

WORD

on the Street



Dolphin's weekly news



"Movement by Zoe"

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Foreword

Dear Parents,

It has been a delight to see our Dolphin pupils return to school refreshed and once again ready to embark on the many adventures this half term will present. Thank you for the entries for the front of this week's Word on the Street - I enjoyed receiving them all and have included a small selection of them later in the publication. Well done to Zoe whose picture made the front cover this time around.

The autumnal weather has now truly set in and the days feel much colder. Please do ensure that your children have the correct attire to keep warm on the way to school, but also the correct kit for break times at Wandsworth Common, in order to keep our uniform looking smart and top notch!

I would like to take the time to wish our Year Six pupils the very best of luck. They have begun the process of interviews at their senior schools and are in the final throws of exam preparation. I have been very impressed by their maturity, dedication and resilience in these early stages of the term. The landscape for applying to independent senior schools has changed in many ways, but familiar challenges still remain, such as honing those core skills in creative writing and comprehensions, solving mathematical problems and developing exam technique. Coupled with this, I have been visiting senior schools to continue to raise the profile of Dolphin School – Emanuel School, Thames Christian, Royal Russell, Kew House and Thomas's Senior School are just some where I have met students and senior leaders to date. If you would like to hear about my visits, please do find me on the door or after school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Warm regards,

Sam Gosden, Headteacher

Events & Reminders

November

- 10 - Nasal Flu Immunisation Day
- 11 - School Photographs (Individual)
- 16 - Parent Teacher Interviews 16:30 onwards
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- 23 - Grandparents' Tea - Reception 14:00 School Hall
- 26 - Year 3 Class Assembly
- 30 - Celebration of Christmas (Lower School) 14:00 in Church
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December

- 9 - Carol Service (Upper School) 18:00 for 18:30
- 10 - Christmas Fair (Reception - Year 6) Morning in School
- 10 - Assembly 11:40 Church
- 10 End of Term 12:30 Finish

Christmas Break
Monday 13 December -
Wednesday 5 January 2022

January

- 6 - School resumes



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 5 November it will be the turn of Year 1 Pearls Parents to pop down to their child's classroom between 08:30 and 08:45. Followed on Friday 12 November by Reception Diamonds and then Friday 19 November Year 2 Sapphires.

Assembly Tomorrow

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are always warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11.15.

Parents' Choir

Please follow this [link](#) to see the letter from Mrs Coad inviting parents to join the Parents' Choir. All parents are welcome.

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

Please remember the last day to drop off your shoeboxes to the school office is Monday 8 November.

Poppies for Remembrance

Poppies from the British Legion will be sold on the entrance doors by our Y6 pupils and in the classrooms from tomorrow (Friday).

Wandsworth Foodbank

Thank you all very much as we collected and donated 319.6kg of food which will provide an estimated 761 meals for local people in crisis. Thank you to everyone who participated. What a privilege to join together to contribute in this way.

Instrument Lessons

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.

Please do remember that Dr London is happy for pupils from Year 2 upwards to try the flute or clarinet, whereas the saxophone can be trialled from year 3 onwards, depending on the size of hands and fingers!

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

Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying Week 15 November

For Anti-Bullying week we will be participating in Odd Socks Day. All your child needs to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! It will be held on Monday 15 November 2021.

Coding Club

Miss Ting and Mr Gosden will be commencing a coding club for upper school pupils, starting Thursday 11 November, from 3.45 - 4.45. During this club, pupils will have the opportunity to programme software for the International Space Station as well as programme in Scratch, preparing for the arrival of our Lego Robotics programme at Dolphin.

We have only twenty spaces for this after school activity. Please sign up by emailing Mrs Saunders in reception. If we receive more than 20 applications, we will divide and swap groups at regular intervals to ensure pupils get a chance to join. Year 6 pupils will receive priority in the initial stages, and we hope that all children will have an opportunity to join the club in due course as well as continue to develop their programming skills in the ICT curriculum.

If your son/daughter already attends a club on a Thursday afternoon, they should continue with their current activity, and apply to join the coding club at the next opportunity.

Reception Diamonds Grandparents' Tea on Tuesday 23 November 14.00-15.30

Grandparents of our Reception Diamonds are warmly invited to attend an afternoon of fun activities followed by a delicious tea. The invitation is for a maximum of two guests per child, but, if grandparents are unavailable then godparents, friends or parents are more than welcome to attend instead. However, on this occasion, we are unable to cater for younger siblings.

Please RSVP by clicking [here](#) by Thursday 11 November, so we can plan for the event. Also we would be grateful if you are able to bake some delicious biscuits or mini cakes which we could serve at the tea. If you can then please let us know, on the form, what type of cake or biscuits you can provide. Many thanks.



