



Newsletter: 12th May 2024

Dear Families

Year 4 begin their swimming lessons tomorrow. Please ensure they bring a bath towel with them. I have been asked if they need to wear goggles or a swimming cap. This is your child's choice if they would like to or not. The girls get changed in one communal changing room in the female area. The boys get changed in one communal changing room in the male area. Members of the public are not allowed in these rooms. Mr Gunchala will stay with the boys in the changing rooms and Miss Moore will do the same with the girls. They are assessed by the swimming teachers who decides which pool/group they will be placed into. Swimming is fantastic exercise and I hope your child enjoys these lessons for the next two weeks. Some parents have told me that their child is scared as they have not been swimming before. This is natural but hopefully if they listen to the teachers and have a try, they will soon realise that it is fun and they will learn to swim. Due to the number of swimming lessons the children will have, they will not have another PE lesson the rest of this half term and so therefore, will not need to wear their PE kits.

Year 6 also start their SATs tomorrow. We know they will try their best and do everything they have been taught to do by Mrs Mohamed. I hope they can all come to breakfast club from Monday to Thursday this week. This is the chance to have a filling breakfast, play with their friends and have a spot of revision as well! Good luck, Year 6. We know that you are all STARS and can do this!!

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

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

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

Swimming

Children in Year 4 will be taking part in 10 days of intensive swimming at Wyndley Swimming Baths and trained swimming teachers will work with the children. This is part of the National Curriculum and children are expected to attend. **Jewellery is not permitted to be worn.** Boys need to wear swimming trunks and girls a swimming costume (not a bikini) with tight fitting leggings if they wish. No loose fitting clothes will be allowed. They will have a 45 minute lesson each day.

Year 4 - weeks beginning Monday 13th May and Monday 20th May

Year 3 Special Dates

Because Miss Williams is leaving us at the end of this half term, we have organised certain events for Year 3 that usually happen just before we break up in July.

Parent reports will be sent home on Tuesday 21st May.

Parents can go into class any time between 1:30pm and 3:00pm on Wednesday 22nd May and look at their children's work and speak to Miss Williams. The class will be in there as well but this will be a lovely opportunity to see how your child works and interacts with their classmates. You do not have to stay for the whole afternoon! They will have their books by them so you can look through these if you wish.

A class picnic will take place on Thursday 23rd May from 1:20pm until 3:10pm on the grass. Year 3 parents are welcome to join their children.

Attendance

Reception – 86.97%

Year 1 – 93.33%

Year 2 – 90.42%

Year 3 – 88.33%

Year 4 – **95.42%**

Year 5 – 95.38%

Year 6 – 93.33%

Whole School – 91.89%

Well done to Year 4 who have achieved the highest attendance. However, you are below the magic 96% and so will not have extra play time this week.

If your child feels well, please send them to school. If they get up late for example, please send them into school. We would rather have them in school late than not at all.

Reading Lessons – Invite for Parents

Parents are invited to attend the following reading lessons to see how we teach reading.

Year 1 – 9:00-9:45am – Thursday 23rd May (This will be about the Year 1 phonics screening check.)

Year 2 – 9:00-9:45am – Wednesday 22nd May

Year 4 – 9:00-9:45am – Tuesday 21st May

Important Dates

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs (free breakfast club for all Year 6 children Monday to Thursday)
Tuesday 14th May – 9:30-11:30am – Year 5 at Villa Park
Tuesday 14th May – 2:45pm - Year 5's Mental Health Awareness assembly – families invited
Wednesday 15th May – Reception's trip to the Think Tank
Monday 20th May – 3:30-4:30pm – school disco organised by School Council (details to follow)
Friday 24th May – 9:00-10:30am – SEND parent coffee morning in the library

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June – Safety Week

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

Thursday 6th June – Reception trip to Adventure Farm

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

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

Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 SATs results are published

Tuesday 9th July – Written reports to parents are sent home

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

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

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

Friday 19th July – 3:20pm – Children break up for the summer holiday



Happy birthday to the following children:

Fazan – Year 1
Aisha – Year 5
Aiman – Year 3
Suwaydah – Year 5

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.

