

Tetherdown News!

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Dear Parents and Carers

Across the school children have experienced a number of activities which have raised awareness of LGBT issues. Rainbow Week celebrates the work of our children during the week. Our inclusivity focus started on Monday with an assembly about two male penguins in New York Zoo who adopt an egg and bring up the chick as their own. "[Tango Makes Three](#)" provided a gentle way in to the theme for the week and we turned this in to a fun activity by learning a song to go with it. On Tuesday children worked in MAGICs (Mixed Assembly Groups In Class) to create a wonderful variety of Rainbow Flags, linking the values related to the flag into our ethos of equality, respect and collaboration. We hope you appreciate our display in the hub staircase.

We ended our week with a Rainbow Day – children dressing in colour within each year group with a celebration of their learning in a special assembly, shared with all children. Children and staff have really appreciated the opportunity to share ideas, discuss their thoughts and ask questions in a safe and respectful environment and I am confident that these themes will be handled through the curriculum as the children progress through their journey at Tetherdown.

In the last few weeks I have been made aware of planned works which will soon take place on Woodside Avenue. Directly outside our school and next to the existing house, nearest the allotment, there are proposals to erect two two storey dwellings with basement accommodation. You can see full details of this planning application [here](#). I am currently in consultation with a local community group who are monitoring the situation. Governors are informed and our Local Authority Governor is enquiring on our behalf as to the start date and time frame for this project. I will of course be involved in ensuring that Health and Safety factors are agreed between all parties prior to publication of the Construction Management Plan. I will keep you informed of progress.

Parents' Evening meetings for all classes will be held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 15th March between 4.00 and 7.00pm. Please make sure you have access to ParentMail to make your booking which will go live on Tuesday 20th February at 7:00am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tanya Fenton, After School Club Playworker, for all her hard work. Tanya who has been with us for almost a year. Tanya moves on to take up a position in a school local to her as a Learning Support Assistant. On a separate note, I would like to welcome Cathy Lewis, joining us on Monday 19th February in a new role as "Parent and Pupil Link". Cathy will play a very important role in developing close communication with parents supporting any issues relating to the personal wellbeing, happiness and safety of your child. It is a unique role which we have introduced to Tetherdown. She will be responsible for monitoring attendance, pupil admissions and communication with parents and carers. I am sure you will make her feel most welcome.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday and we look forward to the children's return on Monday 19th February.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher



Year 3 Parrots Class Assembly

On Friday 2nd February Year 3 Parrots gave an amazing performance, which included these things: the Sand Dance, ocarina, ordering of a pyramid, art, Weighing of the Heart, making a mummy and dancing in a group.

My favourite part, the Weighing of the Heart, was tremendous. I loved it when Tom put on the crocodile mask because it looked like there was dried blood stained on the top of his teeth. Also I liked it when they weighed the hearts and Isobel ran off shouting 'I need to go to the afterlife, curse you all!'



My second favourite part was our art because it was really fun making bracelets and chains with paint, plates, paper and pencils. It was unbelievably manic yet also fun and fantastic. I also loved helping other people finish their masks. Personally, I think that Tom's mask was the best because of the teeth.

My third favourite part was 'ordering of a pyramid' because Alex was very loud and clear. Also he was very funny and Alice didn't help him at all with any of the words. Alice also used a big loud voice and answered Alex's questions exceptionally well.

By Isaac from Year 3 Parrots

Can you help our children with your donations?

We ask parents, carers, wider family members and friends of Tetherdown to identify the following items:

- *Children's books in top quality condition*
- *Construction toys, e.g. Lego, in top quality condition*
- *General toys in top quality condition*
- *Board games in top quality condition*
- *Soft furnishings, e.g. cushions and rugs, again in top quality condition.*

We hope you will understand that we can only accept items that are of the highest second-hand quality because our children deserve the best. Your donations will have a huge impact on children and their classroom environment. Items can be dropped off at the school office.

We also like to celebrate your child's birthday and hope to increase the numbers of books in classrooms by asking you to purchase a lovely book and donate it to your child's class. The school will celebrate the occasion by sharing the book with the class and inserting a book-plate with your child's name and birthday in the front cover. Muswell Hill Bookshop holds a list of age appropriate books – this has recently updated.

