



## Newsletter: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Dear Families

One more week to go until the half term holiday. It has been a long half term and I think everyone is ready for a rest now. Please take the opportunity to talk to your children and reinforce the need to follow rules, both at home and in school. Some children have forgotten their manners, especially during lunchtimes.

We hope you are able to join us for our Black History assemblies. There are some great people being studied who have achieved great things. I am really looking forward to these as not only does it share the lives of these people, it gives our children the chance to present their work to the whole school.

Please remember, we have our parent consultation meetings on Wednesday. You must have an appointment in order to speak to your children's teachers. This will give you the opportunity to see how they have settled into their new classes and to identify what is going well and what may need to improve. Mr Gunchala is going to organise a parent questionnaire during this session so it will also give you the opportunity to share your views about our school.

Finally, if you are interested in being a parent governor, please let me know by Monday. Jane Mason, our Chair of Governors, is in school Wednesday afternoon from 3pm so she could have a chat with you about the role.

Have a lovely week everyone.

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Chair of Governors: Ms Jane Mason

### General Reminders

- Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am.
- The big gate into the car park cannot be opened at the moment. We are waiting to have this repaired. We recognise it is difficult just using the small gate and apologies for this.
- 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 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

Term Ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

### Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Term Ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Term Ends: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### Training Days

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Molly – Year 6

Daniel – Year 1

Usmaan – Year 5

### English Workshops

Year 2 – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – 9-10am

Year 5 – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 9-10am

## Important Dates

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – 9:00am - Black History Assemblies for Years 4 and 2 – families invited

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – 9:00am - Black History Assemblies for Years 5 and 1 – families invited

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent consultation meetings

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Children break up for the half term holiday

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Staff training day – children do not attend school

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – Children return to school after the half term holiday

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

**Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-bullying week 'Make a noise about bullying – details to follow

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children In Need – details to follow

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 3's Diwali assembly – families invited (details to follow)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas jumper day (Save The Children charity) details to follow

## Attendance

Reception – 91.67%

**Year 1 – 94.52%**

Year 2 – 92%

Year 3 – 89%

Year 4 – 88.89%

Year 5 – 91.33%

Year 6 – 90.33%

**Quite a drop in attendance this week. 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 1. However, no extra play time as you are below 96%.**

**Let's see if we improve on these figures this week.**

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Reception – James

Year 1 – Angela

Year 2 – Akim

Year 3 – Ayaan

Year 4 – Connor

Year 5 – Atisam and Walid

Year 6 – Zoya

#### **TT Rockstars Winners**

Atisam – Year 5

Ishaaq – Year 5

Shayuri – Year 6





# Snapshots of the Week!

## Reception

In Reception, we have been learning about the Harvest Festival and features of Autumn. We created Autumn wreaths using natural materials.



In maths, we have been matching objects to numerals – 1, 2 and 3.

In writing, we are hearing and writing sounds in simple CVC words.

## Year 1

Year 1 made vegetable soup as part of their geography work. It was very tasty. Some children even had three helpings!



## Year 2



In PE, children are learning to move safely through space and follow instructions, Our Spiderman focussed lesson involved the children being tagged with webs and releasing each other while thinking about points they could earn by travelling through Spiderman's lair.



## Year 3

In geography this week, Year 3 children researched a country of their choice. Many children were curious to learn more about the countries their families come from. We found out many exiting facts about countries all over the world.

Features		Facts	
Name of country	Saudi Arabia		
Continent it is in	Asia		
Are there mountains? If yes, what are they called?	no		
Are there rivers? If yes, what are the main ones called?	no		
Is it landlocked?	no		
How many people live there? (population)	35.95 million		
What other physical features are there?	there most poplar food is basmati Sam boosh.		
What human features are there?	camels. He are still big business. it's home in the world largest sandy desert		

