



Newsletter: 1st October 2023

Dear families

What a great week we have had at Deykin! It has been a pleasure to see children showing politeness, kindness and friendship with each other and staff. So many children have asked me how my day is going, which is delightful!

Mrs Lambert delivered an inspiring assembly this week, all about having **AMBITION**. We want all of our children to be successful in school and beyond and having high expectations of themselves is a great start to that.

A gentle reminder to park safely when dropping off / picking up. We will continue taking photos and sending them to the council if cars are parked illegally, causing risk to our children. CCTV vans will also be patrolling the area.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a great week ahead.

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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 a medical 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.
- 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

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 - Friday 3rd November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 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 27th October 2023

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Jasmin – Year 5 Aiza – Year 2
Mariyam – Year 3
Jessica – Year 1
Sumaila – Year 1

English Workshops

Reception – Monday 2nd October - 9-10am
Year 1 – Tuesday 10th October – 9-10am
Year 2 – Thursday 26th October – 9-10am
Year 3 – Wednesday 4th October – 2:20-3:20pm
Year 4 – Friday 13th October – 9-10am
Year 5 – Tuesday 24th October – 9-10am
Year 6 – Monday 25th September – 9-10am

Important Dates

Monday 2nd October – 9-10am - Rebecca Jennings in for a parent workshop for Y5 & Y6 parents re puberty talks (in the library)

Tuesday 3rd October – Year 3 Parent consultation meetings (held in the library)

Thursday 5th October – a free activity day from sportscool.org – Rec to Year 2 – 30 min session each of yoga and mindfulness, Years 3 to 6 – 30 min session each of fencing.

Monday 9th October – Rebecca Jennings in all day delivering Y5 & Y6 puberty talks

Tuesday 10th October – 9am - Year 4 Harvest assembly – Year 4 parents welcome

Thursday 12th October – 1:15pm - Rebecca Jennings delivering baby talks in Y6 (parental consent needed)

Wednesday 25th October – Parent consultation meetings – details to be confirmed and sent to you

Friday 27th October – Staff training day – children do not attend school

Attendance last week

Reception – 86.52%

Year 1 – 90.33%

Year 2 – 92.33%

Year 3 – 96.67%

Year 4 – 97.33%

Year 5 – 95%

Year 6 – 92.76%

Most classes have improved their attendance – WELL DONE. If your child is well, please send them to school. If your child keeps being unwell, please speak to Mrs Baxter and she can arrange for the school nurse to meet with you to discuss your child's health needs.

Well done to Year 3 and Year 4, who both achieved more than our target 96% last week. Year 4 were the winners so will receive extra playtime this week. CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 4!!

Dolce - Lunches

Please remember to book your child's lunch using the School Grid app/website. If your child has a lunch but it has not been ordered, they will be offered a jacket potato and many children do not like this option.

It is very easy to order your child's meals. You can order them every day, for a whole week or even for a term. If your child is entitled to free school meals, it really is worth ordering them as they will receive a hot meal. If you pay for your child's meal, you can either set up a direct debit to pay, or pay an amount of your choice and then keep topping up as you run out of credit.

If you are having problems with using the School Grid (the app/website used by Dolce), please see Mrs Sayed or Mrs Dargan and they can support you and show you what to do.

Keeping in Touch with your Governors

We are a proud group of 6 Governors from your school who are very interested in the education that is provided to give your children the best opportunities whilst at Deykin Avenue. We support and ask questions to the staff and school leaders to make sure this education is in line with national expectations.

You can support this too by helping your children to be the best they can be. Your children need to be in school to get the most of their daily learning. Every day that they are in school means that they learn more, share more and enjoy being with their friends. You can support us by listening to your children read, talk to them about their day and help with their homework tasks. We need all our parents to be part of Deykin Avenue; we are a family and together we can really make a difference.

If you want to contact me, Jane Mason, Chair of Governors, this can be done through the school office.

TT Rockstars

Miss Williams has taken over leading mathematics in school. She has some wonderful ideas how to encourage children to practise their times tables.

