



Newsletter: 17th March 2024

Dear Families

One more week to go until the Easter holiday. Hopefully, the weather will improve and we can spend a bit more time outdoors.

Our final week is sure to be filled with lots of exciting events kindly organised by Miss Williams. There is an Easter Egg hunt, raffle and I have been told the Easter Bunny is paying us a visit to have photos taken with children who choose to have one! Children can also bring in a decorated hard-boiled egg, and winners will be announced in Friday's assembly. The raffle will also be drawn during this assembly.

We hope you can join us for our Star of the Term assembly on Thursday where will be celebrating our children's achievements this term.

Please remember parent consultation meetings are being held this week. Thank you to the parents who attended Year 2's meetings last year; I hope you found these useful. The teachers have 10mins allocated for each meeting and are looking forward to sharing with you all the wonderful things your children have achieved so far, and what school and home can do to support them further.

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.

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 – 86.69%

Year 1 – 82.61%

Year 2 – 91%

Year 3 – 88.67%

Year 4 – 90%

Year 5 – 94.48%

Year 6 – 85%

Whole School – 88.34%

We were hit by a nasty sickness bug last week. Several children came into school and were sent home after becoming unwell. If your child vomits, please keep them at home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting. This will help to prevent the bug from spreading in school. Please support your children and encourage them to wash their hands regularly, particularly before eating and after using the toilet. Thank you.

Well done to Year 5 who had the best attendance last week. Normally, you would not have an extra 5mins play time each day as it is below 96%. However, we will make an exception this week due to the bug we currently have in school so 5mins extra play time for you next week.

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 18th March – Year 5's visit to the Think Tank

Tuesday 19th March – 3:30pm – Year 6 parent meeting re Condover Hall residential

Wednesday 20th March – Year 6 walk around the local area

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

Monday 8th April – Children return to school

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



Happy birthday to the following children:

Isra – Year 2

Kewther – Year 4

Zaid – Year 5

Caleb – Year 6

Zoya – Year 6

Rameen – Reception

Azaan – Year 6

Affan – Year 2

Mujtaba – Year 6

Sengamo – Year 1

Maida – Reception

Maya – Year 1

Muskaan – Year 2

Bilal – Year 3

Hafsa – Year 6

Anas – Year 4

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 15th March

Reception – Samaritanca

Year 1 – Sumaila

Year 2 – Hassan

Year 3 – Huzaifah

Year 4 – Anas

Year 5 – Ameen

Year 6 – Aaeliya

Times Tables Rockstars

Rayyan – Year 4

Ahmed – Year 5

Rehan – Year 6

Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

This week, Reception children have been learning all about Easter and creating Easter cards, crafts, eggs and baskets. We have learnt the story behind the Easter celebration and understood the importance of this celebration for Christians.

In literacy, we have continued to write our story 'Monstersaurus' and have rehearsed and recalled some impressive new vocabulary, such as 'inventing, berserk, measly, mouldy, swampy, slimy, fizzing mix, scarpered' and much more. We are getting really good at applying our phonic knowledge to write our story - well done children.



Inventor



berserk



Slime



Preferably



mouldy



Year 1

Year 1 have worked really hard to re-tell the story of Prince Cinders this week. There has been lots of concentration and focus from the children and their recall of the story was fantastic! Lots of children remembered vocabulary from the story such as proposed and proclamation - very impressive! We also gave the story a 5 star class review, finding the spell mix ups the funniest part.

Year 2

In Year 2, the children have been learning about people who are special in their lives. We have called them VIP's because they are "Very Important People," Great work Year 2!



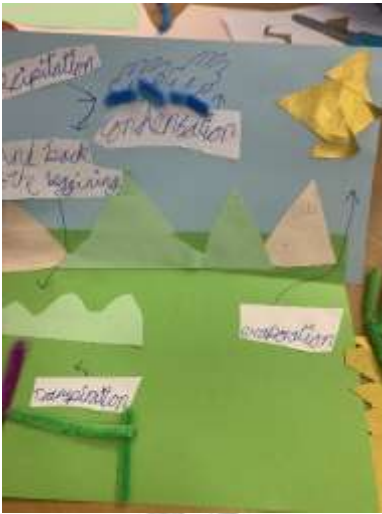
Year 3

This week, the children enjoyed using appliqué to decorate their Egyptian collars. They showed lots of creativity and imagination and created beautiful designs.



Year 4

Year 4 made models of the Water Cycle. They talked about each part of the cycle.



Year 5

In science, Year 5 explored the effects of air resistance and experimented how the size of a parachute affected the speed at which it falls to the ground. We tested three parachutes of different sizes and timed how long they took to fall. We also used the parachute to demonstrate air resistance and experimented whether air resistance slowed us down when we were running.



Year 6

This week in art, Year 6 have enjoyed recreating famous paintings using everyday household materials. Most children began to sketch the famous portrait of the Girl with the Pearl Earring by Johannes Vermeer.





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.

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