



Newsletter: 10th March 2024

Dear Families

I had a lovely day on Tuesday spending time in each class.

- In Reception, the children showed me the chicks that had hatched and told me what the incubator was for.
- During maths, Year 1 could explain which objects were longer, taller or shorter than other objects.
- Year 2 were busy learning about suffixes and showed me words that used _ed (eg, play – played).
- Year 3 were writing descriptions and asked me to suggest a fronted adverbial they could use in their writing. (I wasn't expecting to have to work in there!)
- Year 4 were writing in the first person as Hermia from William Shakespeare's, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
- Year 5 were writing a school report for Matilda from the perspective of Miss Trunchball and Miss Honey. (They really don't like Miss Trunchball!)
- I read a few questions to Year 6 who were doing a SPAG SATs paper.

It was lovely to sit with the children and have them show me their work. So many were rightly proud of their work and I saw lots of examples of lovely handwriting. They could talk about their learning and were not shy about giving me their books to look at! Well done, children. We are all very proud of you.

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.
- Finally, please send your child to school with a water bottle. Many children are not bringing them and we do not have many cups we can use.

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

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

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.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Rayyan – Year 4
Aaira – Reception
Mahdi – Year 3
Nafisa – Year 1
Hamna – Year 4
Cristina – Year 4
Walid – Year 5
Huzaifah – Year 6
George – Reception
Aston – Year 4

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 – 88.4%
Year 1 – 90.34%
Year 2 – 96.33%
Year 3 – 97.24%
Year 4 – 95.02%
Year 5 – 90.69%
Year 6 – 94%

Whole School – 93.24%

Well done to Year 3 who had the best attendance last week. You will receive an extra 5 minutes playtime each day as you were above the magic 96%!

A big well done to Year 2 as well who also passed the magic 96%.

If your child is late for school, please send them in as soon as possible. We would much rather children come to school late than not come to school 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 11th March – 9am – Reception’s Mother’s Day Assembly – families invited
Wednesday 13th March – 9am to 3:30pm – Y2’s Parent consultation meetings only
Wednesday 20th March – Parent consultation meetings (all classes except Year 2)
Thursday 21st March – 9am – Star of the Term/Attendance/Behaviour awards – families invited
Thursday 21st March – 2:50pm – Aston Churches Easter Assembly – families invited
Thursday 21st March – Parent consultation meetings (all classes except Year 2)
Friday 22nd March – 2:00-4:00pm – Y6’s Parent consultation meetings
Friday 22nd March – 3:20pm - break up for the Easter holiday

Maths Lessons – Parents/Carers Invited

Year 1 – Monday 11th March – 9:45-10:45am (after Reception’s Mother’s Day assembly)
Year 2 – Thursday 14th March – 9:45-10:45am
Year 6 – Wednesday 13th March – 10:00-11:00am

Chicks!

Three of the eggs in Reception have now hatched. They are cute little bundles of feathers!



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 8th March

Reception – George
Year 1 – Avram
Year 2 – Affan and Zayn
Year 3 – Bilal
Year 4 – Anaya
Year 5 – Adebukola and Damian
Year 6 – Hafsa

Times Tables Rockstars

Azaan – Year 4
Mariya – Year 5
Balal – Year 6

World Book Day 7.3.24

Thank you to Mrs Lambert for reading first edition books such as 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'The Wind in the Willows.' This was a special and once in a lifetime experience!

Also, a big thank you to Years 5 and 6 for coming to read with Reception children. They absolutely loved it and it will be one of our fondest memories of this year looking back, hopefully, for many years to come!

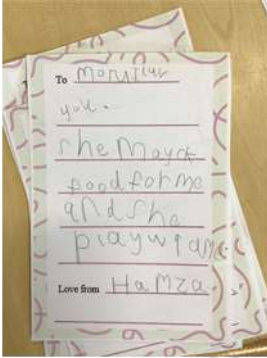
Thank you to everyone who joined in with celebrating World Book Day by wearing pyjamas or costumes of characters.



Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

In maths, we have been exploring bonds to 10 using numicon shapes. Well done! Children have also produced some lovely writing pieces that has blown us away!



We made 3d sculptures using clay.



Year 1

Year 1 went to Waterstones bookstore on Thursday to use our World Book Day vouchers. We had a lovely ride there and back on the train and the children seemed very happy with their book choices. We even treated ourselves to a new class book; we do enjoy a Supertato story!



Year 2

All the children in Year 2 have enjoyed World Book Day. They produced some great book reviews about their favourite characters. It was great to see the children being so creative.



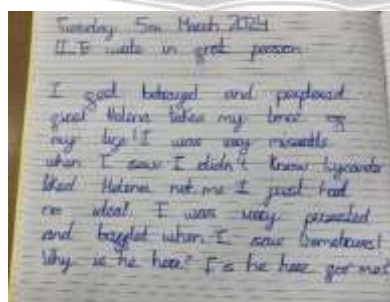
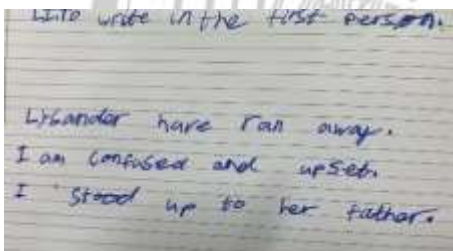
Year 3

This week, the children debated the advantages and disadvantages of being a child in Victorian Britain. Both teams presented their arguments clearly and justified their opinions with facts they had learnt in our history lessons.



Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at a book version of 'A Midsummer's Night Dream'. We looked at the character, Hermia, and wrote as if we were her.



Year 5

This week in RE, Year 5 have been learning about helping and supporting those who are struggling and finding things difficult. We read the Buddhist story of 'Kisa Gotami and the Mustard Seed' and then discussed how we could help people in need.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 celebrated World Book Day by choosing their favourite bedtime story and reading it to Reception. The children really enjoyed this opportunity!





DECORATED EGG COMPETITION

FREE

Design your own Easter egg for a chance to win a prize!

Decorate a hard-boiled egg at home and bring it to school on Wednesday 20th March 2024.

EASTER RAFFLE

50p

Win a giant Easter egg or Lindt Bunny Family Hutch!

Last day to enter – Wednesday 20th March 2024.



EGG HUNT

50p

Meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for chocolate eggs and bunnies on Thursday 21st March!

You can order a laminated photo with the Easter Bunny for 50p.

Last day to enter – Wednesday 20th March 2024.

EASTER GIFTS

£1

Give a wonderful gift to your loves ones – a keyring with your photo and a message!

Last day to order – Friday 15th March 2024.

