



## Newsletter: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Families

I would like to say a huge 'Well done!' again to the children in Year 5. 15 of them have managed to progress to the big swimming pool. They could put their heads under the water and swim without floats or armbands. WELL DONE!

Another 'Well done' again goes to Year 5 who visited Villa Park on Tuesday and took part in some activities led by university students who were being assessed by their tutors. Gary, who organised this, emailed me after to say that just like the Year 4 children, the Year 5 children were a credit to Deykin Avenue. Year 5, Mr Downes and I are very proud of you.

Our book fair starts on Monday and Mrs Nehar will be in the library after school each day (except Wednesdays) for the next two weeks. Please come along and view the books on offer. There will be lots there to encourage your children to find books they are interested in reading. I love reading and really hope your children can buy one book that grabs their interest. There is nothing more enjoyable than losing yourself in a book. Fiction and non-fiction books are a great way to support children to use their imagination or learn about the world.

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

**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 all children

There may be one more training day where we will close to children. I am waiting for confirmation from ATLP.

### Election Day

We have been informed that our school will be used for voting for the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Combined Authority Mayoral Elections on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**. School will be closed on this day to all children.

### 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.

**Year 4 - weeks beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 4 will have a 45 minute lesson each afternoon.

### Attendance

Reception – 86.9%

Year 1 – 90.33%

Year 2 – 88.67%

Year 3 – 91.48%

Year 4 – 88.33%

Year 5 – **94.83%**

Year 6 – 90.67%

Whole School – 90.01%

**Well done to Year 5 who have achieved the highest attendance for last week. However, you are below the magic 96% and so will not have extra play time this week.**

**We have a sickness bug in school at the moment. If your child vomits, please keep them at home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting. If they have diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea. When children come to school too soon, the bug then passes round to other children and/or staff. We want good attendance, but we want children who are fit enough to be in school. Thank you.**

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> May (This will be about the Year 1 phonics screening check.)

Year 2 – To be confirmed

Year 3 – 9:00-9:45am – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Year 4 – 9:00-9:45am – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May (This has changed from last week's newsletter.)

Year 5 – 9:00-9:45am – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 – 9:00-9:45am - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

### Important Dates

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday – school is closed

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – 9:30-11:30am – Year 4 at Brookvale Academy

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – 9:30-11:30am – Year 5 at Villa Park

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – 2:45pm - Year 5's Mental Health Awareness assembly – families invited

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Reception's trip to the Think Tank

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – 8:00-8:30am – SEND parent coffee morning

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Safety Week

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication check

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics check assessments for Year 1 and retakes in Year 2

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception trip to Adventure Farm

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – 9:00am – Year 1's Father's Day assembly – families invited

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 at Aston Olympics all day -no charge to families

**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

**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

**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

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



Happy birthday to the following children:

Anayah – Year 4  
Huzaifah – Year 3  
Zohaib – Year 1  
Tasmia – 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 Miss Williams

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 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Reception – Heavenly  
Year 1 – Zohaib  
Year 2 – Ike  
Year 3 – Anaya  
Year 4 – Azaan  
Year 5 – Idris  
Year 6 – Alvin

#### **Times Tables Rockstars**

Mahiya – Year 3  
Zara – Year 4  
Ishaaq – Year 5



# Snapshots of the Week!

## Reception

In Reception, we have been learning about minibeasts in the rainforests, such as the Amazon Rainforest. We discussed features of a rainforest and found out some interesting facts about the minibeasts that live there. For example, the blue morpho butterfly have scales that reflect light!



We have explored fun and engaging activities linked to minibeasts, such as counting as many minibeasts before the timer runs out and rescuing them from a construction site. We also painted various minibeasts and enjoyed describing them for morning tasks, where we wrote sentences about them. For maths, we have been exploring addition within 10 and used objects and number sentences.

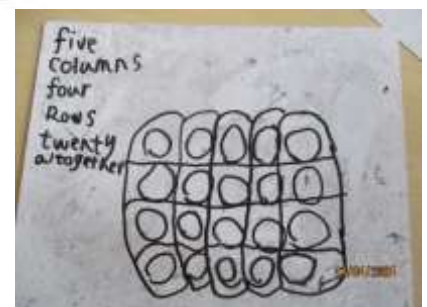


## Year 1

Year 1 have been busy this week. On Monday we were using our sense of taste to try different foods. Orange marmalade was very popular but not many children liked Marmite!



We were also looking at making arrays and had to be sure that we had equal amounts in each row and column.



## Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week this week improving their writing and maths skills.

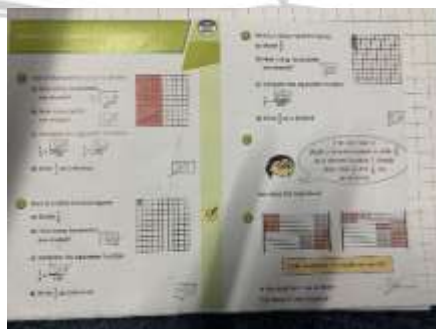
## Year 3

This week, Year 3 children had a trip to Aston Hall. We learned about Sir Thomas Holte who resided in Aston Hall more than 400 years ago. The children enjoyed exploring Sir Holte's household and learning about life in the 1600s as part of our local history study.



## Year 4

We have been using Topmarks to practise our multiplication online and using our knowledge of timestables in our work about decimal places.







We will be holding the book fair in the library from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April to May 13<sup>th</sup> on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. (Not Wednesdays due to meetings)**

**This will be from 3.20pm to 4pm.**

Please do come and have a look, as there will be a range on stimulating books and stationery.

Cash payments will be accepted and I can support parents to pay with card using smartphones or tablet.

Thank you.

Mrs Nehar

