

# EDUCATION MATTERS

## A year of sporting excellence and opportunity

Tetherdown Primary School in Muswell Hill continues to thrive as a hub of sporting excellence and inclusivity, driven by its dynamic PE provision.

Under the expert guidance of coach Da Silva, the school ensures every child can be active, develop skills, and build confidence through both competitive sports and inclusive activities.

Since September 2023, Tetherdown has established itself as a strong contender among Haringey schools, actively participating in inter-school competitions. Every Key Stage 2 child can represent the school in external events, fostering a sense of achievement and teamwork.

A highlight of the year was the impressive performance of Year 4 and Year 6 pupils in a tennis tournament, securing two trophies.

The school also excelled in tag rugby and sports hall athletics, reinforcing its reputation for balancing participation with competitive success.

Tetherdown is committed to ensuring all children, regardless of background or ability, have equal access to sport.

This dedication was recognised with the 2024 Equal Access to Sport Award. Beyond competition, children



**View  
from a  
head**

**Annie Ashraf**

participate in festivals and multi-sport events, encouraging a lifelong love of movement.

Year 5 dazzled at the Haringey Dance Festival with a Strictly inspired routine, while an Olympic-themed skateboarding workshop introduced pupils to a new sport, enhancing balance, coordination, and resilience.

Girls' football has flourished, inspired by role models within and beyond the school.

A visit from a women's football captain sparked enthusiasm, while two Year 6 pupils met England and Arsenal captain Leah Williamson at a book signing, reinforcing the power of representation in sport.

Tetherdown has broadened its extracurricular offerings, with clubs in football, tag rugby, rounders, athletics, and multi-sports available from



Pupils at Tetherdown Primary School getting active through dance

Reception onwards.

Year 6 Sports Leaders play a key role in leading structured games as part of the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) initiative, ensuring active and engaging playtimes for all.

Weekly assemblies celebrate teamwork, with the Team of the Week trophy awarded to outstanding Key Stage 1 and 2 classes. Individual

achievements are honoured through the PE Stars awards which highlight sportsmanship and dedication.

A standout event saw Tetherdown pupils serving as mascots at the Arsenal vs Manchester United FA Cup fixture.

Year 6 pupil Riley, recognised for his commitment to Arsenal in the Community's Football Plus team, proudly walked onto the Emirates pitch

Image: Tetherdown Primary School

in the 'No More Red' kit, supporting an initiative tackling youth violence.

From competitive victories to inclusive play and innovative new sports, the future of sport at Tetherdown remains bright, active, and full of opportunity.

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