



Newsletter: 14th April 2024

Dear Families

We have had a very busy first week back in school. I hope all families who celebrated Eid had a lovely time. Your children have shared the wonderful things they did with you. I have told the children that we will have an Eid party after Eid al-Adha in June. Something to look forward to towards the end of the summer term.

Just a reminder that Mrs Baxter does not work Fridays. She works Mondays to Thursday between 8am and 3pm so if you need to speak to her, please contact her during these hours.

Year 5 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 Downes will stay with the boys in the changing rooms and I (or Mrs Whitehouse on days I can't go) will do the same with the girls. They are assessed by the swimming teacher 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.

Year 5 need to wear their school uniform tomorrow as they will not have PE in the morning.

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 – 70.36%

Year 1 – **75.67%**

Year 2 – 70%

Year 3 – 66.67%

Year 4 – 72.91%

Year 5 – 69.66%

Year 6 – 72.67%

Whole School – 71.15%

Well done to Year 1 who have achieved the highest attendance for last week. It is below 96% but because most of the absences were due to Eid, you can still have your 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

Monday 15th April – 9:30-11:30am – Year 4 at Villa Park
Tuesday 23rd April – 9:30-11:30am - Year 5 at Villa Park
Wednesday 24th April – Year 3 trip to Aston Hall
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

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:

Jaspreet – Year 5
Raihan – Year 2
Pedro – 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 7th May
Year 5 – To be confirmed
Year 6 – 9:00-9:45am – Monday 22nd April

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 12th April

Reception – Fausta
Year 1 – Logan
Year 2 – Sharon
Year 3 – Hareem
Year 4 – Cristina
Year 5 – Abdalla
Year 6 – Molly

Times Tables Rockstars

Emaad – Year 3
Aleena – Year 4
Nuwayra – Year 5

Snapshots of the Week!

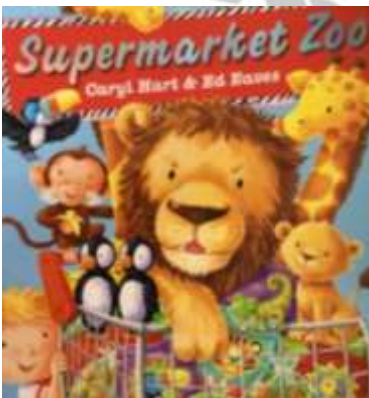
Reception

Minibeast hunt!

This term, our topic is Mini Beasts. We searched for various minibeasts in the grass area and used our garden tools. We discussed their features and habitats and were very excited to share our findings with our friends.



We are reading a new story called *Supermarket Zoo*. We have enjoyed reading the story together and had our very own supermarket in class where we enjoyed role playing as a customer and shop assistant! We wrote shopping lists too.



Year 1

Year 1 had a go at becoming poets this week. They changed the words to the poem Monday's Child to include different feelings and actions. Some of the ideas included eating too much cake and having a tummy ache and going to the park and being afraid of the dark. They thought really carefully to find rhyming words and remember the pattern of the original poem.

