

Tetherdown News!

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the winter season, nights are drawing in, please ensure those with permission to walk home as independent travellers remind their children the importance of getting home swiftly and safely.

We started the day with a lovely Year 1 Bumblebees assembly. Children shared their learning around the topic of seasons and sang beautifully to a packed hall of children, mums, dads and family members. Great start to the day and thank you Year 1 parents for joining us today.

You may be aware that Ms Benjamin has not been in the office with her welcoming smile and helpful support. Unfortunately, she is unwell and taking time to recover. We wish her well during this time. If you have been in to the school reception area you will have met a couple of new friendly faces: Ms Julie Preece who joins us as Administrative Assistant and Ms Julia Caudebec who joins us as Finance and Administrative Officer. Ms Diane Geen-Moore, who organises Breakfast Club and After School Club finances is providing additional support to the admin team in Marlene's absence. The admin team are doing their best to manage their new roles and provide much needed support to children, staff and parents. Your patience as we manage this process of change is much appreciated.

Thankyou!

Thank you to those parents and families who kindly donated food for our Harvest Festival celebrations at the end of last term. The Muswell Hill soup kitchen came and talked briefly about their work and were very grateful for the huge amount of food collected.

Parent Power!!

Do you have experience of Project Management? Can you spend some time in school helping us to draw up strategic plans? We are currently working with parents to formulate a strategy for developing IT provision, in its broadest sense, across the school. We are working to produce a five year plan for educational provision and infra-structure. If you can offer your support, we would really like to hear from you. Please contact admin@tetherdownschool.org

A big THANK YOU to those families who have been making donations of books, soft furnishings and educational games to class teachers. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Please read through for dates and REMINDERS (at the bottom of the page).

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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Parents' Workshop – Home learning: Please join us on Thursday 16th November when we will be offering guidance to support home-learning. We will focus on spelling, reading and maths. This hour long workshop will take place in the hall at 7:00pm and will be jam-packed with ideas and guidance for parents and carers of children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Resident Artist! We are very lucky to have a number of talented parents and carers who give of their time and occasionally come in to school to share their expertise. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you that one of our parents, Ms Vives, mum to Reuben and Sebastian will be making observational drawings of children as part of her studies. Ms Vives will be making sketches of children during a P.E. lesson and playtimes. Having viewed Ms Vives work I can confirm that identification of individuals will not be possible and any work carried out will be shared with the school. We hope that Ms Vives will be able to provide support to teachers in sharing her expertise in this field, in the future.

Topic Letters – [click here](#) to view the classrooms page. Topic letters are accessible through each class page.

REMINDER to return Pupil Update Information Forms (ALL) and Mutual Code of Conduct (Reception and Y3 only) - it is vital that we get this information **back to school as early as possible**

Reception Intake 2018 - If you live in Haringey and your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you will need to apply for a Reception place at infant or primary school for September 2018. You must submit your application before the deadline of 15th January 2018. 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. Application is via an on-line process and all details are available by clicking [here](#).

Please let us know if your child is due to start school in 2018. Add your child's name to the Sibling list kept in the office for children born between 01.09.13 – 31.08.14

Secondary School Information and Open Days

For applications to Haringey Schools – please [click here](#) for full information.

Channing School: Please click this [link](#) for information on admissions.

Pabulum School Meals – NEW MENU [Click here](#) for the link to the Pabulum website, where parents can view and download a copy of the new menu which will include allergen information for each dish.

It's definitely Autumn in Year 1! In our Science learning this week, we have been observing and discussing the changes across the seasons, including the weather and length of the day. We went outside into our beautiful playground to look closely at the living environment and to observe the



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seasonal changes taking place. We looked for evidence to prove that Autumn is our current season and we collected colourful Autumn leaves and took photos of trees and the sky. Year 1 parents will also be pleased to know that we have been talking about the need to wear warmer clothing now that the days are getting colder! We made a class poster to share our observations and thoughts on what we know about autumn.



The Year 6 Maths Competition - On Thursday, the ninth of November, four selected Year 6 children went to the Young Mathematician Awards to take part in round one of the competition. The children were competing across all of London, though there was only one more school in the room, Rokesley Primary School. This was a problem solving challenge, where they had to solve maths problems that had never been seen before. We hope that our wonderful mathematicians will make it through to the second round. They will hear in a week or less.

