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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have provided me with such positive feedback following the recent email I sent out regarding testing and the challenges we as staff are currently facing. I have tried to catch up with parents on the playground, to thank you personally. Apologies if I didn't get to you.

Since my email, of course, news from the DfE advising schools that the Key Stage 1 spelling, punctuation and grammar test is scrapped was welcomed. I know that over the course of the coming weeks there will continue to be a spotlight on our older children as they take their end of key stage 2 tests next week. At Tetherdown we don't believe in hot-housing children for the test – rather, we will encourage a pro-active approach, where children understand areas for development through a carefully managed, learning led dialogue. Children take responsibility for identifying their own next steps and this has a greater impact on their learning in a broader context, rather than a narrowed down, test-led curriculum.

We continue to provide exciting, engaging and inspiring experiences in our school. Just recently, since March, children have been involved in the following ways:

- Y5&6 hockey competition
- Cross country competition
- Y3 visit to British Museum (Egyptians)
- Tag Rugby London Youth Games
- Visit from Catherine West MP
- Y4 visit to St. Albans
- Y5 Bread Making days
- Y3 & 4 tennis competitions
- Tetherdown orchestra's first performance
- E-safety meeting for parents
- Orchestra visit The Barbican
- Y2 nocturnal animals visit to school
- Y5&6 basketball competition

- Y5 visit to Hampton Court
- Reception visit to Little Angel Theatre
- Y5 visit to Apollo Concert
- Y4 visit to Alexandra Palace

We look forward to a fun packed summer term!

Next week Scholastic Book Fair will be returning on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May for a week as it was such a great success in the autumn term. We will be selling the books in the playground from 3.30pm to 4.00pm from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. So please bring your cash to school. 50% of the monies raised from book sales will go towards the school. We can use this fund to then purchase books for the children and their classrooms.

Most of the auditions have been completed for those children putting themselves forward to take part in the Music Assemblies. Year 2 and 3 children have performed in their assembly to their friends and teachers. They all did really well. Just a reminder that the upcoming music assemblies are just for children and staff to attend. Following this performance a selection of children will be invited to perform at the Summer Exhibition on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Please take the opportunity to read the PSA updates later in the newsletter. We are still without a Chair and Vice Chair. Organisation of events is particularly challenging. Whilst I am aware that Parent Reps are managing events, we really would benefit from a co-ordinator to provide support and guidance. A chairperson would provide greater confidence to our school community that the children in every class can look forward to a wide variety of opportunities and excellent resources. **Please contact me** should you be in a position to support the PSA in this capacity.

We are currently struggling to gain access to the Archery Field where we have, for as long as we can remember, used this space for our Sports Days. We are being blocked by new guidelines advising that we must have a member of the Club present whilst we are using the field. PLEASE contact Mr Evans **URGENTLY** if you can help us in anyway. Thank you.

Tony Woodward  
Headteacher

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On the 28th April, Year 4 went to Alexandra Palace. We did many activities, including: past, present and future workshops, looking at murals to find clues about history, and banner design. During our present and future workshop, we gave some ideas about how Ally Pally could develop in the future. The lady said she especially liked the ghost train and maze ideas. She said she would tell her boss all of our ideas. We also thought of: water park, a chocolate fountain, a BIG funfair, GO APE, a fashion show, a big treasure hunt and an animal petting zoo and monkey show!

By Denisa (Y4 Leopards) and Nataly (Y4 Jaguars)

Year 4 have created a short survey about Alexandra Palace, called: "What Is The Future of the People's Palace?" Alexandra Palace have been given money to develop exciting things in the future. We would love it if any parents, children and teachers could take a few minutes to fill out our survey, which we will send back to Ally Pally. Some of your ideas might become a reality! The link is below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3Y5JKPT>

Thank you from Year 4!

## Parent Volunteers

Do you have some spare time to help in school?

