

Tetherdown News!

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Dates for your diary – click [here](#).

These are available on the website front page.

Parents' Evening and Open Door with SENCO sign-up is now LIVE.

Book you slot via ParentMail

Dear Parents / Carers

I trust you all had a good break and welcome back to the second half of the autumn term.

I would like to thank all our families who very kindly donated food for our recent Harvest Festival. We had an amazing collection of tins, jars, packets and boxes which were very gladly received by the Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen. Rev. John Roberts thanked all our children for their support:



Our new PSA Committee are working hard to get more people on board to support their work. Tetherdown Primary is the lowest funded school in Haringey. Each school receives a per pupil allocation which is, in many schools topped up by additional grants for providing support to children in need of Free School Meals and those with English as an Additional Language (EAL). Because our pupil numbers in these categories are very low compared to the rest of Haringey we are really struggling to manage with the Budget allocation we currently receive. The PSA are very much in support of the school and will be reviewing priorities to enable us to continue to provide much needed resources to enhance our curriculum for the children. If you have an opportunity to become involved with fund raising activities and would enjoy the support of other parents in doing so, then please do contact a member of our PSA committee. Currently we have seven committee members who would really appreciate your support.

Further updates of the PSA activity and identified expenditure will be provided.

In relation to our Building & Maintenance Fund, I am delighted to advise that family contributions are currently standing at £17,702.40. This includes a very generous donation from one parent of £1,000.00. I would like to thank all those parents and carers for their kind donations and take this opportunity to inform you of how these monies have been used since our return to school this September:

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£8,992.00 allocated/spent as follows:

- Service and repair boiler and pipes in new Boiler Room.
- Remedial works to Dorma doors.
- Rolling programme for maintenance/repair of lighting systems.
- External gutter clean.

My final plea is for a call on second hand paper! Letterheads and plain or coloured paper. We also require Boxes of Tissues. Many of you may work in an office environment, or similar, where non-confidential A4 waste paper could be valuably recycled here at Tetherdown. We are currently reviewing all areas of expenditure and photocopying paper along with printing costs are having to be drastically cut. Your help in donating paper to school will help reduce this area of spending enabling paper to be used in the classroom for planning, drafting and note taking purposes. It may also have a positive impact on the current use of plastic whiteboards and pens. We will provide a "dropping point" in the office.

Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to working with you over the course of this term.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest Festival

Harvest is where people that are fortunate enough to have food celebrate and give food for the homeless. At Tetherdown we brought in food to give to the homeless. The food goes to the soup kitchens in Muswell Hill. We also had celebrations and sang songs to get into the harvest spirit. Rev. John Roberts, the owner of Muswell Hill soup kitchen was very happy with our donations. *By Jojo Year 6 Griffins.*

Year 6 Tower Bridge Trip

Last week, Year 6 travelled by London Underground to Tower Bridge where they took part in a coding and bridge making workshop and took also a tour of the engine rooms. They learnt how to use coding to lift a bridge and how steam engines work. A highlight for everybody was crossing the glass walkway, even for those who are scared of heights! Children also had the opportunity to spot London landmarks from high above. Overall, it was a great trip and children will now be able to use constructive and realistic ideas to design and make their own bridges next week. *By Year 6.*

Year 6 Phoenix Assembly

Year 6 Phoenix showed incredible creativity by writing their own script and designing the acts for their class assembly last week. The theme was 'Water', inspired by our topic 'Journeys'. We all took a journey around the world to discover how water is used in different ways with The Blue Planet 2 filming team hosted by our very own version of David Attenborough! Some children performed river poems

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they had written, comedy drama skits, creative interpretive dances and showcased their singing skills in pop songs about rivers. Others were musicians and demonstrated their talents through showing what a storm would sound like using drums and body percussion. Overall it was a great start to this year's assemblies. Well done Year 6 Phoenix!

Year 6 River Boat Day

The Task

Children had to present information about a river in any form they wish. We had a range of presentation formats such as brochures, advertisement posters, PowerPoints and even feeling the experience of sitting in a boat going on a tour.

Year 6 took many journeys through rivers of the world, where they had an opportunity of a life time to see sights they had never imagined. From the river amazon to river Danube to Nile to Yangtze. We were expertly informed by our tour guides who explained famous sights, features, nature and the culture around the rivers. We were treated to learning new languages and tasting divine food you may find in those countries.

Victorian Day

Take a time machine back to 1870.

