

Tetherdown News!

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Dates for your diary

March		March	
Wednesday 8 th	Parents' Evening Reception 4-7pm plus Y2 Owls, Y4 Leopards and Y5 Komodos	Thursday 16 th - Friday 17 th	Cycling Proficiency Year 4
Wednesday 8 th	PSA Meeting 7.45pm	Tuesday 21 st	E-Safety Day
Thursday 9 th	Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament	Tuesday 21 st	Y4 Verulamiam Museum Visit
Thursday 9 th	Open afternoon 2.45-3.30pm	Tuesday 28 th	Y4 Roman Day
Friday 10 th	Y3 British Museum Visit	Wednesday 29 th -31 st	"Egg-Stravaganza" Display (yellow hub)
Tuesday 14 th	Y5 visit to Regents Hall Apollo Concert	April	
Wednesday 15 th	Parents' Evening Reception 4-7pm	Tuesday 18 th	School Closed for children
Wednesday 15 th	Governing Body Meeting	Wednesday 19 th	Children return to school
Thursday 16 th - Friday 17 th	Gymnastics Competition Juniors		

PARENTS E-SAFETY WORKSHOP
Tuesday 21ST March at 6.30pm in the hall.

Dear Parents / Carers



I would like to extend a big "thank you" from all the staff in recognition of your support for World Book Day yesterday. Many of you helped to dress up your child as their favourite book character and we were so impressed with the effort, the enthusiasm and attention to detail. The children all had an amazing time – made even better by the fantastic news that Tetherdown is actually a "runner-up" in the 2017 [World Book Day Competition](#). All the hard work and amazing artistry can be seen in the yellow floor hub – beautiful displays of your children's writing! I am extremely proud of their achievement and the children were delighted to learn that our school will receive a signed copy of the inspirational book behind the competition, "A child of books" by

Oliver Jeffers along with a wonderful plaque in recognition of the children's hard work. Well done Tetherdown!

Our "fashion show" of book characters went very well, with some difficult decisions being made by the judges. Our overall winners were:

Infants:

First prize goes to Ella in Reception Butterflies

Runner up prize to Rohan in Y1 Bumblebees

Juniors:

First prize goes to Yasmin in Y6 Phoenix

Runner up prize to Alfie in Y3 Peacocks



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All of you will have received the new ParentMail details asking you to register your account. Please do this as soon as you can – it takes only two or three minutes and will mean you are up and running for when we swap to ParentMail over the Easter Break. Please be aware that any credits or debts will be transferred over the Easter break. All parents are asked to continue with ParentPay until Tuesday 18th April 2017. We will endeavour to keep you informed of the progress we are making. In the meantime should you have any questions, you will need to check the [ParentMail website, here](#), as our staff have yet to receive official training.

We are currently reviewing our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policy. If you would like to be involved, please read the policy by clicking [here](#) and emailing the school on admin@tetherdownschool.org by 17th March 2017. Your feedback is important to us and we will consider all comments and suggestions before the end of term.

Parents are reminded that the alley way running alongside Tetherdown Infant Playground is not a thoroughfare for cars. Your support and understanding for the safety of all our children is much appreciated.

Tony Woodward
Headteacher

On Friday the 24th of February 2017, Year 4 Jaguar Class did their fantastic Roman assembly. It was full of action, from wonderful battles between the Romans and Celts, to interesting gladiator fights between the courageous Retarius gladiator and the nervous Saminite. Also we did lots of fabulous singing with our beautiful voices and we all really enjoyed ourselves.

By Harry (Year 4 Jaguars)



Request for any unwanted paper

Letterheads, plain paper (any size) old compliment slips will be very gratefully received by the school as a way of reducing our expenditure on paper. We regularly recycle scrap paper within school for wet playtimes, drafting of both written and artistic work and would really appreciate anything you may have to offer which can be re-used in a similar way. Please bring in to school via the school office if you are able to help.

Many thanks to those parents who responded to our pleas for help in the last Newsletter – we really are very appreciative. As a result, we are setting up parent helpers for our libraries, parent helpers in the infants and regular help within the classroom and the learning environment. Working in the classroom is a real joy; a privilege. Adults get to know children in a different light and can be instrumental in providing appropriate support. Information sharing can be extremely sensitive, which is why we are working on ways to offer support to parents and carers in the classroom, including ways to ensure information about a child remains confidential. Our policy guidelines will be introduced and piloted over the coming weeks – if you are one of our volunteers working regularly in school, your support and input into its development will be much appreciated.

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COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS.

Calling all ex-Year 6 Tetherdowners! (who left in July 2016). We would love to see you at Tetherdown, if you can join us, on Friday 10th March at 3.30pm to see the unveiling of the Year 6 bench, donated to us by your generous parents. We will be holding a small ceremony to recognise this contribution to our school playground and would welcome you to drop in on the day.

Want to play netball again? We are a group of mum's who hadn't played netball since we were at school. Don't worry if you can't remember the rules - it all comes back! We would love some new recruits for our fun & friendly weekly training session. Lots of laughs, fitness and the odd trip to the pub. We meet every Thursday evening term time 8 - 9pm in Fortismere school sports hall. Please come along or email Naomi Greenland for more details n.greenland@me.com

Looking forward to hearing from you.
Naomi

We have had so many sporting events recently and we look forward to being able to report fully in our next edition of the Newsletter. Watch this space...!