We are looking for **library helpers** to help Ms Sweeney with labelling and the organisation of library books. Please email the office if you are in a position to help us. Thank you, Ms Sweeney.

If you can spare half an hour a week to help the teachers with **photocopying and admin** type jobs please contact Ms Kyriacou on [eambrosiou@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:eambrosiou@tetherdownschool.org) Training will be provided. Thank you, Ms Kyriacou.

## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Queen Elizabeth!

Ania's Grandma in Reception Ladybirds wowed all the Reception children with her Royal family collection. She is even in The Guinness Book of Records for her collection. She now has 7000 different items of royal memorabilia.



Last week Mrs Jethwa came into visit school with her newest arrival, son Rajveer. As you can see, mother and baby are doing really well.



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On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Ben Wilson, also known as the locally famous "Chewing-gum Man", came into Year 4. Firstly, we got to design our own pictures on paper and then we painted them on blue-tac. We had lots of lovely designs inspired by some of Ben's own work. Many of us got messy but it was worth it to create amazing art. Lots of the Year 4 children have now said that they would like to try this on the streets of Muswell Hill, so watch out Muswell Hill! It was a really fun morning!

By Catrin, Y4 Jaguars



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**CASTING CALL**

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Could you use that skill to impress the nation and win a prize in the process?

If this is you or someone you know **APPLY NOW** for **CHALLENGE ME** (working title) - a brand new ITV gameshow.

Boys and girls of Britain, we're looking for ordinary people with extraordinary, unusual or downright bizarre skills. You might be able to complete 90 cartwheels in 90 seconds, your Nan might have an unparalleled knowledge of Corrie or perhaps your best friend can play piano with his feet. No skill, trick or talent is too weird or wonderful for our show.

No age limit!

If you think you've got a skill or trick you can use to complete one of our amazing challenges in front of the nation and bag a big prize, then we want to hear from you!

**APPLY NOW!**

Go to:  
[www.itv.com/beontv](http://www.itv.com/beontv)  
or email [ChallengeMe@potatotv.co.uk](mailto:ChallengeMe@potatotv.co.uk)

## COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

On Sunday 24 April Isobel C and Amani (both Y6 Griffins) took part in the London Mini Marathon. This is a 5K race over the last section of the London Marathon. The girls were honoured to be chosen as one of the 6 girls running in the U13 category for Haringey. It should be noted that 2 Tetherdown alumni, Ava and Emma, were also in this small team.

The roads were closed and the crowds cheered for all the runners as they raced past iconic London landmarks. This was the first 5K race for both girls and they did amazingly well both finishing in under 21 minutes. Isobel's time was 20:37 and Amani came in at 20:56. Well done girls!



LOTS OF GAMES & STALLS LUCKY DIP BBQ  
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CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT  
AT 11:30, 12:15 & 1PM

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## Reminders

Late children – Children should be in the playground by 08:50am ready to go to class with the teacher. If your child is late and arrives after 8.50am, you must come to the office and mark them in the late book to avoid receiving a call home.

Earlier in the year (newsletter 28.1.16) we reminded parents that we will no longer ring home for forgotten items to be brought in to school. However, if you remember to bring items in to school we will ask the class teacher to send the child down to the office at either break time or lunch time to collect such items. Office staff are instructed not to call teachers in mid-session as this disturbs learning for the whole class.

### Special Educational Needs open door. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (2-4:00pm).

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.

### Would you like your child to learn Chinese Mandarin?

We are offering the opportunity for children in Years 3 – 6 to learn Chinese Mandarin. Lessons take place every Tuesday lunchtime from 12.30-1pm. Please email Ms Benjamin if you would like to sign up. Cost is £6.00 per lesson payable for the block. Please call Ms Benjamin for details or email [officemanager@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:officemanager@tetherdownschool.org)

### Dame Alice Owen's School

Parents wishing to make an application to Dame Alice Owen's School are invited to read the attached flyer for details of the application process.