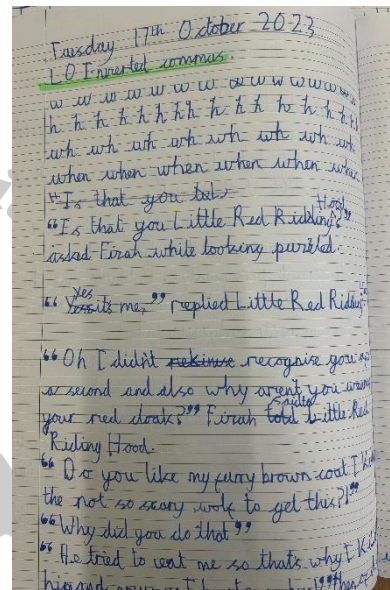
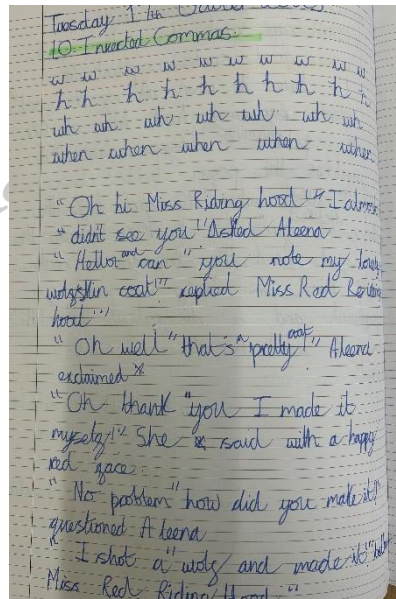
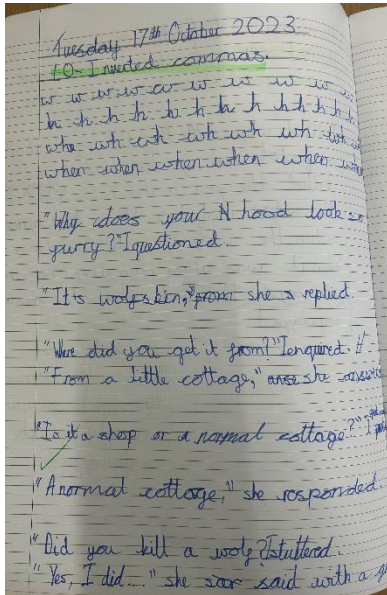
Features		Facts	
Name of country	Pakistan		
Continent it is in	Asia		
Are there mountains? If yes, what are they called?	no mountains		
Are there rivers? If yes, what are the main ones called?	Arabian sea		
Is it landlocked?	no landlocked		
How many people live there? (population)	231 million		
What other physical features are there?	it is a bad mass division hills white vast		
What human features are there?	house, road, bridge, poles, farms, factories		

Features		Facts	
Name of country	Pakistan		
Continent it is in	Asia		
Are there mountains? If yes, what are they called?	NO		
Are there rivers? If yes, what are the main ones called?	Indus river		
Is it landlocked?	NO		
How many people live there? (population)	237.4 million		
What other physical features are there?	Sandy trees and grass.		
What human features are there?	House, hills, sand and restaurants		



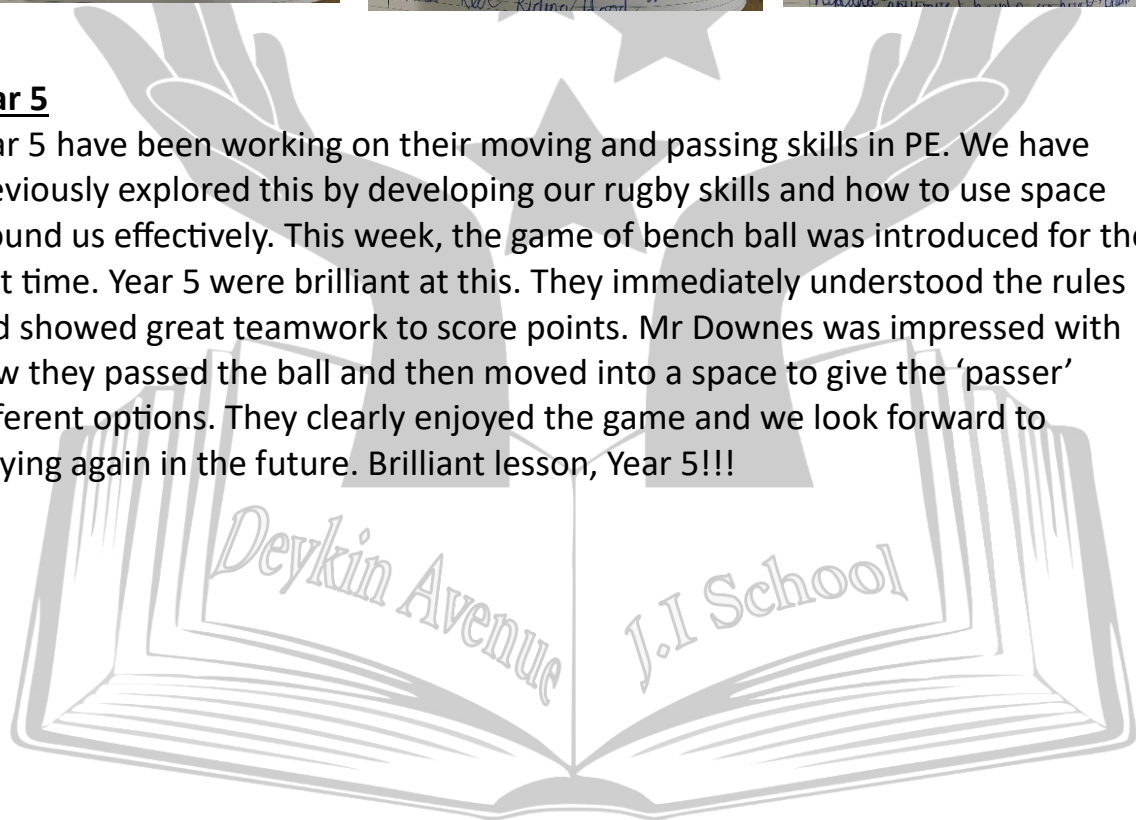
## Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about direct speech. This week, we have learnt how to use inverted commas.