Sports Report - Y5/Y6 Girls Trinity shield Football Competition

On Friday, 15 October, the year 5 and 6 girls took part in the Trinity Shield Football competition. This brings together a number of local schools (Ravenstone, Bellville, (do please add any further names here) for a round robin series of matches. As the name suggests, this is held at Trinity Fields, a magnificently well-kept ground, the quality of which many of the schools participating would otherwise not have the opportunity of playing on.

The Dolphin team started strongly, against a much bigger side, and came away with a 3-0 win. Under the careful eye (and loud voice!) of Mr Hinton, the girls kept their shape and avoided bunching around the ball. This gave them options for passing when they had the ball, which the opposing team missed.

Games two and three followed the same format: some excellent running off the ball from the Dolphin team and lots of great passing set up some spectacular goals. Willow clearly had her shooting boots on as she came away from the first three games with a tally of at least five goals! Poppy, in goal, was hardly troubled at all throughout these games.

By this stage the excitement (of the watching parents!) was sky high and Mr Hinton was looking extremely happy. There was one final game to play of the round robin stage, and a win would put Dolphin at the top of the standings. This was against Bellville, a tough side always. And, sure enough, Bellville applied some early pressure but the Dolphin defence stood firm and cleared several attacks safely. As the Bellville team tired, Dolphin took their chances and pummelled home a couple of goals in quick succession, to the huge delight of, and with much cheering from the assembled supporters.

There was one more game, against the team that was second in the standings. By now the Dolphin team was on cloud 9 and nothing could touch them, despite being tired from all their exertions. They absorbed some early pressure from their opponents but kept calm and kept their heads. Sofia was a midfield superstar, chasing down loose ball and firing passes upfield. Dolphin just seemed to want the win more. And, sure enough, another cracker sealed the victory with only minutes to spare!

Sofia was nominated as player of the tournament. Two of the girls have also been invited to take part in the Wandsworth district trials which is a wonderful achievement.

With five wins out of five and a completely clean sheet, this was an outstanding day for Dolphin's girls. With the shield awarded, everyone set off for half-term with huge smiles and a bounce in their step! Mr Hinton was seen pinching himself and shaking his head as he too, left the field of play grinning from ear to ear! Well done to the year 5 and 6 girls!

T.Meek



Reception Diamonds

This week the Reception Diamonds embarked on an autumn nature walk. They collected leaves, swung from branches and even attempted to catch a squirrel!!



Year 3 Rubies

The Year 3 Rubies just love to share interesting things - especially if they link with our topics! Here is Henry showing and telling the class about different fossils. He showed us some fossils from Limington and the Isle of Wight, we also got to see a special stone made from onyx.



Year 4 Emeralds - English and Science

"No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced" David Attenborough

Year 4 were so inspired by the efforts of the global Outdoor Classroom Day movement (outdoorclassroomday.org.uk) scheduled in the same week as COP26, and on the same day as our DT day this term. Consequently, we were unable to spend the day learning outdoors, but did manage to film a recital of our Garden Haikus for the day. They were created from close scientific observations in our very own secret school garden. You might like to read them here:

**A sad pink flower
Sobbing amongst purple plants
Crying for it's mum
By Evie**

**A giant blackbird
Sat on an electric pole
But, it didn't die
By Alexander**

**A green poplar tree
Reaching over a brick wall
With long deadly arms
By David**

**A pretty terrace
Silver white, barricade-like
Spider webs, ugh, ugh
By William**

**Air conditioner
A manmade whirring machine
Vibrating plants' leaves
By Conrad**

**A lonely snail
Stuck on a green garden leaf
Too tired to move
by Emilie**

**There is a fanfare
In a beautiful garden
Trumpet-shaped flowers
By Rollo**

**It's full with orange
Fluttering in the strong wind
It cannot fly off
By Kitty**

**The worm cools itself
In very cold, dark water
Until, it freezes
By Emile**

**Dark green rivers flow
In a massive, green spiked-bush
Too spikey to pick
By Holly.C**

**A bee eats nectar
While fertilising fields
It only has stripes
By Joseph**

**A bird flies through stuff
In a garden full of wings
It's never hungry
By Fumo**

**A bird flying down
Between gigantic buildings
Swooping down, five times
By Sophia**

**A baby seed sprouts
In dirt with a worm digging
As hard as a mole
By Holly**



Word on the Street Art Competition

Very well done to Flora Rec, Rebekah Y2, Matilda Y2, Archie Y2, Ralph Y2, Aidan Y2, Josh Y2, Henry Y3, Rollo Y4, Holly Y4, Layla Y5, Abigail Y5 and Allegra Y6 for their wonderful artwork. Zoe Y5 is featured on our front cover.



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