



Newsletter: 9th June 2024

Dear Families

Our first week back seems to have flown past. It has been a very busy week in school. 4 Year 1 children and 4 Year 2 children took part in a football festival at Brookvale Academy led by Aston Villa coaches. They behaved perfectly and, as always, were a credit to our school.

Year 4 completed their multiplication tables check – well done, children. Even when you know your times tables, it is really hard to answer random questions under timed conditions. They complete the tests on iPads and they are given just 6 seconds to read the calculation, work out the answer and then type their answer. They have been practising a lot recently but not knowing which 25 calculations they will be asked to complete – anything up to 12×12 – shows why it is really important for children to learn all the tables off by heart. This knowledge will help them in many different aspects of mathematics too. It really is a very important skill to have. A huge 'well done' also goes to Miss Moore for all her help in supporting the children.

Benjamin Zephaniah's memorial is on Monday afternoon. Parents who have requested that they attend, please arrive at school at 1pm. We will be outside on the grass so you will not need to go to the school office. There will be lots of photographs and film recorded and this will be uploaded onto social media. ATLP are also trying to invite the press so we may make the local news too!

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 – 90%

Year 1 – 89.67%

Year 2 – 92.67%

Year 3 – 91.67%

Year 4 – 94.67%

Year 5 – 93%

Year 6 – 95.33%

Whole School – 92.46%

Well done to Year 6 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

Monday 3rd to Friday 14th June – Year 4 Multiplication check

Monday 10th to Friday 14th June – Phonics check assessments for Year 1 and retakes in Year 2

Monday 10th June – 1:00pm – Memorial for Benjamin Zephaniah

Thursday 13th June – 9:00am – Year 1's Father's Day assembly – families invited (The date has changed from the previous newsletter as Monday 17th may be Eid.)

Friday 14th June – 9:00am - Families invited to say thank you and goodbye to our School Governors

Tuesday 18th June – Year 5 at Aston Olympics all day - no charge to families

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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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 – 4:30-6:30pm – 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

No Merit Assembly this week due to Safety Week assemblies. Merit Assembly will return next week.



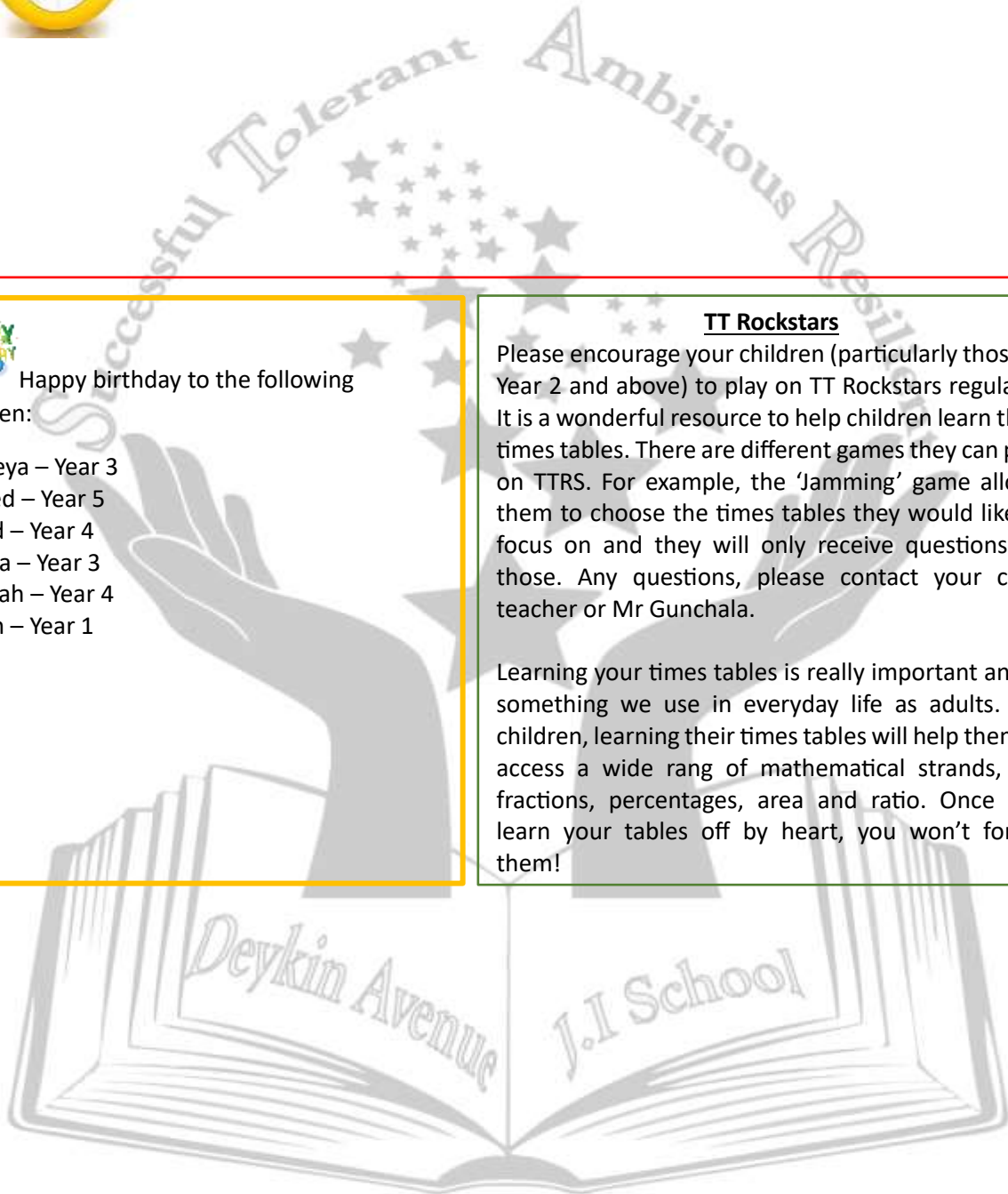
Happy birthday to the following children:

Cataleya – Year 3
Ahmed – Year 5
Jawad – Year 4
Hamza – Year 3
Fatimah – Year 4
Hasan – 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

This week, we went on a fantastic trip to The Adventure Farm in Burton. Children were very excited and we had lots of fun, with stimulating things to do such as a tractor ride, feeding animals, searching for fossils in a big sand area and a very exciting indoor play area. We had lots of fun but also learnt so much about animals and forms of transport, such as the tractor and horses. We also enjoyed our coach ride, which is another form of transport, linked to our topic this term.



We took part in fun art work and explored small world transport using their wheels to paint and mark make! We also created cars using collage materials and paper plates, adding features, such as wheels and windows.



Year 1

Year 1 have been working on acrostic poems this week for our Father's Day assembly. We have been using some of our skills from past lessons, using adjectives to describe our dads and trying really hard with our presentation. We have also been using our art skills to create portraits of our dads. No pictures this week so we can keep things a surprise for our assembly! We hope lots of dads and other special men from our families can join us on Thursday at 9am.

Year 2

Year 2 have started a new book, The Magic Finger.



They have also been working hard to learn how to tell the time as well!



Year 3

Year 3 children explored how to fold and roll cardboard to give it structure. They used 2D shapes, slotting into each other to make 3D shapes.



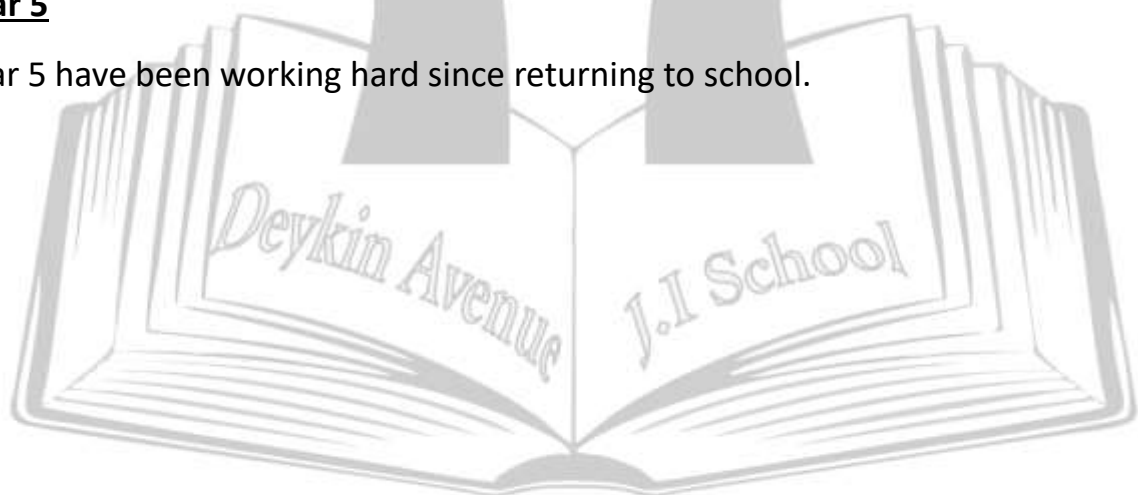
Year 4

Year 4 did fantastic work about how sounds can be changed using string length and tightness.



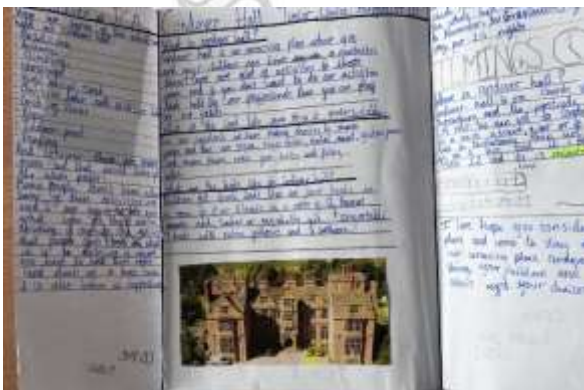
Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard since returning to school.



Year 6

In English this week, the children have been busy creating persuasive leaflets to persuade parents to take their families to Condover Hall. The children used their persuasive writing skills and have created engaging and convincing leaflets.



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