By Fifi (Y6G) and Jem (Y6P)

Year 6 Victorian Day - Victorian Day was an interesting experience. I enjoyed the punishments because it was a good reminder of how differently the teachers treated the children. What was slightly annoying was that you got told off for small things, like not having your palms on the table. Overall, it was a fun day, giving you an inside experience of Victorian Life.

By Ellis (Y6G) and Catrin (Y6P)

Year 6 Tower Bridge Trip - First we got into two groups and we both did different things. One of us was with a tour guide and the other with a highly experienced coder. Sophie, the tour guide, explained in depth the machinery and how the power came to the bascules (the lifting parts, which mean seesaw in French) in Victorian times. Then she took us up into the towers on either side and we got to go into the glass tube in-between them. It was awesome! It could hold a stack of one pounds the height of the shard! Then we had lunch and went to work with David, the coder, and we found out how the bascules lifted and how the foundations work. We created our own 3D printed tower bridge models that moved up and down, using the coding site Arduino. The bascules moved up and down on a cog that was connected to a motor that was coded and ours worked!

By Marcus (Y6P) and Nataly (Y6P)

Joint Year 4 Rainforest Assembly & Rainforest Café - On the last day of the last half term, Year 4 Jaguars and Leopards performed an amazing assembly with a rainforest theme. The assembly included songs, poems, adverts and a cacophony. The children enjoyed sharing what they had learned and adults were impressed with how enthusiastically it was executed.



Straight after the assembly Year 4 parents and children were able to buy some delicious cakes and biscuits at our very own rainforest café. With the help of our parents, we baked some goods in order to raise money, both for our class and to help the rainforest. But we also wrote some persuasive letters to local businesses to encourage them to donate to our café too. We are very grateful to Planet Organic, Sainsbury's and Evelina's Patisserie for their kind donations. A particular mention goes out to Evelina's Patisserie whose wonderful chef created a marvellous macaroon cake which we raffled off and Joel Tamman was the lucky winner. All this helped us to raise a staggering £270!

By Alfie and Liam

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Buddhist Visitor - This week, Year 4 had the pleasure of meeting John Evans (Mr Evan's brother) who came in to talk about Buddhism, since he is a Buddhist. We learned that most Buddhists meditate to help clear their minds so that they can reflect better and John also does so for 20 minutes each morning and evening. We tried to just focus on our breathing for a minute and most of us felt calmer and peaceful as a result. Buddhists try to be kind and purify their minds. We are going to try a technique when we are upset or angry before John comes back to visit us again which is called SELMA and this involves:

Stop, Embrace, Learn from it, Mindfulness & Act on what you have learned

By Jessica

Scooter

Lucien in Y2 Eagles has had his scooter taken from school approx. 3 weeks ago. It is Blue with Fireman Sam and Pokemon stickers on it. A blue scooter with no stickers on it has been left at the school for the last 3 weeks and not picked up. Parent of Lucien is thinking that his scooter may have been taken home by mistake and that the scooter here at the school belongs to the person who took his scooter. If your child has a blue scooter of the same description – please check to see if you have the right scooter and return: no questions asked 😊

COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

Tag Rugby Tournament - On Thursday, a group of Year 5 and 6 children participated in a Haringey Schools Tag Rugby Tournament, which was well attended with over 20 schools participating from across the borough. The team took their time to find their feet and played fantastically well. However, they were unfortunate not to finish higher in their group in the morning session. During the afternoon session, the team pushed forwards and played some amazing rugby scoring some excellent tries. A big congratulations to all children that participated, and a big thank you to all parent helpers who transported children. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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Reminders

Christmas Dinner

If your child would like a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 20th December please sign up in the school office by Friday 1st December.

Cost: £2.60 per meal payable on ParentMail which will be added to your cart.

Would you like to hire our school hall for a private party? You can book your events using our Hall Hire Enquiry Forms on our website. [Click here](#) for a link to the booking form. The hall is not available for hire on Saturdays before 5pm.



Smile for the camera! Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on Tuesday 21st November.

Is your child missing any item of clothing???