Year 2

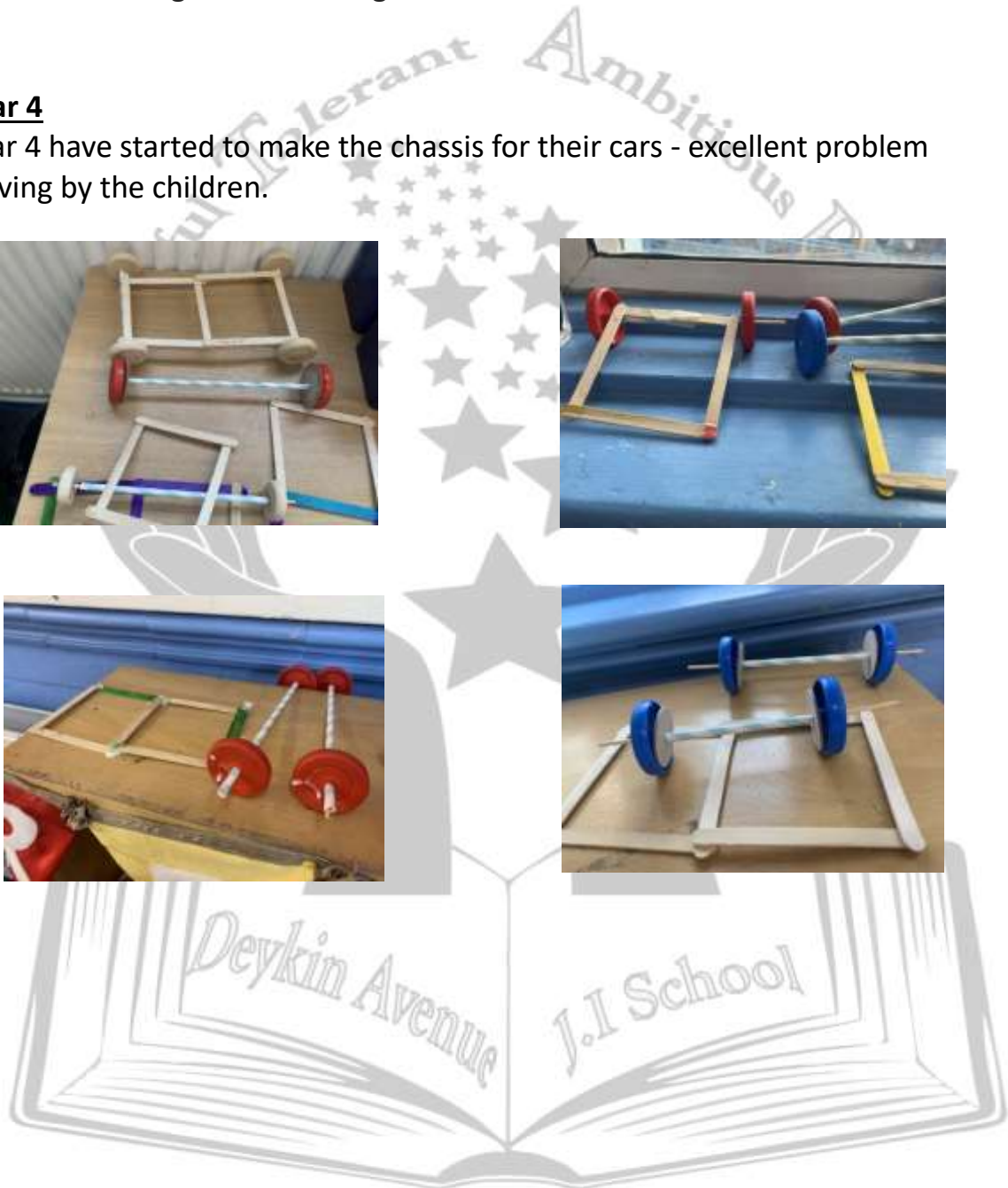
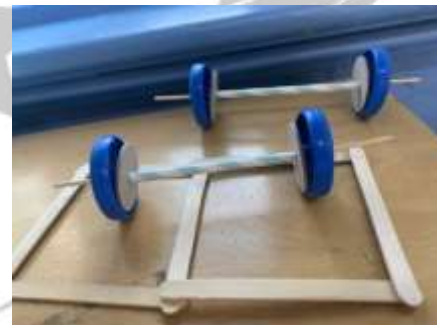
Year 2 returned to school ready to learn and were very excited when sharing their Eid celebrations.

Year 3

Year 3 children enjoyed learning about capacity and volume in maths lessons. They measured the capacity of a cup and practised reading scales on a measuring jug. All children could tell how many millilitres there are in a litre and even had a go at converting the measurements.

Year 4

Year 4 have started to make the chassis for their cars - excellent problem solving by the children.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been reflecting on our Eid celebrations and the love and kindness that we all should show to others. We created chalk messages outside for everyone to see.



Year 6



Eid Mubarak to everyone celebrating. Year 6 enjoyed making Eid Mubarak cards for their loved ones.



In RHE the children were learning all about vaccinations and how it works, the benefits and side effects.