What an experience it was for teachers and children! A day in the life of a Victorian school child. Children were able to feel what it was like to be a Victorian child. The day began with a strict hand cleanliness inspection, which then went onto lessons from the Victorian era, such as reading, writing, arithmetic, drill and object drawing (for boys) and sewing (for girls). They were able to see first-hand what punishments used to be like, some saw this as an exciting opportunity to be able to experience this and know what it used to be like and feel in school and others were in strict role and didn't want any punishments whatsoever. Overall, it was an intense but enjoyable day which the children will remember forever! Miss Javed and Mrs Banks are glad it only lasted a day! PHEW! *By Year 6.*

Children's quotes from the day:

"It felt strange that we had to sit in rows of boys and girls." *By Amelia Year 6*

"I didn't mind boys and girls being treated differently." *By Year 6 Phoenix.*

"The most difficult part of the day was to not fidget and talk to the people next to me if I was unsure of what to do." *By Year 6 Phoenix.*

"I felt stressed and pressured when I was called upon for answers without having time to think." *By Jonathan Year 6*

"It was scary when the teacher tapped the cane at the table." *By Lottie Year 6*

"I felt like I could empathise with the children and what it must've been like especially as I am a girl, so I could feel what it was like to be second best." *By Josie Year 6*

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"The worse punishment was wearing the dunce hat as it was a form of public humiliation." *By Rosie Year 6.*

SEND

Open door – Parents' Evenings are being held on *Tuesday 6th November and Wednesday 14th November*. Parents with questions around SEN are able to meet Mrs McMeakin on the same evening as Parents' Evening between 4:00-7:00pm. Parents can now sign-up via ParentMail.

COMMUNITY & SPORTS NEWS

PSA NEWS - Please click [here](#) for a link to the PSA page on our school website.

Calling all parents! The PSA urgently needs new members!

There will be NO Christmas Fair this year without you!

Last year we had a PSA of 12 members.
This year there are 7 of us and *some work full time!*

Mia Jenkins (Acting Chair)
Laura Wilkinson (Secretary)
Dan Schonfeld (Treasurer)
Eve Webster
Emma Leach
Tomasso Gros-Pietro
Nick Howard

We are passionate about raising money for our kids to have the best learning and fun-filled experience they can possibly have at Tetherdown.

What does the PSA do?

- Our job is to raise money by putting on school events
- We then contribute to decisions on how that money is best spent
- And we have lots of fun while we are at it!

Last year we raised well over £25,000.

This was spent on:

- A new slide in the Infant Playground
 - 16 laptops
- And much much more!

Tetherdown Quiz Night, Saturday, 10th November at 7:00pm

Come and compete for the Tetherdown 'Font of Knowledge' trophy...or just come to have a drink, meet new parents, catch up with old ones and raise some much-needed funds for the PSA.

The Quiz is back and we're ready to test your knowledge.

The details

- Tickets £10
- Tickets are available by emailing tethquiz18@gmail.com or in the playground next week.
- Book as a group or solo and reps will sort you out with a table.
- Once you have paid, your table will be confirmed and all you have to do is come along and have fun.
- Dinner break around 9:00pm so bring food for your table or order a takeaway.
- Full bar including gin from the famous East London gin Company!!

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OFFICE NEWS

School Photos-Postponed!
Siblings and Individual catch-up photographs. Look out for a new date in the next week!

The Application Process for Admission to Reception in September 2019 is now open

Reception September 2019 – Starting Reception class - If you live in Haringey and your child was born between **1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015** you will need to apply for a Reception place at infant or primary school for September 2019.

Apply online through eAdmissions: www.eadmissions.org.uk

Application deadline: **15th January 2019**

Offers will be sent in an email to you on **16th April 2019**

If you live outside Haringey you can still apply for schools in Haringey but you must list them on the form of your own Local Authority.

The distance of the last child offered a place at a particular Haringey school from previous years are available on their websites – www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-statistics.

Please remember that although this information can be used to give you an idea of how likely it is that you will be offered a place at your preferred school, the 'last distance' will change every year. We can never guarantee a child will be offered a place at any school.

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Reminders

School Meals for Autumn Term 2018

Autumn 2 Mon 29th Oct - Fri 21st Dec 2018
40 meals at £2.60 = £104.00

Autumn Term Total Costs = £189.80

If you are struggling to find an item to pay in ParentMail please check the 'Shop'.

This is different depending on where you log in or what type of phone you have but if you go to the menu and select payments then there is a 'Shop' option. Look for the item and select it. This gives you the option to add it to your basket. Then go back to the 'To Pay' screen and it will be there. Thank you

Do you have one of our School Visitor Badges? If so, kindly return it on your next visit to Tetherdown. Many thanks.

Parents please help us in the office.

It is essential pupils are signed in if they are late - otherwise the teaching is disrupted by the office checking and we do not have an accurate record in case of emergency.

Cake Sale

A Cake Sale will take place on Friday 30th November.

Donations of cakes and biscuits will be made by Years 4, 5 and 6 and will be available for purchase at the end of the day in the playground weather permitting. Proceeds will go to ActionAid. Class reps please get together to help with setting up and selling of the cakes.

Thank you in advance.

Future cake sale dates:

Friday 22nd March 2019 – Middle Phase (Y2-3)

Friday 07th June 2019 – Lower Phase (Rec-Y1)

Inconsiderate parking

We have had a number of complaints from local residents about parent parking at drop off and at pick-up which include parents parking consistently over residents drives; parents pulling in and out recklessly, general inconsiderate parking, including recently a Tetherdown parent scratching a residents car causing costly damage to the vehicle. This parents' vehicle was photographed and has been reported to the police by the resident.

Is this your car: **** GWU: You were blocking a driveway on Thursday 1st November.