Please check our noticeboard for details of a charity collection being supported by ex-parent, Lucinda Cooper.

### Aldenham

Parents considering making an application to Aldenham are invited to the open morning being held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am – 12.30pm.



## Dates for your diary

### May 2016

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| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>      | Y4 Music Assembly (children)   |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>      | SEN open afternoon (2:00-4:00)   |
| w/c 9 <sup>th</sup>         | Y6 SATs  |
| w/c 9 <sup>th</sup>         | Scholastic Book Fair– books on sale after school each day.   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Full Governing Body Meeting  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>     | Y2 BFG – dress up / activity day (further details to follow)   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Y6 Music Assembly (children)<br>Y5 Music Auditions   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Pabulum School Meals: "Favourites"<br>Themed Meal – junior children sign up in the office w/c 9.5.16. Infants already catered for. |
| w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup>        | Y6 residential to PGL  |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Reception visit to Highgate Woods  |
| w/c Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> | Half term break  |

### June 2016

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| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>             | Y5 orienteering at Alexandra Palace                             |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>            | Y4 orienteering at Alexandra Palace                             |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>             | Juniors Sports Day  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> | Art Week  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>             | Y5 Music Assembly (children)                                    |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>            | Y6 Sex and Relationships Education talk for parents 7.00-8.00pm |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>           | School Council visit to Parliament                              |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>             | Lower Phase Cake Sale (Rec, Y1)                                 |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>           | Y4 visit to Phasels Wood  |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>           | PSA Summer Fair 12.00 onwards                                   |

### July 2016

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| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Infants Sports Day  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Summer Exhibition and Summer Concert 5.00-8.00pm<br><b>School closing at 2.00pm</b> |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> | Y6 Summer Production 7.00pm   |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> | Last day of term <b>(2.00pm)</b>  |

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## PSA NEWS

### Comedy Night – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Summer Fair – 25<sup>th</sup> June

The Tetherdown “Seaside Summer Fair” is only 7 weeks away now and things are coming together well. We would like to thank all those children who have supplied Seaside themed artwork for the banner competition; it really has given the committee a tough decision to make on the final 8 pieces.

David Kirk has been hard at work rounding up sponsorship and raffle prizes for the big day but if anyone knows a business that would like to be involved with the day either through our programme hand out or the main banner then please get in touch.

We are still searching for a KEEN GOLF PARENT or group of parents to run a small target golf stall on the day. Please get in touch for more info as the year groups have all their stall allocations and we still have more plans if we can find the volunteers

Please contact either of us using the email details below should you wish to get involved in supporting fundraising for your child’s school.

[alistermcdonough@yahoo.com](mailto:alistermcdonough@yahoo.com)

[davidkirk2@gmail.com](mailto:davidkirk2@gmail.com)

[nbraybrook@gmail.com](mailto:nbraybrook@gmail.com)

Many thanks.

### Lolly Fridays – Summer Term

No one appears to have volunteered to run this for our children this year. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

### Second hand PE kit sale

Again, we do not have anybody organising the sale of second hand PE kit. It’s a really easy money maker for the school and provides an important service to our parents and children.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org)

**for more information.**

**Food supplied by Haringey Catering Services**

## **Tetherdown's Summer Activity Sports Camp '16**

We offer the opportunity for children to have a fun, active and safe learning experience, while making new friends. Children will learn and develop new and existing skills with an emphasis on staying active and enjoying their holiday. The camp is geared towards offering a wide range of sports, physical activities and games to children between the ages of 5-11. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of sports and activities including football, basketball, tag rugby, cricket, tennis, netball, hockey, dance and much more!

The camp will run between the hours of 8.00am - 4.00pm or 10.00am - 4.00pm (parental choice) from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Costs start at £28 per day with discounts for siblings and full week bookings.

For a full breakdown of costs, see booking and registration form which can be collected from the school office. For any enquiries please email:

[activtysportscamp@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:activtysportscamp@tetherdownschool.org)