REMINDERS

Sainsbury's Vouchers.

We are collecting for **Active Kids!** Please tell everyone you know and ask them to save their Sainsbury's shopping vouchers handed out at the checkout. Vouchers can be placed in the box outside the office.

Easter Egg Decorating

A quick reminder that we will, of course, be holding our annual "egg-stravaganza" involving the decorating of hard boiled eggs in a variety of presentations. We hope this provides you with plenty of time to "scramble" around and decide "egg-zactly" what you want your egg to look like! We look forward to receiving competition entries from **Wednesday 29th March** until the end of term on Friday 31st March.

Parents and Carers

If you are in the sad position of having to leave Tetherdown, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible by completing and returning the leavers form. [Click here](#) for this document.

Don't forget – you can follow us on [twitter](#) and see the latest news on the [school website](#) front page.

Check the [PSA page](#) for updates, too...

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PSA Dates for your diary

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Wednesday 8 th March	PSA Meeting (7:00-8:15pm)	Wednesday 10 th May	PSA Meeting (7:00-8:15pm)
Saturday 11 th	Tetherdown Spring Gardening Morning 10:00am – 1:00pm	Wednesday 14 th June	PSA Meeting (7:00-8:15pm)
Saturday 18 th	PSA Quiz Night Doors 7:30pm – Start 8:00pm		

PSA NEWS - Please [click here](#) for a link to the PSA page on our school website.

Tetherdown Spring Gardening Morning - Saturday 11th March – 10.00am ~ 1.00pm

Please come along and help us to freshen up the school flower beds. We just need help with some basic weeding, pruning and clearing around the school. No gardening knowledge is required at all. We do need your muscle though!

Mums, Dads, Grandparents and children are all needed and we'll have tea, coffee and cake for the workers! If possible (but not essential), can you bring any of the following tools:

Garden forks, spades, trowels, thick garden waste sacks, sheers / pruning tools, wheelbarrow, and gardening gloves. Also if you have any plants you don't want or can donate, they would be most welcome: Cuttings or plants, hardy evergreen shrubs, paving stones / stepping stones, bags of compost, bags of sandpit-sand.

Thank you in advance for helping out. WE REALLY NEED YOU! It's only 3 hours of your time from **10am -1pm on Saturday 11th March**. We are looking for a minimum of 30 volunteers in order to get this done so that's at least 2-3 people from every class in the school. If you can't come please send your partner along as we need a really good turn out to make this work. It's a great way to meet other parents from around the school and have a fun, physical morning! What's not to like! Do contact me to let me know if you can make it, so we can get an idea on how we are doing for numbers.

Many thanks

Victoria Celaschi, Y2 Parent victoriacelaschi@hotmail.com Mob: [07977 068856](tel:07977068856)

This year's **Tetherdown School Quiz** is back, and will take place on **Saturday 18th March. Doors 7.30pm for an 8pm start**. We are keen to hear from any individual or pair who have a burning desire to put together and then host the quiz itself - please get in contact with alistermcdonough@yahoo.com to make plans. The PSA will be running a full bar and Oonagh will be returning to duty at the helm of her mighty Gin Palace. Food will be of each tables' own making.

Time to confirm and book your table. Damian Cannon has done a great job with the quiz and Oonagh's gin palace is coming together nicely. Now we need a full hall to compete for the 'Tetherdown font of knowledge trophy' and make the night a great success.

Looking forward to seeing you on the night!

Alister McDonough
Chair

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Tetherdown Easter Camp 2017



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 School Mr Holloway & Mr Farmer will be hosting a fun filled activity camp for children aged 5-11. We will be running a huge variety of activities including SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, DRAMA GAMES and even some DANCE!!

Click the picture to follow the link.

Mandarin Club at Tetherdown has had a very successful two terms. The children have learnt numbers, greetings, family members, Chinese food and Chinese zodiac animals. They learned how to make dumplings to celebrate Chinese New Year of Rooster. They have also enjoyed writing Chinese characters, learning the order and direction of the strokes - a great discipline which also helps with English handwriting.

We will be extending this offer to children in Years 2 and 3 and will contact you via email to identify interest. Watch out for the email.

If we do not have enough interest for the next term, this club will have to be cancelled.

North Middlesex Cricket Club

NMCC are holding a free indoor cricket session for boys and girls in Years 1-4 who may be interested in taking up the sport. It is on Sunday 19 March, 3.30-5 p.m. at the Hornsey School for Girls in Crouch End. Please email the club at nmcc.colts@gmail.com to register for the session if you would like to join in. No equipment or previous cricket experience is required. We look forward to seeing you there. Please see below for more details.

North Middlesex Cricket Club 

Free "Introduction to Cricket" Session – 3.30 to 5pm on 19 March at Hornsey School for Girls

- Boys and girls in school years 1 to 4 welcome
- Indoor session aimed at being fun and enjoyment
 - No previous cricket experience required
 - All equipment provided
 - No special clothing needed
 - Run by ECB fully qualified coaches

To book a place or learn more about our club
Email nmcc.colts@gmail.com

Friendly club in a lovely location
We encourage opportunity for all and are also one of the most successful clubs in the Middlesex league.
Our summer cricket is on Sat am and starts on 22/4



North Middlesex Cricket Club, 185A Park Rd, Crouch End, N8 8JJ
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