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Year 6 children held an amazing assembly on Friday 13th – without a hitch! We learnt about the Victorians and what life was like in the Victorian classroom. I was even reprimanded during “nail inspection” and told that my hands were “disgusting!” It certainly appealed to the audience ☺

Thank you to all those parents who recently attended the Reception Parent Consultations – teachers and Nursery Nurses enjoyed the opportunity to share how your child is getting on, so thank you for your support. The Reception Maths Workshop was also well attended.

You may be aware that Choir will be taken over by Sarah Champion, singing expert, in the new year. Sarah will manage both Choirs of a Monday lunchtime – if your child is interested please check previous emails which provide a link to the Doodle Poll where you can express your interest. Year 1-3 children will be taught between 12.00 and 12.30pm on Mondays and Y4-6 children will be taught between 12.30 and 1.00pm (same day).

Our School Improvement Advisor – the new name for local authority inspector gave us very positive feedback in relation to her visit to Tetherdown earlier in the week. She carried out a “Learning Walk”, visiting different classrooms with a focus on the teaching of reading skills. This was followed by a chat with a small number of older pupils to find out about their enjoyment of reading. She said, “Children are really enjoying the focus the school has on linking reading to topics in the curriculum and are able to talk in a very mature manner about their

enjoyment and appreciation of books.” Well done teachers and children.

We recently advertised for casual staff to support children during lunchtime as a School Meals Supervisory Assistant. Unfortunately, the calibre of application was not what we were expecting so...

Would you like to help the school at lunchtimes?

We currently have a vacancy for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) 12 noon – 1.30 pm. Monday to Fridays. If you are interested in assisting children at lunchtime please email Ms. Benjamin officemanager@tetherdownschool.org to request an application pack or speak to Ms. Barber for further information.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

To celebrate the festive season, our kitchen team will be preparing Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16 December – menu below. All children are welcome to enjoy the Christmas lunch. **If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to take a Christmas meal, please can you sign them up on the sheet available at the School Office by Friday 11 December 2015 at the latest, and you can make payment (£2.50) via Parentpay after the meal has been taken.**



*Sliced Roast Turkey & Gravy
Served with Chipolata Sausages
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Chef's Special Vegetarian Dish
Roasted Potatoes
A Selection of Seasonal Vegetables
Raisin Pudding Served With Vanilla Sauce
Ice Cream & Fruit & Jelly
Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, or Crackers Served with
Cheese & Sultanas*

Similes and smiles from Year 1.

Year 1's assembly this morning was full of similes and sentences of their own about the seasons. It was indeed a 'Ray of welcome sunshine and a large slice of joy on a dull Friday morning'.

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Well done year 1 and their teaching team

Year 6 get amputated!

On Wednesday the 25th of November 2015 Year 6 went on a trip to the old operating theatre. The old operating theatre is a theatre in which surgeons operate on their patients. There was a herb garret in it as well. We got off at London Bridge tube station and saw the Shard! We all ate our snacks 10 metres away from it!

We got to old operating theatre which was actually called Saint Luke's Hospital. We walked up a spiral staircase and at the top we saw the herb garret. The people at the herb garret taught us all about the importance of herbs in medicine in the Victorian era. We even got to make our own pills! We grinded some herbs of our choice up to make them into a nice powder. And then we added other ingredients to make it a pill.

Then we went in to the theatre itself. We saw the table where the original amputations happened! The guide showed us a drawing of an amputation happening and we were absolutely shocked to see how much pain the patient was in. Molly, one of the year 6 students, volunteered to pretend to be amputated. It was shocking when the tour guide brought out the real, original amputation tools! Then we left for lunch.

After lunch, we had a tour of Victorian Southwark and he showed us a hospital called Guys hospital which was built in 1721. We saw a statue of an important Greek god called Asclepius. He was the god of medicine and healing. He had a snake-entwined staff called the rod of Asclepius which is still a symbol of medicine today.

We then came back on the tube and went home.

