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There's a lot to be said for "good weather" – it lifts the spirits and helps us all feel very positive. We've made a very good start to the summer term and I hope that all the children are looking forward to getting stuck in to new topics, learning new skills and for some, demonstrating what they know and can do best.

Children in Year 6 will have a particularly busy time this term with end of key stage tests, PGL school journey and preparing for the summer production. My message to Year 6 children is to enjoy your final term: enjoy your friendships, continue to build on your learning and when the time comes, simply "shine" and show us all what you have discovered on your Tetherdown journey!

Last term members of Tetherdown Orchestra took part in an orchestral workshop at The Barbican led by the world famous conductor Gustavo Dudamel, currently serving as Music & Artistic Director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Music Director of the Simón Bolívar Symphony Orchestra of Venezuela. Dudamel led both the youth orchestra from Los Angeles and London through two rehearsal pieces. It was a fantastic opportunity to see how the works could be developed through coaching. The children listened attentively and focused really well. We look forward to further opportunities for visits in the future.

This term Tetherdown Orchestra is led by Phoebe Fullbrook who will continue with orchestra rehearsals on Tuesday mornings. If your child is interested in joining the orchestra please contact the office for further information. There has been some movement since the

Easter break and we are looking to invite children currently on the waiting list to join us.

This term we see the introduction of Pabulum catering. I can honestly say that the food has been fantastic, presentation is impressive and the choice has been amazing. We know, however, that there have been some issues, particularly with delivery. The Senior Leadership Team and I have met with Pabulum staff every day to unpick what we can do to make improvements. They are with us every step of the way and even this week I have seen great strides being made.

Year 5 visit to Apollo Visit also took place this week and it was an amazing opportunity for the children to see and hear professional musicians playing pieces introduced to them in the classroom. The project heavily subsidises the organisation and visits of musicians who share their skills, talents and passion for musicianship. Our parent helpers were all very impressed with the programme and I would like to thank them for their support on this occasion.

We welcome to the staff Fiona Pretty, working in Year 4 to support the SEN Team. Fiona joins us from St Francis de Sales RC Infant & Junior School and brings a wealth of experience in SEN support. We know she has already made an excellent start to her Tetherdown journey.

"Chag Kasher V'Sameach" – Happy Passover to all our families celebrating at this time of year. We hope you enjoy the celebrations this weekend.

Thank you everyone for your continuing support and I look forward to working with you over the coming weeks.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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"Night Zoo Keeper" - World Creative Writing Month.

This message is from Y5 teachers to say how proud we are of Year 5 children.

The children took part in a world writing competition.

Their team work and team spirit, dedication and sheer determination, was so impressive. Their aim was to produce a range of creative writing that we really enjoyed reading. The standard of writing really improved as they continued to write. We would like to say a big thank you to the parents as well, as much of this work was completed at home.

The amazing news was that out of 414 classes across the world Y5 Chameleons came 4th in the league. **More astounding was that Y5 Komodos came 2nd in the world.**

Please watch this link to see Johnny explaining what happened in the final week and to hear Scarlet's poem.

<https://edu.nightzookeeper.com/night-times/news>

'The Queen at the bus stop' by Hugo Peacocks Y3.

I had just left Planet Organic with my favourite cup of tea in hand, when I crossed the road to get to the bus stop. This elderly, well dressed lady approached me and asked, "Is this where I catch the bus to go to Buckingham Palace?"

I looked up in surprise and realised it was the Queen. "I think so," I replied.

"Where did you get that tea?" she asked, "I'm dying for a cuppa."

"I got it from Planet Organic," I replied, pointing to the shop. "You could have mine as you won't have time to get one for yourself." I offered her my cup of tea.

"Mm mm!" she murmured as she sipped on the tea.

"What kind of tea is this?" The Queen asked. "It's Earl Grey organic mam." I replied.

"Oh," she said, "I know Earl Grey he is one of my friends, since when was he organic?"

Just then a bus came and the Queen got on it and so she disappeared into the distance with my cup of tea.

COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

Tetherdown Intra Tennis Competition for Years 3 and 4

This year we decided to host our own tennis competition for the girls and boy in Years 3 and 4. There was a separate competition for the girls and then the boys after school. All of the children, in both year groups, were invited to play and the emphasis was on participation and being able to play as many games as possible. We were incredibly impressed with the turn out in both competitions as 18 girls took part and 33 boys which is fantastic!

For some of the children it was a new experience playing in a mini competition with their friends and it was great to see these children smiling, playing tennis and improving with each game.



All of the girls significantly improved throughout the tournament and the tournament was eventually won by Eliza (Year 3 Peacocks) who managed to eventually beat Claudia (Year 4

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Jaguars) in a very close final. Elinor (Year 3 Peacocks) came third to Romy (Year 4 Leopards). I hope this tournament has inspired all of the girls to play tennis a bit more in the summer, especially as the weather is getting warmer!



The standard in the boy's competition was exceptionally high. There were lots of good rallies going on between the boys and again it was a great opportunity for all the boys to play matches against their friends. Marcus (Year 4 Jaguars) won the competition by beating Jem (Year 4 Jaguars) in the final. Max (Year 4 Jaguars) came third to Marco (Year 4 Jaguars).

As PE Coordinator, it is always great to hear about the children's achievements outside of school and I know Marcus Weekes, who won the boys tennis competition, plays a lot of tennis outside of school. Marcus has been playing tennis for nearly three years and he has an LTA rating of Orange 1*, which is the highest he can

be awarded at his age. He is ranked in the top 10 players of his age in Middlesex and top 100 nationally.