Please label all items of clothing and check for them as soon as they go missing. Lost property is put out in the upper playground every Wednesday and Friday at 8:40am and 3:30pm.

Please be reminded that children are not to play on the climbing frames either before school or after school. We do not have first aid staff available at these times to supervise injured children. Thank you for your co-operation.

JUNIOR School Meals for Autumn Term 2017

Autumn 1
Wednesday 6 September 2017 to Friday 20 October 2017 - £85.80

Autumn 2
Monday 30 October 2017 to Thursday 21 December 2017 - £101.40
Whole term - £187.20

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After a relatively quiet first half of the autumn term the PSA are now gearing up for some big events over the coming weeks that we will need your vital support to ensure their success.

Firstly, on **November 24th FILM NIGHT** is back with **THE FANTASTIC MR FOX**. 'never look a beagle in the eye.....' Details to follow; but rest assured there will be soft drinks and popcorn provided to a packed house of onesied children.

Next up Anita Mangan will be putting on a **Night of Bingo** on the **Thursday 7th December 8–10.30pm**. Full bar, full silliness - as the wonders of Bingo are given a comedy twist by your host **Mark Maier**. Tickets on sale shortly.

And finally, **Christmas Fair** will be taking place on **Monday 11th December 5.30pm – 8.30pm**. Ideally we will need a number of parents from each Year Group to manage two stalls to help ensure the event is a success. We will be running the fair in a similar way to last year using the top playground for some outdoor games and food stalls whilst also ensuring we have space and comfort for everyone attending. We will allocate stalls by the start of next week but please get in contact if your Year Group has any new ideas or preferences!

We are also looking for a pair of well organised individuals to take on the **Tasty Promises** stall for this year's Fair. Every Tasty Promises activity raises around £1800 for the school and it is important that we have this up and running **as soon as possible**. Last year's team will be more than happy to hand over there plans and files to support our new **TP's**. This could also be run as a single stall by one of the Year Groups if a group of Parent Reps would rather take this on than running inflatables, BBQ's or Santa's Grotto.

Ok, that's it for now but please send word out to the school that Film Night, Bingo Night and the Christmas Fair are coming.

Poetry Corner

'Twas the night of Halloween, and all through the house,
Not an iPad was whirring, no click of the mouse;
The iPhones were charging, but not round the streets,
Unlike the children, scaring neighbours for treats;

The darlings returned and climbed into their beds,
Soon visions of next year's toys danced in their heads;
Their parents and carers with iPad in lap,
Were then busy shopping on TheGivingMachine app;

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Suddenly, down the chimney, what should appear?
A note with the names of our regular givers is here!
Go Nataliya! Go Ruth! Go Oonagh and Sophie!
Go Andras! Go Anne! Go Mia and Naomi!

Please remember to choose Tetherdown PSA,
To make sure your donation is coming our way;
Do use TheGivingMachine while online this fall,
Now shop away! shop away! shop away all!

Apologies to our regular GivingMachine users who's names were not included - you (and we!) know who you are and thank you. Apologies to Clement Clarke Moore.

If you're not already using TheGivingMachine then please give it a go while shopping online. It costs nothing and the school would benefit from the extra money raised. If you shop using a PC or Mac there is a reminder which can be installed into your browser. For Apple devices there is the Shop&Give app. For Android a similar app will be released shortly. Any questions please ask davidkirk2@gmail.com.

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast club Co-ordinator: Dianne Geen-Moore

Monday – Friday 07:40-08:50

Phone: 07580 576 147 or

**Email: breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org
for more information.**

Tetherdown After School Club

**Co-ordinator: Dianne Geen-Moore (contact
weekdays after 2.00pm)**

Monday – Friday 15:30-18:00

Phone: 07580 576 147 or

Email: afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org

Our staff team for 2017-18 consists of:

Glen Billey, Nadine McBean, Tanya Fenton,
Althea Skeete and Sylvon Linton.

Glen Billey is our ASC manager. Should you have
any concerns please contact him on the above
email.

If you have any concerns with payments of either
club please contact the Diane Geen-Moore on
breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org

Click [here](#) for a list of the Lunchtime and
Afterschool Clubs taking place at Tetherdown