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 10th May

Reception – Mohammed Ali
Year 1 – Aisha
Year 2 – Yunes
Year 3 – Muwada
Year 4 – Fizah
Year 5 – Adam
Year 6 – Ibrahim

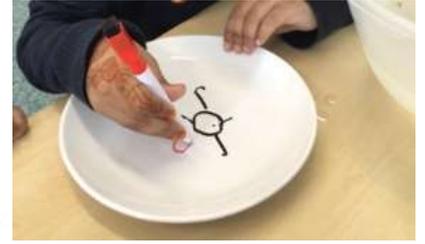
Times Tables Rockstars

Rayyan – Year 4
Mozhgan – Year 6
Balal – Year 6

Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

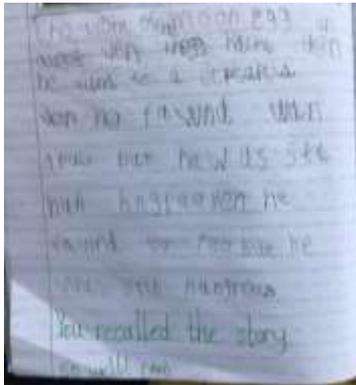
This week, we have carried out an experiment and observed how pigment from dry wipe pens, comes away from the alcohol to form a solid and float in the water. The children were very excited!



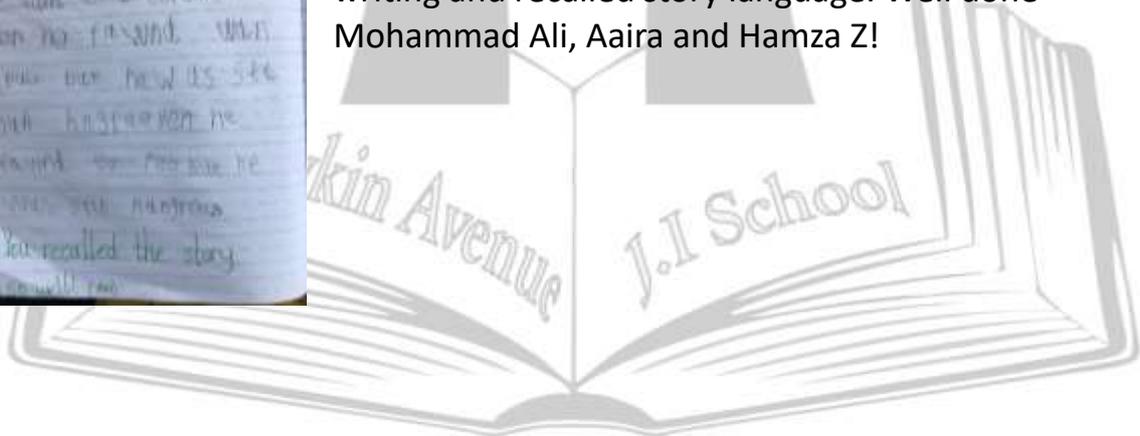
The marker leaves behind a mixture of pigments and a type of alcohol mixed together. The alcohol dissolves as we add water and the pigments are left behind as a solid. Glass is so smooth that the solid slides right off when it gets wet!

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/dry-erase/>

We are noticing patterns using shapes on our light table. We have created 2d shape pictures and discussed why we chose specific shapes, thus exploring their properties.



The children have completed some superb story writing and recalled story language. Well done Mohammad Ali, Aaira and Hamza Z!



Year 1

Year 1 have been helping with the search for Beegu the alien. They made missing posters with important information about Beegu. They were very excited to learn that Beegu's parents had seen their posters and that they had helped to find her. The children wrote as Beegu's parents to say how they felt once she had been found. Great work Year 1!



Year 2



This week, the children have been painting their clay pots in art.

The children have also been learning about John Cadbury and his delicious chocolate that's made at Bournville Village.



Year 3

In the last two weeks, Year 3 children explored ancient Egyptian scrolls. They learnt that they were made of papyrus and tried out a number of different techniques they could use on paper to make it look like Egyptian papyrus, such as tea staining, colour wash and mosaic. They created their own papyrus scrolls this week and showed incredible creativity.



Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic morning at Brookvale Academy and again were wonderfully behaved. Well done!



Year 5

This week, Year 5 developed their skills in maths lessons, using protractors to measure angles within shapes.

