembly, the school felt alive with activity!

This week has been no different and I particularly enjoyed watching the Year 3 and 4 boys' football teams in action. They played extremely well and whilst the games were a challenge for them, I could see their grit and determination to do their best. Well done! I wish the very best to the Year 5 and 6 squads tomorrow in their tournament. It is important that no matter the result of the game, we do our best to represent ourselves and the school to the highest level.

I'm conscious that we now have two weeks until half term and I would like to reiterate the message of safe routines regarding Covid-19. It is important that members of our community remain safe and healthy over the next two weeks in particular, so that they can enjoy the two week half term without isolation. Please ensure that children are maintaining regular handwashing and hygiene measures outside of school and we will also continue our hard work during school hours. We have attached our Covid-19 decision chart for parents as a useful reminder of what to do if you suspect symptoms are present.

Over the half term, I would like to invite our pupils to draw a picture for the front cover of the newsletter for the first edition in November. 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.

Have a lovely weekend,

Sam Gosden, Headteacher



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Notice board

Reminders

Parent Prayers

All parents are warmly invited to join Parents' Prayers which will resume this 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.

Early Bird Drop Off

We have a few spaces available at Early Bird drop off for working parents. Pupils can be brought to the School Office at 08:00. If you would like to register your child please email Mrs Saunders, receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk, stating which mornings you are requesting .

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 with Year 1 Pearls on Friday 1 October and Reception Diamonds on Friday 8 October.

Reading Information Session for Lower School Parents

On Thursday 7 October, all parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to the Reading Information Session. It will be an opportunity to hear more about how we teach Reading at Dolphin and how you can support reading at home.

It will take place in the Hall so entry will be through the Staff Door. Tea and coffee will be available from 08:45 and we will begin promptly at 09:00, aiming to finish by 10:00. If you would like to attend please email the School Office on receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk by Monday 4 October

Second Hand Uniform Sale

POD will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the school hall on Wednesday 13 October at 15.30. If you have any second hand uniform please drop it in the school office. Please note that all the uniform will need to have the current Dolphin badge as we cannot unfortunately use the older version. We would be most grateful if the items are clean and neat before being donated.

MacMillan Coffee Morning



THANK
YOU

A very big  to the members of POD and all our parents who supported the MacMillan

Coffee Morning and raised the fantastic amount of £491.80p.



National Poetry Day

Next week, Dolphin School will be embarking on a celebration of all things poetry. To coincide with National Poetry Day on Thursday 7 October, each year group will be focusing on many different aspects of poetry throughout the week, and children from Year 1-6 will be set the challenge of learning a poem to recite in front of the class on Wednesday 6 October (Tuesday 5 October for Year 2). These poems should be inspired by the school theme for this year of celebration and joy, though this theme is very much open to interpretation.

The children will all recite a poem in front of their class, then the most engaging performer from each year will be announced, and they will have the opportunity to perform in front of the whole school. From these finalists, an overall upper school and lower school winner will be chosen, and these two children will perform their poems in our Friday assembly on 8 October, to which parents are warmly invited as usual.

In previous years we have been incredibly impressed with the range of poems chosen by the children to recite, and with the enthusiasm injected into their performances. The poems selected by the children for this year's recital can be from a book or online, or even poems they wrote themselves. We would be most grateful for any support you can offer at home in both helping your child choose a suitable poem, and in encouraging them to learn it and practise performing it, ready for next week's class recitals.

Below are a few links to various poetry websites which you may wish to use, in addition to or instead of, any poetry books you may have at home:

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/poems/poems/>

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/learn/children>

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

To help guide them during practice, when the children perform their poem in class, we will be looking for the following:

- Clear voice
- Expression
- Movement or gesture
- Varying pace
- Clear understanding of the meaning of the poem
- Confidence
- Eye contact with the audience
- Following the rhythm where needed
- Engaging the audience in the performance
- Use of extra touches to make it memorable and entertaining

In addition to poetry themed English lessons and the poetry recitals, we are tremendously excited that we will be joined by the award-winning poet and author Neal Zetter on Tuesday 5 October, who will be entertaining us with his own poems and running workshops on poetry writing throughout the school. For any families who may be interested in buying any of Neal's signed and dedicated books, please see the attached order form which should be returned to the school office along with the payment in cash by Monday 4 October. Neal will also be selling signed books in the church after school on Tuesday 5 October.

We are all looking forward to hearing the poetic delights that next week will bring!



Noah's Ark Dolphin

This week we had our first Spanish lesson at Noah's Ark Dolphin. Miss Zoe taught us a hello song, a counting song and we sang 5 little ducks in Spanish. We got to use a parachute and even took our ducks out of a pond and put them back again. Adios Miss Zoe. See you next week!



Year 2 Sapphires

Thank you to all the superb parent helpers who came in to assist Year 2 Sapphires in making their rockets last Friday at the first parent drop in of the year. Year 2 had prepared by designing the rockets and discussing which materials and objects would be suitable to use to make their rocket, linking DT to our Science topic for the term. A fantastic amount of resilience and determination was shown by all - Well done!





Year 3 Rubies

The Year 3 Rubies have really honed their speaking and listening skills recently. Not only, did they research and create some spectacular encyclopedias, they also rehearsed and presented their information to the class, too! I was very impressed with how well everyone presented, making sure to maintain good eye contact with the audience, and projecting their voices clearly – well done Rubies!



Artist of the Month

Each month there will be an Artist of the month. They will either be chosen by their peers when we do a gallery walk or by Mrs Nicholson. This month Georgie Henley-Price was chosen for her watercolour painting of colourful birds with a moody sky as a backdrop.



Dolphin Garden

WANTED - Old Wellington boots and cardboard egg boxes needed

If you have any odd or old wellie boots or egg boxes lurking in a cupboard please would you bring them in as we will use them for planting in the garden as per the photos below. Thank you



Sports Report

Friday 24 September - Y5/Y6 Boys' & Girls' Football v The Roche

After almost two years, we finally had our first fixture. The girls teams played very well and we finished with one win and one loss. The boys teams enjoyed the afternoon recording a win and a draw.

Players of the day were Abigail, Allegra, Bertie and Felix. I also need to give a special mention to Layla who had an amazing game in goal.

Tuesday 28 September - Y3/Y4 Boys' Consortium Shield

Eleven teams were competing in this competition. The Dolphin teams played very well, improving all the time as they progressed through the competition.

The boys were a credit to the school in both the way that they played hard and also in the manner in which they conducted themselves.

Very well done, all the boys.

