



Newsletter: 21st April 2024

Dear Families

I would like to say a huge 'Well done!' to the children in Year 5 as there were quite a few nerves about going swimming again. However, they got in the water, listened carefully to instructions and are already making progress. Being active in the water for 45mins has not tired them out though; they are very chatty on the coach journey back to school!

Another 'Well done' goes to Year 4 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 the children were a credit to Deykin Avenue and very well behaved. The Aston Villa staff also commented on their behaviour. Year 4, Miss Moore and I are very proud of you.

We are having a lot of children in Years 3 to 6 bringing in crisps and bars of chocolates to eat at play time. Please send them to school with a healthier snack.

Finally, if your child has access to a device (mobile phone, tablet, laptop, etc) and is able to watch You Tube, please monitor what they are watching. We have had some children using very inappropriate language after watching videos on You Tube. Whilst there are some cartoons and child friendly videos available, the children can access unsuitable content unless you have parental filters set.

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

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.

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 2nd May 2024**. School will be closed on this day to all children.

Swimming

Children in Years 4 and 5 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 5 – weeks beginning Monday 15th April and Monday 22nd April

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

Both classes will have a 45 minute lesson each afternoon.

Attendance

Reception – 78.57%

Year 1 – 90.3%

Year 2 – 93%

Year 3 – 80%

Year 4 – **96.33%**

Year 5 – 92.1%

Year 6 – 93.67%

Whole School – 89.1%

Well done to Year 4 who have achieved the highest attendance for last week. You are above the magic 96% and can have 5mins extra play time each day this week.

If your child is well, please make sure they come into school. We would rather them be in school late than not at all.

Thank you.

PE Lessons

Please see PE days below for each class. Children need to come to school on these days in their PE kits.

Please do not send them in wearing jeans. Thank you.

Reception – Fridays

Year 1 – Wednesdays (1 lesson in the morning and 1 lesson in the afternoon)

Year 2 – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 3 – Thursdays and Fridays

Year 4 – Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 5 – Mondays and Thursdays

Year 6 – Mondays and Thursdays

Important Dates

Tuesday 23rd April – 9:30-11:30am - Year 5 at Villa Park

Thursday 25^h April – Year 3 trip to Aston Hall (The wrong date was written in the newsletter last week.)

Monday 6th May – Bank holiday – school is closed

Tuesday 7th May – 9:30-11:30am – Year 4 at Brookvale Academy

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 14th May – 9:30-11:30am – Year 5 at Villa Park

Tuesday 14th May – 2:45pm - Year 5's Mental Health Awareness assemblies – families invited

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

Thursday 6th June – Reception trip to Adventure Farm

Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 SATs results are published

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

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



Happy birthday to the following children:

Chioma – Year 4

Miley – Year 3

Rehan – Year 6

Alvin – Year 6

Saba – Year 6

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.

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 – To be confirmed

Year 3 – 9:00-9:45am – Monday 29th April

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

Year 5 – To be confirmed

Year 6 – To be confirmed (The date has had to be changed from last week's newsletter.)

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 19th April

Reception – Uriel

Year 1 – Awwab

Year 2 – Wassim

Year 3 – Ahmad

Year 4 – Rayyan

Year 5 – Abdalla, Adam and Atisam

Year 6 – Mozghan

Times Tables Rockstars

Zoya – Year 3

Aaryan – Year 4

Mariya – Year 5

Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

Minibeast junk modelling:

In Reception, we have been creating junk modelling minibeasts and have enjoyed learning about their various habitats. We have been practising some key vocabulary such as insects, habitat and metamorphosis!



In literacy, we have been reading Supermarket Zoo and role playing our own supermarket and practised our fine motor skills by scooping pretend food at the deli.

We have also created daily routine maps by drawing pictures and labelling what we do each day and how to get ready to go shopping.

Year 1

Year 1 have been following algorithms in computing this week. They had to follow instructions and see if they got to the same point as everyone else. We had a bit of confusion between left and right so we had to do some debugging of our following of the instructions. Lots more fun to come with algorithms!

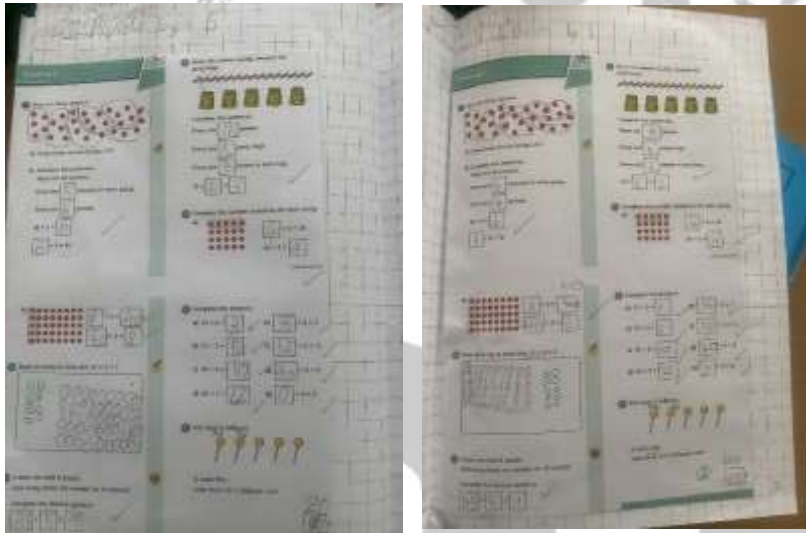


Year 2

In English, we have been using adjectives and verbs in our writing.