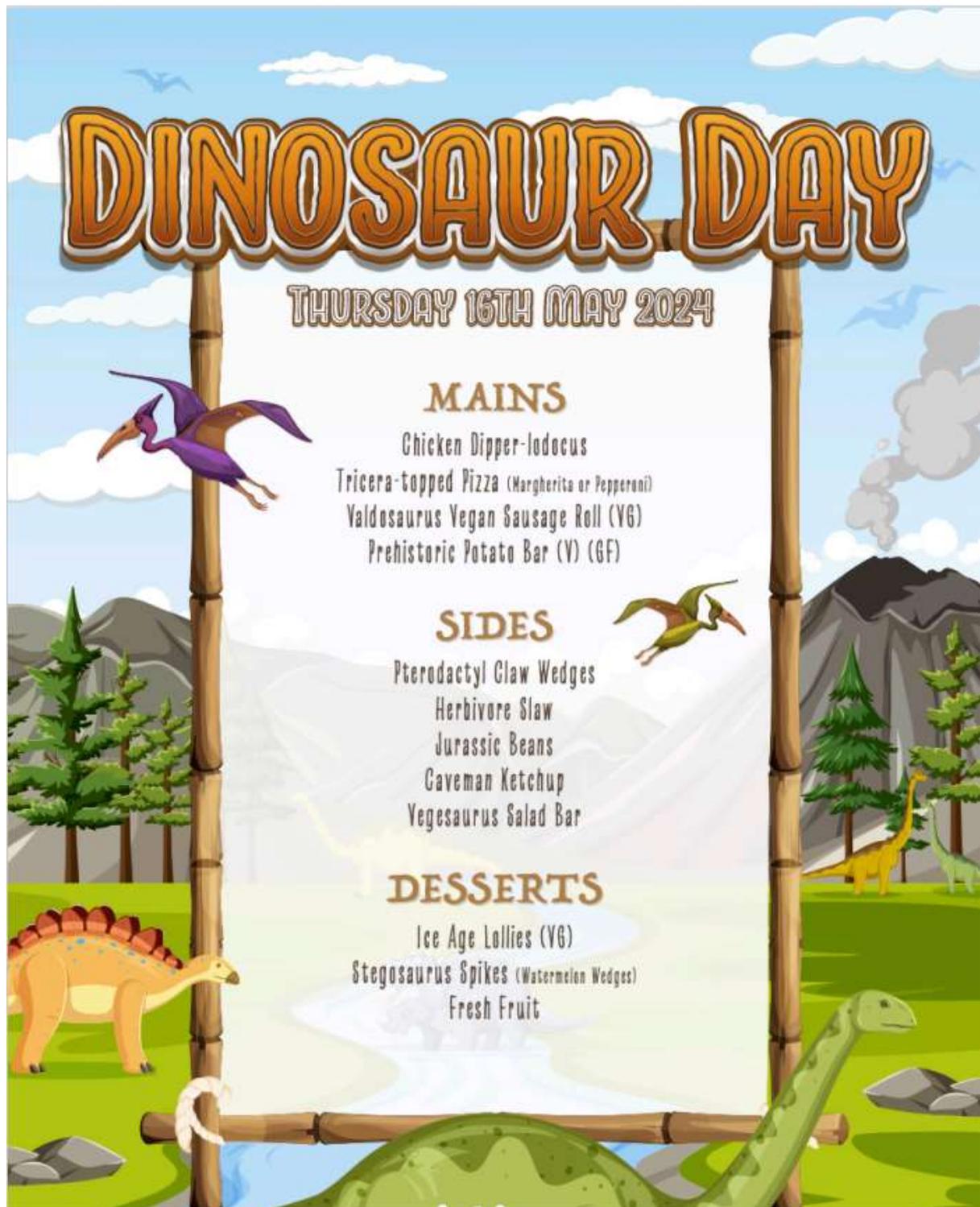
Year 6

For Year 6's PE lesson this week, the children were working on their problem-solving skills. They had to work on their listening, communication skills and collaborative skills.



In history, the children have been learning about how life was in Ancient Greece. They have independently researched the daily lifestyle of the people of Ancient Greece and created a non-chronological report.





Please order your children's meals from this amazing dinosaur selection!