

# Tetherdown News!

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## Dates for your diary

March		April	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	E-Safety Day	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed for children
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y4 Verulamiam Museum Visit	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Parrots Class Assembly 9:00am		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Roman Day		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	"Egg-Stravaganza" Display (yellow hub)		
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Y2 Owls Class Assembly 9:00am		
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	School closes at 2:00pm		

**PARENTS E-SAFETY WORKSHOP - Tuesday 21<sup>ST</sup> March at 6.30pm in the hall.**

Dear Parents / Carers

Please note our upcoming E-Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers, which will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm in the Hall. We are running a series of workshops for all the children and staff during the day and would like you to join us to find out more about this extremely important issue. Please let us know you are attending by [clicking here](#). Please help our school by making a voluntary donation of £1.00 per child. We need your support – thank you in advance.

Last week we were visited by Ofsted – very exciting and an opportunity for us to show what a great school we are. The day went smoothly and the children and teachers enjoyed being able to celebrate life at Tetherdown. We look forward to being able to share the findings of the inspection in the Ofsted Report which may be available before the Easter break.



A huge thank you to all the parents and friends of Tetherdown who came to school on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March to help in our gardens. I was really pleased to see so much enthusiasm and support around the school. As a result, our raised beds, borders, shrubs and stepping stone pathways are now smartly spruced and ready for the summer. A special thank you to Victoria Celaschi for organising rotas, gardening tools and generally roping people in to give up their time. Our children and staff are very grateful – thank you.

Last week we opened our doors to parents and carers so that children could share their work and talk through their exciting topics. Open afternoon is such a lovely way to share our school with you and we always receive positive comments about the work our teachers are doing to support your child's learning. I hope you enjoyed the wonderful displays around school, especially our fantastic World Book Day display in the yellow floor hub.

### **ParentMail**

Please ensure that you have registered with ParentMail. It is extremely important that you help us in this process by **PAYING ANY DEBT** you may have accumulated. Unfortunately school admin staff will have to transfer manually **ALL DEBTS**. This could prove to be an arduous task. Your support is much appreciated.

If you are a parent of a child in Year 2 and are considering leaving us at the end of this academic year, we would really appreciate your co-operation in providing us this information as soon as possible. Last year we struggled to fill places in our current Year 3 classes and as a result, we lost approximately £10,000 of

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funding, equivalent to a part time teaching assistant. If we know in advance we can begin to work with Haringey on filling vacancies and ensuring the school receives the right amount of funding for all our children's sakes.

As we approach the Easter break we are sad to be saying goodbye to Joseph Ejiolor, Co-opted Governor, who has worked closely with Tetherdown both as Local Authority Governor, Chair of Governors and as parent of two ex. pupils. Joseph joined the governing body in 2007 as Parent Governor. He was appointed as Chair of Governors in the summer of 2013 and supported the school through the Ofsted inspection and my induction as Headteacher. Joseph is Councillor for Bruce Grove ward in Tottenham and continues to support the community as a new Governor at Fortismere School. I would like to thank Joseph for his commitment to Tetherdown and all his support over the years.

Please do make a note of upcoming dates in your diary.

Tony Woodward  
Headteacher

You will remember in our last Newsletter we all had great fun on World Book Day dressing up as different book characters and celebrating the fact that we had won a runner up prize as part of the national World Book Day competition. You can read the write-up by Year 4 [here](#), which is actually featured on Haringey's Facebook page. Children in Year 5 took a photo for posterity and you can see their costumes if you [click here](#).



SEN Open Door – please sign up if you would like to meet Ms McMeakin, our SENCO, to share any concerns between 1:00 and 4:00pm on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017. All welcome.

**[The British Museum - Our Great Trip!](#)** Click left to see article on the school Website

On a fantastic Friday Year 3 went to the huge, interesting British Museum. The massive museum was as big as 20 grey African Elephants. While we were there, we saw the large, grey Rosetta Stone, some ancient long scrolls and gory, white mummies.

As we walked to the small but fantastic Egypt room, we saw the huge, hard Rosetta Stone. The people there were as busy as bees, buzzing round a honey pot. After this I saw some ancient brown scrolls which were as long as an extremely huge crocodile. Then quickly, quietly I spotted gory, monstrous mummies. They were as white as shiny paper gleaming in their huge glass cabinets. My favourite part was when I saw the Rosetta Stone because it is the most famous rock in the world!



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Recount by Elliot (Year 3 Parrots)

## **School Meals**

Next term, Pabulum will be introducing their new summer menu, [click here to view](#).

The cost of school meals will be increasing slightly to £2.60 per day. On this basis, the meal costs for the next term are as follows:

Spring 1 Wednesday 19 April to Friday 26 May 2017 - £70.20

Spring 2 Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July 2017 - £91.00

Total for whole term - £161.20

This amount will be available to pay via our new communication provider ParentMail only from April 19<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## COMMUNITY AND SPORTING NEWS.

### **Haringey Hockey Tournament**



On the 9th March Mr Holloway took a team of 10 children to the Haringey Hockey Tournament at Fortismere. We were split into 2 teams for with Team A being Selin, Scarlet, Alessandro, Arun & Zacky and Team B being Maxim, Sam L, Zakary, Lal and Amelie. Overall both teams managed to win their respective tournaments being that they will now go as a squad to represent Haringey at the London Youth Games in Crystal Palace on the 23rd March.

By Scarlet & Selin

[Click here](#) to see our news on the front page of our school website! (We are proud...)