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SEND Information

Our coffee morning today was well attended and provided parents and carers an opportunity to network, ask questions and find out more about our inclusive approach to providing for those children with additional learning needs.

Lettings

We invite all parents of our school community, exclusively, to hire our hall for family functions.

If you would like to enquire about the hall's availability, please [click here](#) to access the Hire of Hall Booking Form and hand it into the school office. Alternatively you can e-mail it to Ms. M Barber – businessmanager@tetherdownschool.org. She will then contact you and advise on availability.

World Book Day 2018

This year, World Book Day takes place on Friday 2nd March and we would like to invite you to help your child to make the most of this special occasion.



World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help them in their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of the TEN special £1 World Book Day books, or be used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. Your child will receive their token on the Day itself. You can find out more about the books on the World Book Day website as shown – [click here](#).

To really make the most of this exciting day, we would like all children to dress up as their favourite character from any book that has inspired them. Infants and Juniors will have their own fashion catwalk for the children to show off their wonderful costumes. There will be a prize for the most creative and authentic outfit. We look forward to an inspiring and exciting day!

Mrs Banks
(English Coordinator)



For fathers and male carers of children and young people with ASD

DADS' COFFEE MORNING
MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2018
Professional Development Centre, 10.00am – 12.00pm

- 'Autism and Me': A talk and Q & A with a male adult with ASD, sharing his experience of growing up with the condition.
- A chance to meet with other fathers and male carers to share tips, advice etc.

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COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS

Chess News

The U9 chess team had an amazing chess day at the English Primary Schools Championship zonal qualifier held at Belmont School.

The team - Y3 Alex M, Cali B, David N, Sebastian C-V, Rafi W and Isaac M - played matches against Coldfall, North London Collegiate, Rhodes Avenue, St James and The Hall.



Their score of 13 earned them a place in the semi final stage of the tournament to be held later in May. A fantastic feat. It was a great team effort. But special mention should go to Cali B and Rafi W who only lost one of their five games.

Kamlesh Karia - Tetherdown Chess Club

Over the last few years we have watched Ellie C grow as a competitive swimmer. Recently Ellie took part in the Middlesex County Swimming Championships held over 2 weekends. She did extremely well, winning 9 gold medals in total!

Winning in the following events:

- 50m Backstroke
- 100m Backstroke
- 200m Backstroke
- 50m Freestyle
- 100m Freestyle
- 200m Freestyle
- 50m Butterfly
- 200 Individual Medley
- 400 Freestyle

This is a fantastic sporting achievement and we look forward to hearing more news of Ellie's success in the future. Well done!

Mr. Reynolds
Higher Level Teaching Assistant for Sport



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Planet Play - 10:00am

Welcome to Planet Play, Chickenshed's magical world of sensory learning, wonder and exploration, for babies and toddlers aged 0-3 years. These 45 minute sessions will encourage young children to develop and explore the world around them through song, music, movement and a truly sensory experience. Devised by Chickenshed's hugely successful and creative Tales from the Shed team, Planet Play has been specifically developed to encourage play and early communication development in young children. Research has shown that singing songs and rhymes on a regular basis helps to widen your child's vocabulary and listening skills which are an essential part of learning to read, write and communicate.

Tales from the Shed - 11:30am

This interactive show for children aged 0-6 years is vibrant, exciting and perfect for young children. The informal, lively and engaging performance allow actors and children to share the same space together. Children are always encouraged to make a lot of noise and make the story happen. Every show is fun, really silly and has plenty of colourful puppets and live songs. Tales from the Shed has many different stories featuring much loved characters - from Can-Can the beautiful bird, laid back Lion Down and The Thing That Goes Blurgh!

Limited spaces are available for each show so don't delay in booking!

<http://www.alexandrapalace.com/whats-on/planet-play-tales-from-the-shed-with-chickenshed-theatre/>

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

“Coughs and sneezes
spread diseases!”

As we are in the throes of cold weather and managing illnesses, any kind donations of boxes of tissues will be very much appreciated -

Please send in via your
child's class teacher
Thank you.