She will be putting a message on Dojo this week explaining how TT Rockstars can be used to improve children's knowledge of the multiplication tables, and her ideas for encouraging children to play it.

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



Merit Assembly

Finally, 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 29th September 2023

Reception – Ayana

Year 1 – Maya

Year 2 – Sharon

Year 3 – Yahya and Mariyam

Year 4 – Azaan

Year 5 – Ariana

Year 6 – Caleb and Shayuri

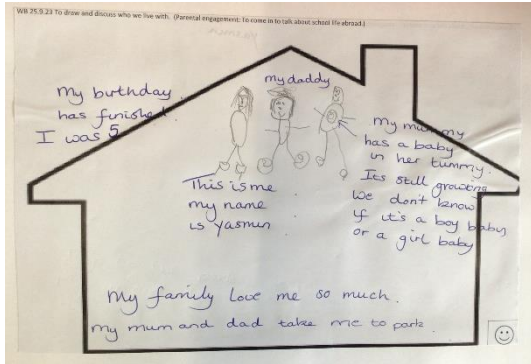
Also well done to - Riyaan (Year 4), Ahmed (Year 5) and Rehan (Year 6) for being the Times Tables Rockstar winners of the week!



Snapshots of the Week!

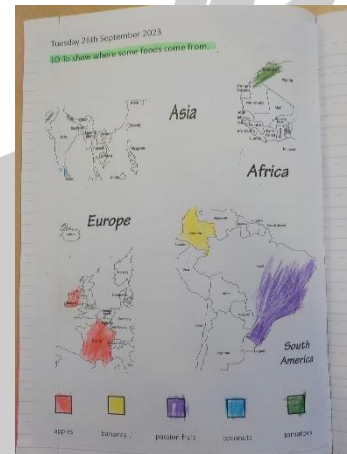
Reception

We have been busy learning our sounds and playing Phonic games. We are also exploring our number and shape of the week, each week.



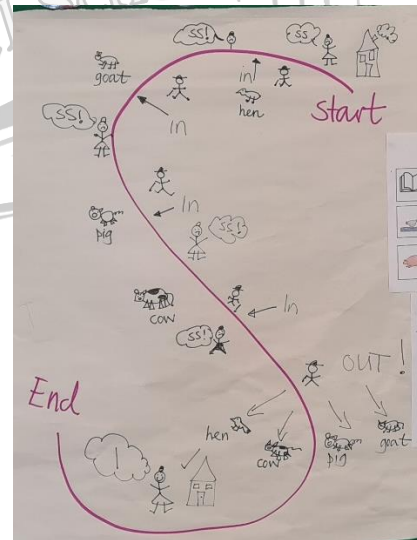
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In Geography, Year 1 have been learning about where some of our food is imported from. We looked at a globe to find some of the different countries and then coloured them in on a map with a key to show where each food comes from.



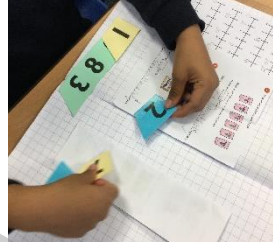
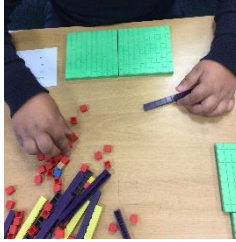
Year 2

This week in English lessons, Year 2 have been internalising the story; 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 children mastered partitioning 3-digit numbers. They explored a range of practical ways of partitioning the number, such as arrow cards and base 10. All children enjoyed the activities and tried their best.



Year 4

In Year 4 we have been looking at flexible partitioning! Children used base tens and ones to explore different ways of partitioning a number.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have continued to explore our class book – ‘Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone’. To help us predict what happens next and then to support us to write the next part of the story, we have carried out roleplays. Some great ideas and acting skills have been shown.



Year 6

Year 6 had their English workshop this week where they have been focussing on their reading comprehension skills such as inference, summarising and predicting.