By Adam, Milo and Ibrahim

Year 6 Phoenix

Our Victorian assembly

Recently we had our marvellous Victorian assembly where we acted out the day in the life of a Victorian school child and shared our learning. As the crowd applauded loudly for the appealing performance, the actors would walk off the stage. The running order went like this; Opening scene, playtime leisure activities, a 'hard knock life' song showing how girls were often made to be housewives, a diary entry skit, a Victorian themed fashion catwalk, and finally the closing scene. Some people even said it was the BEST assembly they had ever seen. Good eh?

By Felix & Richard from Year 6 Griffins. ☺

COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers

I have kept you informed of parking issues in our local area and asked on several occasions that you respect our neighbours by not parking obtrusively outside their houses (dropped kerbs, corners of junctions and even yellow zig-zag markings). I am continually bombarded by complaints from one or two of our local residents – with good cause.

Further incidences will be highlighted to parents and carers identifying vehicle registration numbers. I do not wish to alienate our parents from the school and so would like to take this opportunity to all those parents/carers who do park responsibly. Thank you for your support.

Haringey District Team's

Early this half term a number of Tetherdown children were selected to take part in trials for the Haringey District football team. All the children who went to take part did the school proud. However, a special mention goes to Joel Moore, Rebecca Ritterband, Amani Kohler and Jemima Peterson as they were successful in their trial. These children will join the list of Tetherdown Children already representing the borough of Haringey. Fantastic news, and a big well done!

Girl's Table tennis

On Tuesday 17th November Amani Kohler, Poppy Kitchener, Emily Greys and Isabel Hughes went to a Haringey girl's table tennis competition. The girls were fantastic and played very well throughout, winning many matches in a high quality competition. The girls finished a very close respectable place in a particularly tight competition. A massive well done to the girls who took part in a truly fun and enjoyable competition.

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London Youth Games, so we will be hoping for another victory!

Our manager, the great Mr Farmer told us, "It was the best tag rugby I've ever seen, true masterclass."

By Joel Moore

A big well done to all the children involved: Joel Moore, Richard Cochrane, Adrian Blake, Harry Hayward, Theo Browne, Freddie Bonfield, Amani Kolher, Isabel Hughes, Isabel Chadwick and Amy Ejioter

Netball Tournament

On a very sunny day in October eight children were selected to go to a netball tournament. The five girls and three boys travelled to Highgate wood secondary school to compete against 21 other schools.

After a short journey the athletes arrived at the venue. First they played around 6 matches in the group stages and managed to win all of them, due to their outstanding team work. They then proceeded towards the quarter finals where they played a brilliant match, winning 8:0. After this they continued to the Semi finals where they played a very tight game against Rhodes Avenue. The score at the end was 2:1, due to an unfortunate understanding between the two teams and the umpire, but the terrific Tetherdowners were great sportsmen and didn't dwell on it.

After a great day Tetherdown came back to school, holding their heads up high, proudly wearing their well-earned bronze medals around their necks.

BY Isabel Hughes Isabel Chadwick and Amani Kohler,



 Dates for your diary	
December 2015	
Tuesday 1 st	Y1 Dragonflies St James Christmas Experience
Wednesday 2 nd	Y1 Bumblebees St James Christmas Experience
Friday 4 th	Y5 Komodos assembly
Monday 7 th	Y4 Jaguars Science/DT Day
Monday 7 th	Y4 Leopards Chinese Restaurant
Tuesday 8 th	Y4 Jaguars Chinese Restaurant
Wednesday 9 th	Y3 Neasden Mandir
Thursday 10 th	Y4 & Y6 Griffins Panto
Friday 11 th	Reception Nativity
Friday 11 th	Y2 Singing at Spring Lane
Friday 11 th	Y4 Leopard Science/DT Day
Friday 11 th	Y5 & Y6 Phoenix Panto
Monday 14 th	(Rec-Y1) Class Party pm
Monday 14 th	6-8pm Christmas Fan Fair & Carols
Tuesday 15 th	Reception Panto
Tuesday 15 th	Y2 & Y3 Panto
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16 th	(Y2-Y3) Class Party in pm
Thursday 17 th	Year 1 Panto
Thursday 17 th	(Y4-Y6) Class Party pm
Friday 18 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 th	Last day of term (2.00pm)
January 2016	
Monday 4 th	Return to school
Thursday 28 th	2:45pm Open afternoon
February 2016	
Wednesday 3 rd	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Monday 8 th	Choir – Young Voices CANCELLED
Thursday 11 th	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Friday 12 th	Middle Phase Cake Sale (Y2,3)
15 th – 19 th	School closed for holiday
Thursday 25 th	Parent Workshop – Our Curriculum
March 2016	
Saturday 5 th	Parents: garden clear-up at school 10-1pm
Friday 17 th June	Lower Phase Cake Sale (Rec, Y1)