Marcus competes regularly in county and regional tournaments. He has won a number of county tournaments and reached semi-finals and quarter-finals in a handful of regional tournaments. He is a member of the A Team of his club, Hackney Tennis, which will be competing in the under-9s Aegon championship. Marcus's talent and commitment to tennis has secured him a sponsorship deal with tennis racquets and clothing firm Tecnifibre.

We really do have some talented children at Tetherdown! If you would like me to know about your child's achievements then please email the office and mark the email for my attention.

Please also send in any photos that can be included in the newsletter! Thank you - Ms Essex.

Reminders

Dietary Requirements

Please contact the school office to advise us of any changes to your child's dietary requirements particularly in relation to food intolerances or allergies.

Special Educational Needs open door. Monday 9th May 2016 (4-7pm).

Parents with questions around SEN will be able to meet with Ms McMeakin to discuss any concerns you may have.

Sign-up sheets available in the school office.

Parking continues to be an issue for our local residents and I politely ask that you consider our neighbours when dropping off and picking up your child. These cars have been reported to me by one of our neighbours: ending 5FVG and 6EXZ. Please, please be more thoughtful.

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Would you like your child to learn Chinese Mandarin?

We will be offering lessons to children in years 3 – 6 if we have enough interest. Lessons will take place every Tuesday lunchtime from 12.30-1pm. Please email Ms Benjamin if you would like to sign up. Cost is £66.00 per term commencing Tuesday 26 April. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. See attached flyer.

Email officemanager@tetherdownschool.org



the secret life of...

Channel 4 series 'the secret life of...' is returning to follow new groups of **four and five** year olds as they take their first steps towards independence.

The series will follow their development from the moment they meet for the first time, through their forming of friendships, learning social rituals and friendly competition. The entire process will be observed and monitored by leading scientists and child psychologists who will provide occasional comment on the children's stages of development.

We are currently looking for groups of **four and five year old children** and their parents to take part in this programme for Channel 4.

Your child would be needed for up to three weeks of filming, on the whole during the summer holidays.

If you are interested please email us at getintouch@rdftelevision.com
or call 020 7013 4220

Twitter: @SLO4YO Facebook: <http://bit.ly/SLO4YO>

All communications with us will be treated in confidence



Dates for your diary

April 2016

Monday 25 th	Y2 Music Assembly
Wednesday 27 th	PSA Meeting 7.45pm Year 3 Music Assembly
Thursday 28 th	Year 4 Music Auditions

May 2016

Monday 2 nd	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 3 rd	Y6 Music Auditions
Thursday 5 th	Y4 Chewing Gum Art (visiting artist)
Monday 9 th	Y4 Music Assembly
Monday 9 th	SEN open evening (4-7)
w/c 9 th May	Y6 SATs
Wednesday 11 th	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 13 th	Y2 BFG – dress up / activity day (further details to follow)
Wednesday 18 th	Y6 Music Assembly Y5 Auditions
w/c 23 rd May	Y6 residential to PGL

June 2016

Monday 13 th	Y5 Music Assembly
Friday 17 th	Lower Phase Cake Sale (Rec, Y1)
Saturday 25 th	PSA Summer Fair 12.00 onwards

July 2016

Tuesday 5 th	Summer Exhibition and Summer Concert
Thursday 14 th	Y6 Summer Production 7.00pm
Thursday 21 st	Last day of term (2.00pm)

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PSA NEWS

From the Committee...

Firstly the PSA would like to thank all those involved in organizing and participating in a very successful quiz night at the start of the month and last night's film night for the children.

As has been stated before in this newsletter these events cannot happen without the dedication of the parent volunteers who bring skill and enthusiasm to the events in order to support the children and the school.

With an eye to future events this year's summer fair planning is progressing well. Sat 25th June is the big day and reps will be in contact at the start of the new term to organise rotas for the wide range of stalls and goodies for the usual lucky dips, tombolas and hamper's. The children have chosen a beach/seaside theme so fingers crossed that helps to guarantee so good weather.... (if only it was that simple).

All the best.

The PSA

Summer Fair – 25th June

This is the biggest event in the PSA calendar. The organization has started and we need all parents to be onboard. There are so many ways you can offer your help. Parents and class reps are doing an amazing job of organizing this event but I know they will be approaching you for help.

It is the one day in the year where we really do enjoy the benefit of close community working and pulling together.

Lolly Fridays – Summer Term

The PSA is looking for either a group of friends or some reps groups to run Lolly Fridays in the summer term. This makes lots of money and again, the children LOVE IT. Very simple to organize and run with. Please contact Alister McDonough (PSA Secretary) on alistermcdonough@yahoo.com if you can volunteer for this.

Comedy Night – Thursday 12th May

Keep this date in your diary and watch this space for more details – it promises to be an excellent night.

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast club Co-ordinator: Dianne Geen-Moore

Monday – Friday 07:40-08:50.

Ph: 07580 576 147

Email:

breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org

for more information.

Tetherdown After School Club

Manager: Louis Frederick

Ctc: weekdays after 2.00pm

Ph: 07580 576 147 or

Email:

afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org

for more information.

Food supplied by Haringey Catering Services



After School Art Club on Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm has a few places available. Children will be exploring different printing techniques and will screen print on a T-shirt, this term.

If you are interested in please contact Berrin Bates on 07940577075 or berrin@blueyonder.co.uk