In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10.



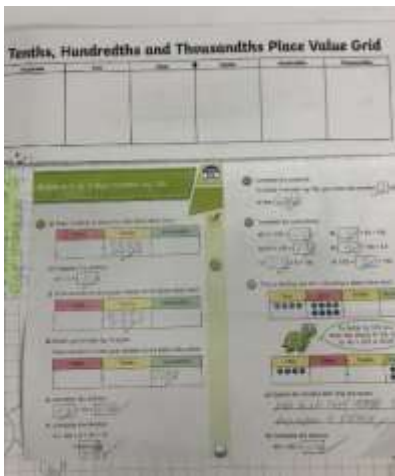
Year 3

We started athletics in PE lessons and the children practised underarm throws this week. They learnt how to transfer weight forwards as the arm swings through from the back to the front to release the object. The children particularly enjoyed playing noughts and crosses with bean bags.



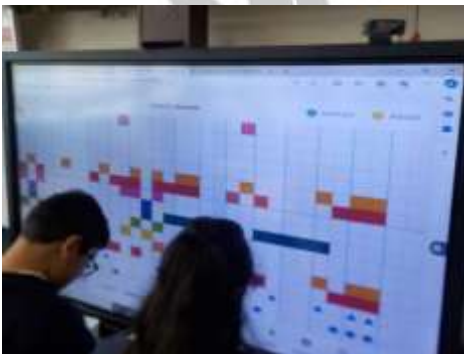
Year 4

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard to understand decimal places.



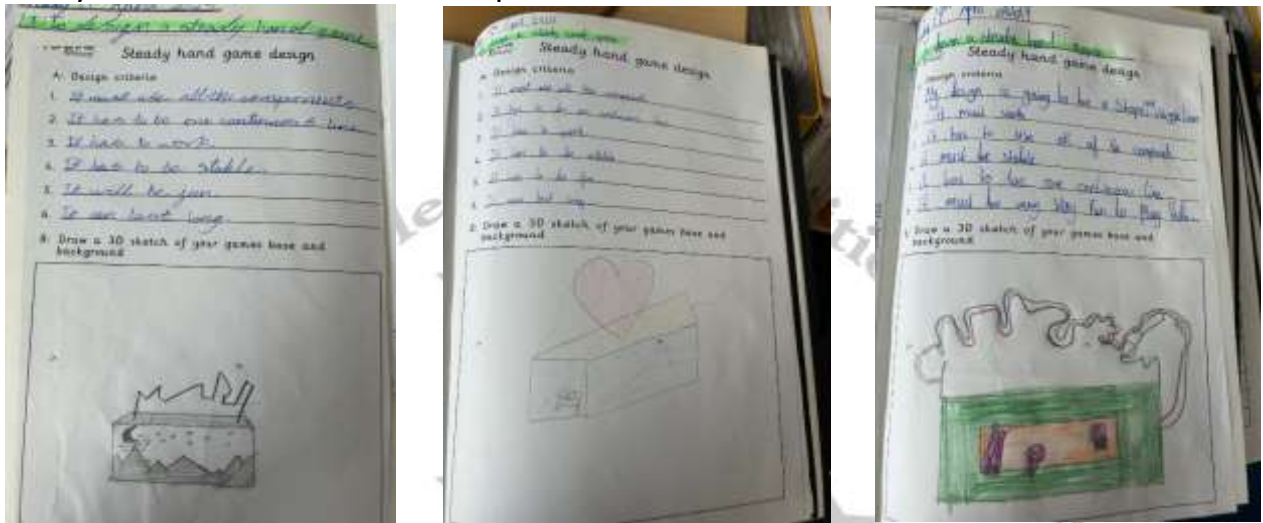
Year 5

This week, the children in Year 5 were using Chrome music lab on the iPads. They were using digital notes and instruments to create their own tunes.



Year 6

In design and technology, Year 6 have been designing a steady hand game ready to make over the next couple of weeks.



Year 6 have also been scientists. They were investigating how a shadow can be manipulated by changing the positioning of the light source. They explored what happens to a shadow when the light was moved closer towards the object and what happened when it was moved further away as well as from different angles.



We will be having the book fair in school from Monday 29th April until Monday 13th May 2024.

This will be an exciting opportunity to buy engaging and stimulating books, as well as stationery items.

Payment options include cash and there is also an option to pay online using a QR code, which can be done on phones. I will help parents with payments at the fair so please do come and have a look.

I will be selling books after school every day from 29th April till the 13th May 2024 in the library.

We hope to see you there!

Thank you.

Mrs Nehar