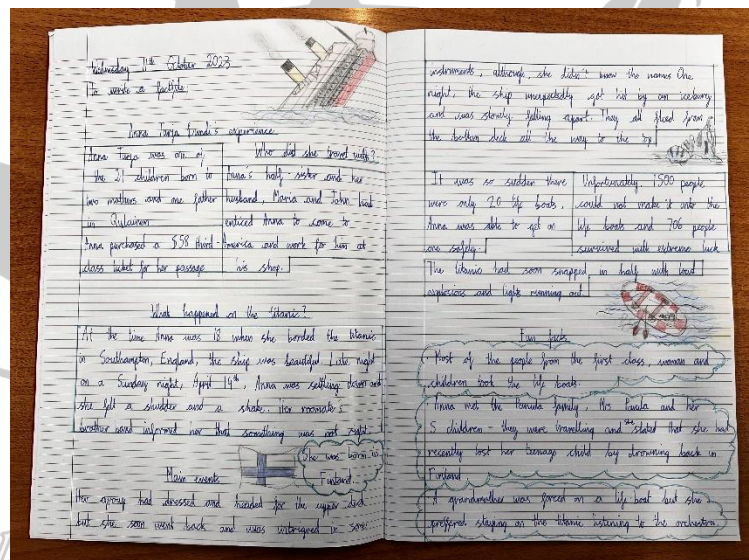
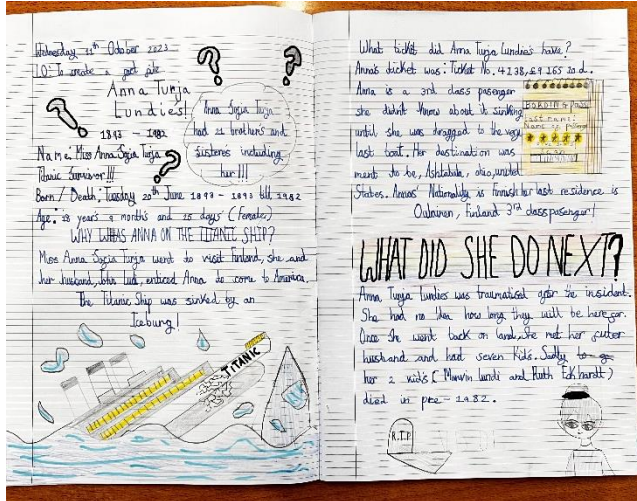
## Year 5

Year 5 have been working on their moving and passing skills in PE. We have previously explored this by developing our rugby skills and how to use space around us effectively. This week, the game of bench ball was introduced for the first time. Year 5 were brilliant at this. They immediately understood the rules and showed great teamwork to score points. Mr Downes was impressed with how they passed the ball and then moved into a space to give the 'passer' different options. They clearly enjoyed the game and we look forward to playing again in the future. Brilliant lesson, Year 5!!!



## Year 6

In geography, Year 6 have been researching about Anna Turja who was a Titanic survivor. They really enjoyed learning about her story and independently created a fact file about her.



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