### **Haringey Indoor Athletics Trials**

On 26th January Tetherdown were invited to compete in the Haringey Indoor Athletics Trials held at Heartlands High School. Along with 11 other schools we took part in events such as long jump, shot putt and a variety of relay races. Students from years 5&6 spent an energetic afternoon trying their hardest to qualify for the London Youth Games. Sadly, this year our amazing team of athletes did not quite qualify. We all had a great afternoon and want to thank Mr Holloway and all our parents who supported us at the competition.

By Charlie & Matthew



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## Haringey Primary Cross Country Championships

Tetherdown took a team of 36 children to the cross country championships at New River Stadium. The girls raced first and after a superb effort from all our racers we managed to achieve a silver medal in the team event with Lal winning herself an individual bronze and being helped by Selin (4th), Ellie Chadwick (6th) and Matilda Edwards (7th). Well done girls! The boys ran equally well in a fast race that saw us bring home the bronze medal in the team event thanks to Evan (11th), Johnny (15th), Will (16th) and Tristan (21st). Excellent effort Team Tetherdown!  
by Mr Holloway & Ms Essex

## Year 5 & 6 Futsal Competition

Tetherdown took a girls football team to Rhodes Avenue to take part in a mini futsal competition. After getting off to a tough start against the Rhodes' girls we rallied to win 3 games and draw 1 to bring home the silver medal! Well done to Jemima, Selin, Lal, Zalie, Nuala, Amelie, Romy & Matilda who all played some great football to do Team Tetherdown proud!  
By Mr Holloway

## 3v3 Basketball Competition



Team Tetherdown went to Greig City Academy to try and defend our title as Haringey 3v3 Basketball Champions. Our squad of Matty, Sam L, Sam B, Mabel, Matilda E & Jemima started off excellently, winning all of our group games and only losing out in a close fought game against Coldfall. Our morning's results meant we qualified for the finals in the afternoon where the quality level took a step up. After some fantastic shooting from Matilda E and some great defending by Sam L we managed to win 2 more games and lost out on qualifying for the knockouts on point's difference. Overall we finished a very respectable 6th out of 36 schools and were very happy with our days' work.  
By Mr Holloway

Archer Academy are publishing the report from the Archer Academy Trust's admissions consultation. You can access the report by [clicking here](#)

The report can be found on our website here:



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## REMINDERS



**Have you registered for  
PARENTMAIL?  
Please check your emails  
and register your  
NEW account.  
We launch after Easter!  
(check your junk email just in case)**

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.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers.

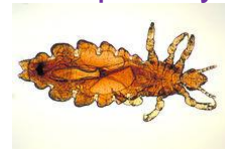
We are collecting for **Active Kids!** Please tell everyone you know and ask them to save their Sainsbury's shopping vouchers handed out at the checkout. Vouchers can be placed in the box outside the office.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> March** until the end of term on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Don't forget – if you have any scrap paper, e.g. odd reams of office paper, old letterheads, etc. please bring them in to school for our children to make very good use of.  
Thank you in advance.

We are currently experiencing NITS! In school. Please help us by encouraging



your child to tie their hair back during this time.

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## PSA Dates for your diary

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Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Quiz Night Doors 7:30pm – Start 8:00pm	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PSA Meeting (7:00-8:15pm)
		Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PSA Meeting (7:00-8:15pm)

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

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](mailto: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!

At the recent meeting of the PSA Committee, we learned from our Chair following First Aid training that one of the best apps to support knowledge and understanding of how to respond in an emergency situation is the British Red Cross app. It provides instant advice and guidance should you need support. Download it now – it could help save a life!

### Lolly Fridays return!

After Easter we welcome the return of our highlight of the Friday afternoon – Lolly Fridays! Thanks to Anne Towler who has taken up the gauntlet again and offered to organise these events. If you are able to help in anyway, please do contact Anne. All help gratefully received.

**Alister McDonough**  
Chair

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## Tetherdown Easter Camp 2017

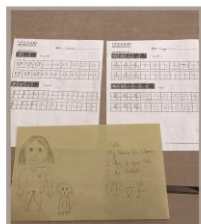


Are you looking for a safe, exciting and learning based activity camp this Easter? Well look no further. Right here at our very own Tetherdown School Mr Holloway & Mr Farmer will be hosting a fun filled activity camp for children aged 5-11. We will be running a huge variety of activities including **SPORTS,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

Click the picture to follow the link.



Mandarin Club at Tetherdown has had a very successful three terms. The children have learnt numbers, greetings, family members, Chinese food, Chinese zodiac animals and dates. They worked together to make delicious dumplings to celebrate Chinese New Year of Rooster. They have also enjoyed writing Chinese characters and doing Calligraphy, learning the order and direction of the strokes - a great discipline which also helps with English handwriting. Our native Chinese teacher, Li Laoshi, uses songs, games and role play each week to embed the learning.



It is not too late to sign up for the club for the Summer Term to give your child the opportunity to explore this fascinating language and culture. For the coming term, the club will be open to Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.



If we do not receive enough interest in Mandarin Club will be terminated at the end of March.

Please contact Ms Benjamin on [officemanager@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:officemanager@tetherdownschool.org)



KIDZ 4 TENNIS (Running locally for 5 years)



EASTER TENNIS CAMP AT MARTINS SCHOOL  
EAST FINCHLEY

MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL-FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL

9.30am-4.30pm

8.30am early drop off available

Age 4-11

Whole week £135

1 day £30

Half day £20

9.30am-12.30 or 12.30-4pm

Includes fitness, footwork, coordination games, working through LTA endorsed mini tennis badges, drills, competitions, games, lots of fun. Medals and certificates at the end of the week

Bring your own packed lunch

To book or express interest text or call Linda Jones (head coach) back (payment by bank transfer)

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