



Newsletter: 26th May 2024

Dear Families

We have made it through to the end of this half term. A huge 'WELL DONE!' to everyone – children, staff and families – for all the support you have given us. I think we are all ready for a break now. We return to school on Monday 3rd June for the final 7 weeks. There will be updates when we return from ATLP and hopefully some opportunities for you to meet some of the staff.

There will be changes to school lunches from September; we will no longer be with Dolce. I have been told that information about how you order and pay (for those families who have to pay for their children's meals in Years 3-6) will be sent to you at some point next half term.

Another change we have agreed to is for children in Years 3-6; instead of learning Spanish from September, they will be learning French. This is because in Year 6, the children have the opportunity to visit France for 5 days with children and staff from other ATLP primary schools. They will be able to practise their French speaking skills! Some of our Year 5 children have signed up for this French residential which will take place in March 2025. They have said they are looking forward to visiting Disneyland Paris!

Next half term will be busy and you may ask me questions I don't know the answers to but between us and ATLP, I am sure we can get you these answers.

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 – 89.67%

Year 2 – 90.33%

Year 3 – 92%

Year 4 – 86.67%

Year 5 – **95.33%**

Year 6 – 89%

Whole School – 90.24%

Well done to Year 5 who have achieved the highest attendance. You are below the magic 96% and so will not have an extra 5mins play time each day when we return after the holiday

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 7th June – Safety Week

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

Thursday 6th June – Reception trip to Adventure Farm

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

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

Monday 17th June – 9:00am – Year 1's Father's Day assembly – families invited

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

Thursday 4th July – School closed to children and staff due to voting for the General Election

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

Star of the Term



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 24th May

Reception – Eric
Year 1 – Areesha
Year 2 – All of Year 2
Year 3 – Zoya
Year 4 – Sara
Year 5 – All of Year 5
Year 6 – Anaya

Times Tables Rockstars

Ayaan – Year 3
Zain – Year 3
Anas – Year 4



Happy birthday to the following children who have a birthday during half term...

Ibrahim – Year 6
Nimra – Year 6
Zain – Year 3
Hamza – Reception

...and also to the children who have a birthday when we return to school

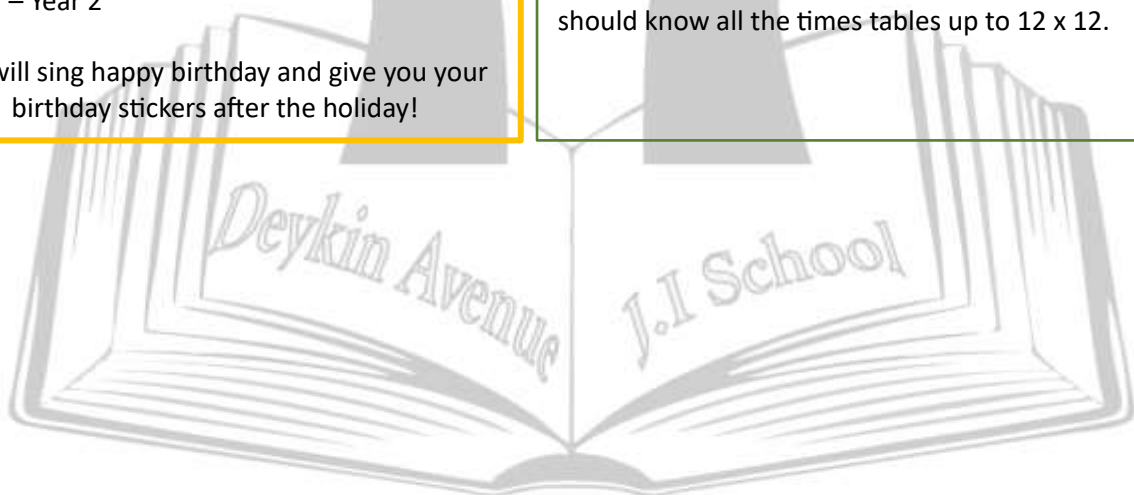
Zara – Year 4
Muna – Year 2

We will sing happy birthday and give you your birthday stickers after the holiday!

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.

Year 4 will have their Multiplication Tables Check in June 2024 and the government's expectation is that they score 25/25. By the end of Year 4, children should know all the times tables up to 12 x 12.



Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

This week, we have continued to learn about dinosaurs and wrote some facts about their features.



We also learnt more about dinosaur fossils and recalled some real fossils we saw last week at the Think Tank. We also created our own dinosaur fossils using salt dough which then dried to look similar to real fossils.



We also learnt about an important historical figure called Mary Anning, who discovered real fossils in Lyme Regis. She lived many years ago and was a famous archaeologist.

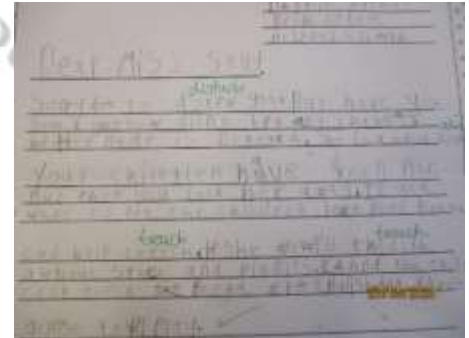
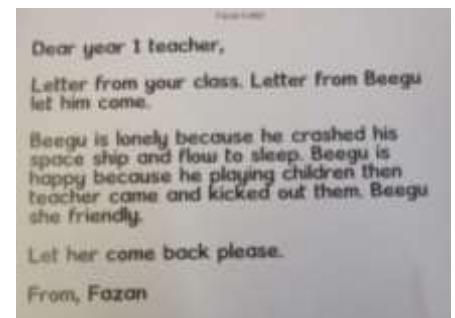
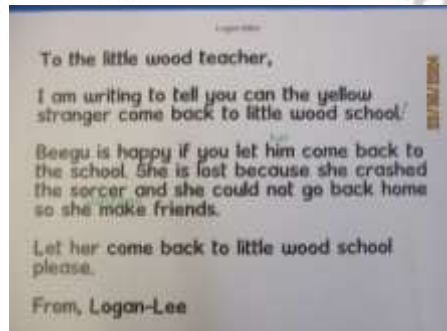
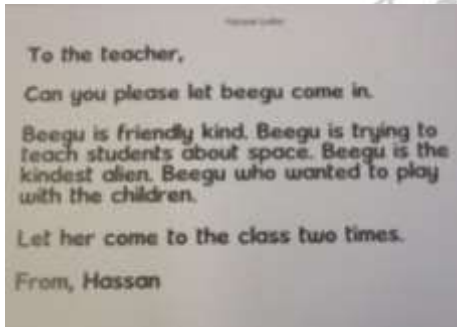


We described the features of various dinosaurs and also played a fishing game, using nets and translucent sea creatures on our light table! We were hunting for pretend fossils just like Mary Anning.



Year 1

Year 1 have finished off their work on the story, Beegu, by writing letters. They were trying to convince a teacher in another school to let Beegu the alien go back and visit the children. We looked at some of the different features of a letter and tried to think of good reasons that the teacher should let Beegu return. Well done - I think Beegu will be able to visit her friends again thanks to these letters.



Year 4

Year 4 are continuing to take a genuine interest in our work about refugees. We have looked at the book, My Name Is Not Refugee, by Kate Milner and an extract from Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah.



Year 6

This week in science, Year 6 have been investigating how light reflects off an object, specifically a mirror. They created their own periscopes in class which they really enjoyed seeing different things, depending on the placement of the mirror within the periscope.

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