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PSA NEWS

Christmas Card Project

The cards are now back and ready to be collected from your Class Reps. Thank you to everyone involved in the project especially the Class Reps for all the hard work in collating the artwork and payments. We made a record profit for the school of £611.87 which will be put to good use in supporting the children's learning. Special thanks to Ros Morshead for organizing all of this again!

'Christmas Fan-Fair' - MONDAY 14th

December

We are really looking forward to the Christmas Fan-Fair!

Thank you to all the parents and reps who are working hard to make it a fun event, especially some Year 1 parents who are spearheading the event.

**MONDAY 14TH December
6.00pm – 8.00pm in the hall**



**Chocolate Tombola, Bottle Tombola, Lucky Dip,
Hot Choc, Mulled wine, Pancakes,
Face Painting, Santa's Grotto, cake sale and
Tasty Promises
along side traditional carol singing!**

TheGivingMachine - the pain-free way to Christmas Shopping/Fundraising

Remember! When you are buying Christmas presents online, make sure that you generate a

free cash donation for Tetherdown with every purchase via www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk. There are over 1500 of the most popular stores taking part in the program making it so easy for you to make difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your item.



**The Giving
Machine™** STOP PRESS

..... they have recently launched a "product search and compare" facility – try it, it's great!!

PSA Committee News

Parents & carers are welcome to join the PSA committee at any stage of the year. Even though the role of Chair is currently vacant, the PSA is committed to organising events throughout the year. Year 1 parents are spearheading the Christmas Fan-Fair and Reception Reps have volunteered to organise the **Quiz (March 5th 2016)**. This should highlight the fact that anyone in the school can organise events, with the support of the PSA. Would you and your friends like to organise events like a bingo night or a sponsored run? Do get in contact with your ideas!

So, if you would like to find out more and/or volunteer, please contact the out-going Chair Sophie Plimley on sophie@plimley.name

Thanks
Your PSA

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After School Activity

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At Tetherdown we are delighted to be able to run a Breakfast and After School Club for pupils attending St. James School and Tetherdown. The Breakfast club is open between the hours of 7.40 am – 8.40 am, the After School Club between the hours of 3.30 – 6.00 pm. For more details please visit our website.

Due to the popularity of both clubs parents are required to register in writing in advance, stating which days they will be attending. They are also required to complete an ad-hoc booking slip available to download from our website, or parents can email a request to breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org or afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org at least 24 hours in advance.

Although there are occasions when we can accommodate last minute bookings, we require parents to adhere to our booking procedures so that we can ensure that pupils are adequately supervised. If you would like a place at Breakfast or After School Club please register your child and let us know what days you would like them to attend. Booking forms can be downloaded from our website.

If you require any further information about breakfast club please email Dianne (breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org Breakfast club co-ordinator) or drop into the club with your child any morning where you can meet Dianne, Aldena, Penny and Sylvon.

For information about After School Club please check the school website, email Louis (afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org ASC Manager) or arrange a visit to see the club in operation and to meet Louis, Ann, Sylvon and Andrew.

Alternatively if you wish to discuss any aspect of breakfast and/or after school club please email Ms. Barber – businessmanager@tetherdownschool.org.

Breakfast Club

Monday – Friday 07:50-08:50.

£4.00 per child per session or £7.00 for two siblings.

Booking forms available from the office or email breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org for more

information.

Tetherdown After School Club

Manager: Louis Frederick

Ctc: weekdays after 2pm

Ph: 07580 576 147 or

Email:

afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org

for more information.

Food supplied by Haringey Catering Services

Cake Baking, Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts