



Newsletter: 16th June 2024

Dear Families

Benjamin Zephaniah's memorial took place on Monday afternoon. We were very fortunate with the weather and apart from a quick shower, the rain stayed off and the sun shone!

Benjamin's family were lovely and they shared experiences they had of Deykin Avenue when they came here as children. They were delighted with our children's readings of some of Benjamin's poems. Saba, Mujtaba, Avah and Zoya in Year 6 read 'Nature Trail', Yahyaa and Ali in Year 5 read 'Talking Turkeys' and Aleena, Freya and Fizah in Year 4 memorised and recited 'We Refugees'. They were all amazing.

Asha Barnes, a friend of Benjamin's, brought a drum and some of the children were lucky enough to have a go.

Thank you to the children who took part in this afternoon, as well as the parents and staff who joined us. To watch the video and read the article, please visit <https://ukschoolnews.com/blog/2024/06/11/birmingham-poet-benjamin-zephaniah-family-plant-tree-at-school/> and for photos, please see Snapshots of the Week at the end of this newsletter.

Finally... a HUGE well done to all of Year 1 and some children in Year 2 who have completed their phonics screening check. You have been fantastic!

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 8th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024- Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends: Monday 22nd July 2024

Training Days

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

Friday 5th July will be a training day and children do not attend.

Monday 22nd July – school will be closed to children and staff

Attendance

Reception – 88.33%

Year 1 – 90%

Year 2 – 92.65%

Year 3 – 93%

Year 4 – **95%**

Year 5 – 91%

Year 6 – 94.05%

Whole School – 91.96%

Well done to Year 4 who have achieved the highest attendance. You are below the magic 96% and so will not have an extra 5mins play time each day this week.

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 18th June – 8:15am - Year 5 need to wear their PE kits, bring a drink and be at school by 8:15am to attend the Aston Olympics all day

Tuesday 18th June – 8 boys from Years 3, 4 and 6 to take part in a football festival at Brookvale Academy organised by Aston Villa Foundation

Friday 21st June – lunch time Eid party. Children may come in non-uniform/party clothes but children in Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 will still have PE. No charge to any family – school will pay. If you do not wish your child to have party food, please notify the school office so we won't order food and we won't be charged.

Tuesday 25th June – 9:30am-11:30am – Year 2 at Brookvale Park

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

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

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

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th 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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Friday 5th July will be a training day and children do not attend.

Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 SATs results are published

Tuesday 9th July – Written reports to parents are sent home (except Year 3)

Wednesday 10th July – 9:00am – Nursery Graduation – families invited

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th July – Year 6 Conover Hall residential

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

Tuesday 16th July – 9:15am Year 2's Moving Up assembly – families invited

Thursday 18th July – 9:00am – Prizegiving/Attendance

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

Friday 19th July – 9:15am – Year 6 Leavers assembly – families invited

Friday 19th 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 12th April

Reception – Fausta

Year 1 – Essa

Year 2 – Tasmia

Year 3 – Hareem

Year 4 – Connor, Anayah, Zarah, Freya, Fizah and Aleena

Year 5 – Jaspreet

Year 6 – Molly

Times Tables Rockstars

None this week as Mr Gunchala has been off school – these awards will return next week.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Akim – Year 2

Awwab – Year 1

Abid – Reception

Farheen – Year 6

Damian – Year 5

Rehan – Year 2

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!

Happy Father's Day

To all the dads, and other special men in our children's lives, have a very happy Father's Day!



Eid Mubarak

Eid Mubarak to everyone celebrating Eid!



Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

We have been learning all about various forms of transport and this week, we have looked at the evolution of trains. We learnt about the steam engine and how modern trains are mostly electric. We engaged with various activities linked to transport, such as building cars and train tracks.

We are noticing patterns and creating our own patterns using peg boards to create a repeated pattern of our own choice.



The children have completed some superb writing, creating their own invitation to their own piano concert, based on the story “The Bear and the Piano”. They also created his home, which is the forest, using various resources.



In art, we have created our own sock puppets and used sewing resources to create our own play props. We discussed and explained the process involved in creating this prop and learnt how to create a basic stitch safely and effectively.



Year 1

Year 1 worked very hard this week on their Father's Day assembly. We were very proud of how well they performed and wish everyone a happy day on Sunday.

We have also been busy planting different seeds as part of our science topic. We planted runner beans, sunflowers and cress, and are excited to see which ones start to grow first. We will keep you updated over the next few weeks.

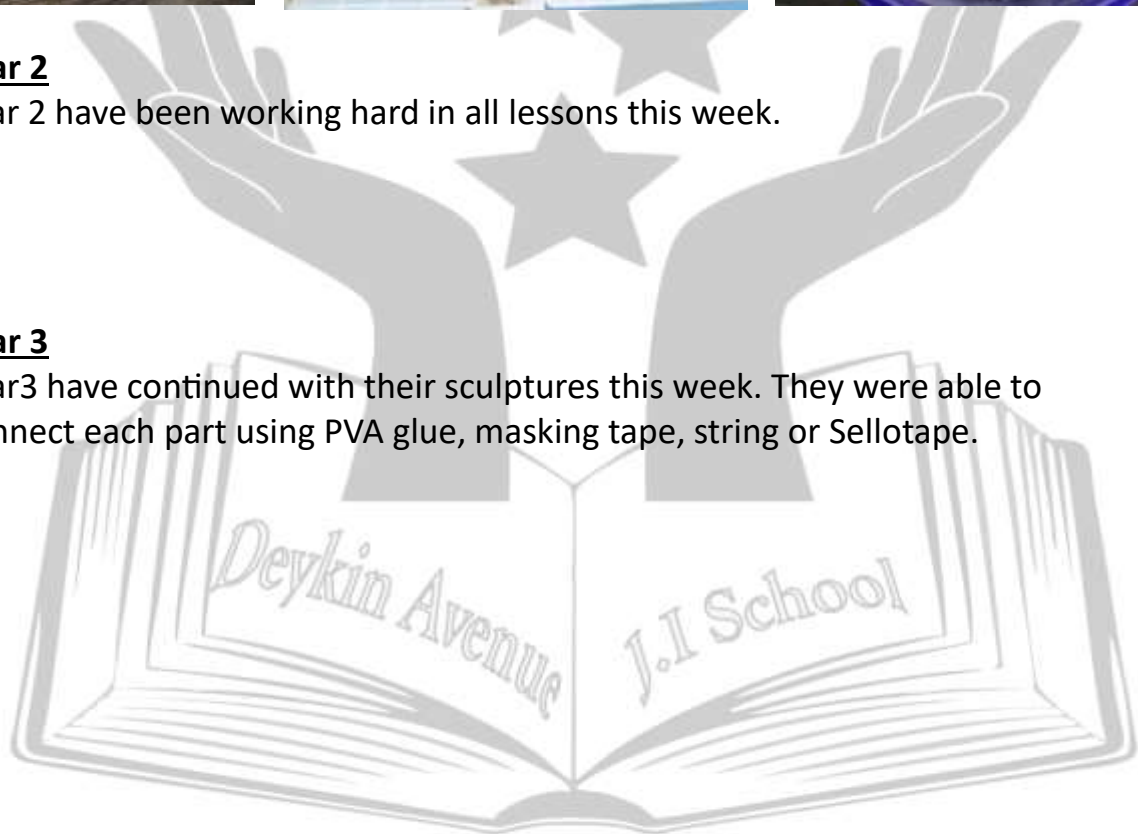


Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard in all lessons this week.

Year 3

Year 3 have continued with their sculptures this week. They were able to connect each part using PVA glue, masking tape, string or Sellotape.



Year 4

Connor has made a spaceship at home - just wow!
What a great way to problem solve and enjoy yourself.



Enormous thanks to Zara and Anayah who chose to tidy the class library - brilliant girls. Year 4 are showing how to spend their free time constructively - well done.



Year 5

Year 5 have been experimenting with the electricity equipment. They were given the equipment and asked to light a bulb, run the buzzer and motor. This was a revision lesson based on Year 4 work.



Year 6

This week in English, the children have been exploring photographs, extracts from newspapers as well as adverts that were in circulation during the late 1940s - Empire Windrush. They were able to draw inferences by examining the sources closely and independently writing their thoughts based on what they could see in front of them.



Benjamin Zephaniah's Memorial



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

