



Newsletter: 15th October 2023

Dear Families

It is so lovely to be back at school! Thank you for your messages. Many children have been so considerate and asked me if I was okay and if my knee is better. It is still tender but feels much better. It has been so refreshing to see how kind our children are and caring towards others. They are a credit to you.

I have enjoyed looking at the work the children have been doing in each class. I think it is important for you, as families, to see what your children are learning.

I have been told that Year 4's Harvest assembly went well and lots of food was collected to hand out to the elderly in our community and a local food bank. Thank you. Your kindness has helped others.

Teachers have had lots of parents attending their workshops. I hope you have found these useful and given you an insight as to how you can help your children at home. After half term, we will notify you when the maths workshops are and hope you can attend these as well.

Finally, please help your children to be prepared for their PE lessons each week. Jeans and dresses are NOT appropriate. We will ring and ask you to bring appropriate clothes if inappropriate clothing is worn. Thank 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.

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:

Bianca – Year 3

Divine – Year 4

English Workshops

Year 2 – Thursday 26th October – 9-10am

Year 5 – Tuesday 24th October – 9-10am

Important Dates

Monday 23rd October – 9:00am - Black History Assemblies for Years 6 and 3 – families invited

Tuesday 24th October – 9:00am - Black History Assemblies for Years 5 and 2 – families invited

Wednesday 25th October – 9:00am - Black History Assemblies for Years 4 and 1 – families invited

Wednesday 25th October – Parent consultation meetings

Thursday 26th October – Children break up for the half term holiday

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

Monday 6th November – Children return to school after the half term holiday

Friday 10th November – Remembrance assembly in the hall – 2 minute silence at 11am (all staff and children)

Week beginning Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week 'Make a noise about bullying' – details to follow

Friday 17th November – Children In Need – details to follow

Monday 20th November – Year 3's Diwali assembly – families invited (details to follow)

Thursday 7th December – Christmas jumper day (Save The Children charity) details to follow

Attendance

Reception – 92.5%

Year 1 – 83%

Year 2 – 97%

Year 3 – 95%

Year 4 – 98.28%

Year 5 – 92.67%

Year 6 – 94%

Some classes have increased their attendance, whilst others have seen their attendance drop. 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 4. An extra 5 minutes play time each day this week for them!

Year 2, you were very close runners up.

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.

Safeguarding

Please be aware of films or TV programmes your child may be watching. We have had incidents of young children watching horror films and talking about them to their teachers and classmates. These films are for children aged 15 and older and certainly not appropriate for any child in our school.

Please also be aware of what your children are watching when using tablets or other devices. Unless you have parental controls set on your devices, your children may start off watching age-appropriate videos, but this can change if they click on pop-ups and begin to watch inappropriate videos/clips for their age.

If you would like support to put parental controls on devices, please let Mrs Brewer or Mr Gunchala know and we can arrange a workshop to help you do this.

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.



Merit Assembly

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 6th October

Reception – Rizwan

Year 1 – Nafisa

Year 2 – Affan

Year 3 – Aiman

Year 4 – (English workshop so merit will be next week)

Year 5 – Zainab

Year 6 – Tarek

TT Rockstars Winners

Hamna – Year 5

Connor – Year 4

Mikayla – Year 3



Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

In Reception, we have been discussing features of Autumn and created lovely pictures of animals we see during Autumn time. We have also been learning about the artist, Hanoch Piven, who created fun self-portraits using a variety of resources.

We have made great progress with phonics and have learnt many sounds.

We have also discussed the capacity of various containers and used language such as 'full', 'half full' and 'empty' to describe them.

Keep up the great work, Reception!

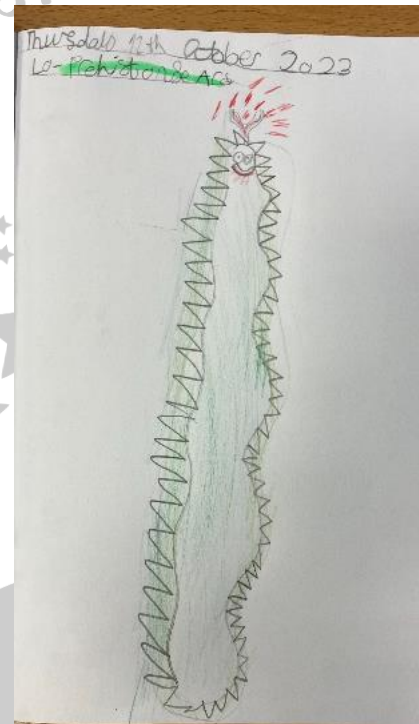
Year 1

In Year 1, we painted pictures in the style of Jasper Johns. We looked at mixing primary colours to make secondary colours.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 children explored prehistoric art. They learnt to describe the patterns, colours and textures in the images and enjoyed drawing their own prehistoric animals.



Year 4

Year 4 led the Harvest assembly last week and did a fantastic job!



