



## Newsletter: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Dear Families

Another week seems to have flown by. A huge well done to the 8 boys from KS2 who took part in the Football Festival at Brookvale Academy which was organised by Aston Villa Foundation. Mrs Bourne and I witnessed some fantastic sportsmanship from Caleb, Alvin, Pedro, Balal, Aston, Modou, Zain and Ayaan and they played together brilliantly as a team. We are very proud of you!

Another huge well done to Year 5 who took part in the Aston Olympics. Mr Downes and Mrs Hennessy said they behaved extremely well and really enjoyed their day there. We are very proud of you!

Please remember that we have sports afternoons this week. Wednesday is for Years 3-6 and Thursday is for Reception, Y1 and Y2. Please send your children into school on these days wearing their PE kits. Also, please send them with a water bottle so that they can keep drinking if they wish to. Parents, you are invited to watch your children take part but please remember no photographs while they are competing as not all children have permission for this to happen. All activities will be outside so doors to school will remain locked.

Enjoy the sunshine and warm weather we are having at the moment – let's hope it stays a bit longer!

Have a lovely week everyone!

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### General Reminders

- Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am.
- If your child arrives after 8:50am, please take them to the office and explain to the office staff the reason why your child is late.
- Please do not send your child to school with crisps, sweets, chocolate, etc for snacks or their lunch. Too many children are bringing food like this in on a daily basis. Sending cakes or sweets in for special occasions like birthdays are fine if we can all eat healthily at other times.
- **If you have any concerns regarding other children or parents, please do not approach them yourselves. Instead, speak to Mrs Brewer, Mr Gunchala or Mr Downes and we will try and resolve your concerns.**
- If your child has an appointment, please bring proof for our records.
- If your child is going to be absent, please ring school by 8:30am and give a reason and an expected return date. Also, please remember to cancel their meal on School Grid. If you do not cancel the meal and you pay for your child's meals, you will be charged.
- Please do not Dojo staff to inform them of your child's absence. We do not always see Dojo messages. Please ring the school office and leave a message.
- Finally, please send your child to school with a water bottle.

Thank you. 😊

We want all our pupils to be **STARs**: **S**uccessful, **T**olerant, **A**mbitious and **R**esilient.

Everyone at Deykin Avenue JI School is expected to adhere to our values of respect, responsibility, inclusivity and fairness. Our children know that these values help us all to become STARs but also help us to be good citizens within our community.

## Term Dates 2023-2024

### Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Term Ends: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### Training Days

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – school closed to children and staff due to the unexpected announcement of voting for the General Election

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** will be a training day and children do not attend.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – school will be closed to children and staff

## Attendance

Reception – 78%

Year 1 – 67.33%

Year 2 – 77.33%

Year 3 – 75.33%

Year 4 – **78.33%**

Year 5 – 76.19%

Year 6 – 76%

Whole School – 75.49%

**Well done to Year 4 who have achieved the highest attendance. You may have the 5mins extra playtime this week as many of the absences last week were due to Eid.**

**Thank you to all families for your effort in sending your children into school every day. We understand that children are ill sometimes and if they are really unwell, they are better at home to recover. However, if your child is tired, or doesn't feel like coming to school, please send them in. If they wake up late, send them in late. We would rather them come into school late, than not come to school at all. Thank you.**

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – 9:30am-11:30am – Year 2 at Brookvale Park

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – 1:30-3:00pm – KS2 (Years 3-6) sports day – families are welcome to attend

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – 1:30-3:00pm - EYFS/KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) sports day – families are welcome to attend

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – 9:00-9:30am - Flute Concert – Year 4 and electives from Years 5 and 6 – families invited

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Various transition days for Year 6. Each school will send parents a letter saying which day or days the children are expected to attend

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**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 SATs results are published

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Written reports to parents are sent home (except Year 3)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – 9:00am – Nursery Graduation – families invited

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Condoval Hall residential

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Which class will win the behaviour sticker? Pizza lunch this week for the winning class!

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – 9:15am Year 2's Moving Up assembly – families invited

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – 9:00am – Prizegiving/Attendance

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – 5:00-7:00pm – Prom (details to follow) includes Prom King and Queen for Years 2 and 6

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – 9:15am – Year 6 Leavers assembly – families invited

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – 3:20pm – Children break up for the summer holiday

### Merit Assembly



A huge 'Well Done!' to all the children who have achieved a certificate in Merit Assembly. Keep up the good work. You have all proved to be Deykin STARS!!

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Reception – Ayana

Year 1 – Haval

Year 2 – Rehan

Year 3 – Zain

Year 4 – Hadiya

Year 5 – All of Year 5

Year 6 – Alvin, Balal, Pedro and Caleb

#### **Times Tables Rockstars**

Buki – Year 5

Bianca – Year 3

Cataleya – Year 3



Happy birthday to the following children:

Sarrinah – Year 6

Aaeliya – Year 6

Raheem – Year 4

Hashir – Year 2

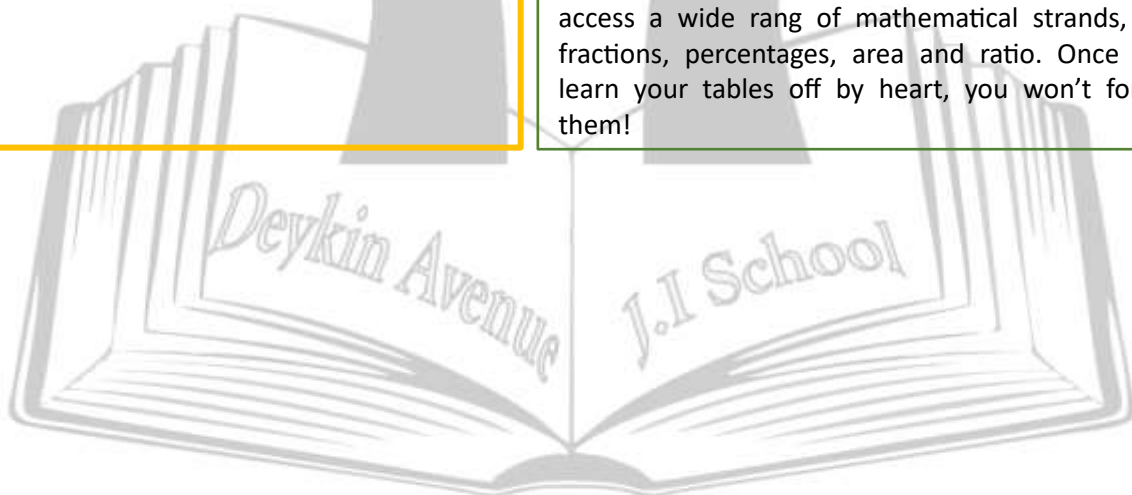
Raihan – Year 6

Logan – Year 1

#### TT Rockstars

Please encourage your children (particularly those in Year 2 and above) to play on TT Rockstars regularly. It is a wonderful resource to help children learn their times tables. There are different games they can play on TTRS. For example, the 'Jamming' game allows them to choose the times tables they would like to focus on and they will only receive questions on those. Any questions, please contact your class teacher or Mr Gunchala.

Learning your times tables is really important and is something we use in everyday life as adults. For children, learning their times tables will help them to access a wide range of mathematical strands, eg, fractions, percentages, area and ratio. Once you learn your tables off by heart, you won't forget them!



# Snapshots of the Week!

## Reception

We have continued to learn all about various forms of transport and this week and have also learnt about the Eid ul Adha celebration.

We created Eid cards for our families and also discussed how we celebrated Eid. We drew upon how we all have special celebrations where we spend time with family, give presents and eat delicious food!



In literacy, we learnt a new story called 'Where the Wild Things Are' and rehearsed new vocabulary.



We re-enacted the story using props on a tuff tray, which gave us good ideas to describe the characters. We used adjectives to describe the wild things and came up with some interesting describing words.

On our investigation table, we experimented and observed objects that float or sink.



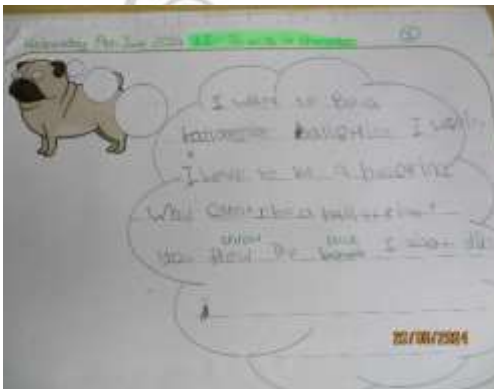


## Year 1

Year 1 must have very green fingers; look how much our plants have grown in just 1 week! The photographs show a big difference in just 1 day of growing!



We have also been trying to write as a character. Biff the dog wants to do ballet and he can't understand why people won't let him. We wrote about what Biff thinks about how people treat him. We will find out later if he gets to be a ballerina.



## Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed using clay and carving tools to explore making a variety of shapes and patterns.



## Year 4

Year 4 have been carving fish from soap. We worked carefully to create detailed models.



## Year 5

To celebrate the Euros, we have combined our art topic - Moving Stories - with football. This week, we've made jointed goalkeepers. They look great and were lots of fun to make. I love the fantastic kit designs and the superb facial expressions on our show-stoppers.





## Year 6

This week in science, the children were investigating static electricity. They looked at different investigations to observe the effects of static electricity when put in different conditions.



In maths, the children have been working on a bakery project looking at costs, sales, packaging, ingredients and quantities. This week, the children were able to bake, decorate and package their cupcakes. I must say they came out very tasty!



## Our Eid Party!

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff, Rachel and Ansar, for preparing and cooking our lovely food for our Eid party!





**29th July - 1st August**

**10am - 3pm**

For children  
aged 5-11

# WITTON HOLIDAY CLUB



@ **Witton Methodist Church,**  
B6 7BS

PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH AND DRINK

To secure your child a place, **please contact**  
**Carole on 07812 184309**

Consent form required when booking a place

**£4.00**

PER CHILD  
PER DAY