JUNIOR School Meals for Spring Term 2018

Spring 1
Thursday 4th January 2018 to
Friday 9th February 2018 - £70.20

Spring 2
Monday 19th February 2018 to Thursday 29th
March 2018 - £75.40

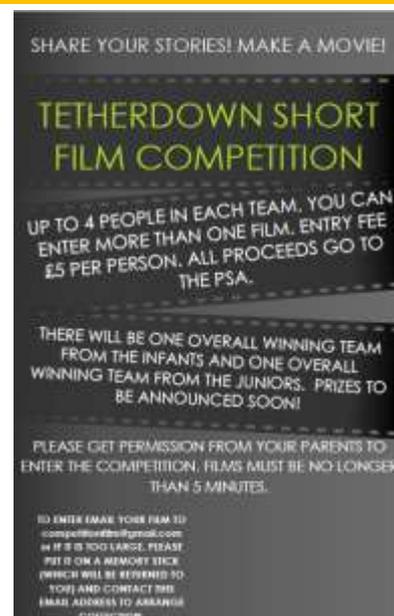
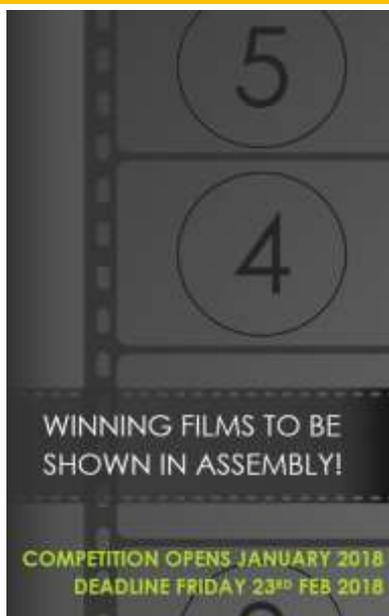
Whole term - £145.60

Cake Sale Dates for 2018

Year 5 and 6 on Friday 8th June

Held on the junior playground at 3.30

Please pick up scooters
today and check lost
property on your way
home.



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Dates for your diary – [click here to see the front page of the school website dates](#).

As we approach the end of the Financial Year, I would like to advise that the PSA will soon be reminding you of how donations have been spent by the school. School receives regular donations for replacing books, IT hardware and software, funds to cover the shortfall for school visits and more. As you will be aware the PSA committee have recently agreed to donate funds to the school to purchase a new Hall Projector and 16 replacement laptops.

In the next Newsletter the PSA will be able to give further details on these projects and what your money is going towards.

Watch this space!

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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.

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

Tetherdown After School Club

ASC Manager: Glen Billey (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 Lara Davies.

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



HALF TERM CAMP AT TETHERDOWN PRIMARY
LAGAD are running their fabulous February Half Term Camp at Tetherdown Primary School on Monday 12th – Friday 16th February.

The camp is run by LAGAD's amazing coaches (including 2 former World Champions). Our sessions will incorporate Gymnastics, Circus, Juggling, Dance, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Aerial Spins and fun for all. Suitable for ages 5 – 11 yrs. Times: 09:30 – 12:30 / 13:15 – 16:15.

LAGAD will also be running a separate Youngsters Camp for Children aged 3 + 4 years old at the Muswell Hill Centre, Hillfield Park, London N10 3QJ. This camp will run during the mornings and will have themed days which include 'Circus Skills', 'Ninja Gym', 'In the Jungle' and 'Pirates'. Time: 09:00 – 12:00.

You can book online at www.lagad.co.uk or phone us at 02088834675.

Easter Activity Sports Camp 2018

Are you looking for a safe, exciting and learning based activity camp this Easter? Well, look no further. Right here, at our very own Tetherdown Primary, Mr Holloway & Mr Reynolds will be hosting a fun filled activity camp for children aged 5-11. We will provide a huge variety of activities including **SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, DRAMA, GAMES and DANCE!!**

The camp will run between the hours of 8.30am - 4.00pm or 10.00am - 4.00pm (parental choice) from Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April 2017 & Monday 9th April to Friday 13th April. 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, or on the school website at: <http://www.tetherdownschool.org/parents/extended-services>. For any enquiries please email: activtysportscamp@tetherdownschool.org

Click on picture to access the booking form:

