



Newsletter: 26th November 2023

Dear Families

We are experiencing a lot of bugs going round school at the moment. If your child has vomited, please keep them at home for 24 hours after the last time they were sick. If they have had diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea. This stops the bugs from passing round school. Some children have been sent back to school too soon and we have had to ring parents to collect them again as they are still not well. Whilst we want good attendance, we do not want poorly children (or staff) in school as this is how bugs spread. Thank you.

It was a delight to see our lovely ladies return for Raise Your Voice. If any mothers, aunts, friends or grandmothers would like to join us 1:15-3:15pm every Thursday in the library, please contact Mrs Sajdah. This is a great chance to make friends and learn new skills. I enjoyed popping in for a chat on Thursday and tasted some of Mrs Sajdah's lovely halva – delicious!



Have a lovely week, everyone!
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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. This should be repaired within the next couple of weeks.
- 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

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Itse – Year 3

Maths Workshops

Please look when your children's maths workshops are. The teachers will explain to you the methods that we use in school and how you can support them at home. Thank you to those parents who attend Year 3's and Reception's.

Year 1 – Thursday 30th November – 2:30-3:15pm

Year 2 – Thursday 30th November – 9:00-10:00am

Year 4 – Tuesday 5th December – 9:00-10:00am

Year 5 – Wednesday 29th November – 9:00-9:45am

Year 6 – Monday 4th December – 9:00-10:00am

After School Clubs

Archery will finish 5th December and Football will finish 7th December. Seed to Feed will finish 13th December. There are 5 places for children who currently attend Seed to Feed to attend Villa Park starting Tuesday 5th December 5:15pm to 7:15pm. One parent/guardian will be required to attend with them. If you and your child are interested in attending, and your child currently attends Seed to Feed, please let Mrs Brewer know and she can give you a letter with further information on. Thank you.

Important Dates

Monday 27th November – Birmingham City Mission to take assembly at 2:50pm

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

Thursday 7th December – 1pm - Year 1 walking to Aston Villa Academy for a 'Football Fun Session'

Thursday 14th December – 1pm - Y3 walking to Aston Parish Church for Carol concert – families are welcome to join us at the church

Friday 15th December – Mr Holmes leading the Flute Assembly for Year 4 and electives in Years 5 and 6

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Party in the hall (party food paid for by school). Children break up for the Christmas holiday and will **leave school at 1:30pm**

Attendance

Reception – 94.35%

Year 1 – 97.59%

Year 2 – 91%

Year 3 – 87%

Year 4 – 89.33%

Year 5 – 90.69%

Year 6 – 91.33%

Well done to Year 1 who had the best attendance last week. 5mins extra playtime each day next week as you are over the magic 96%. Well done!

We have seen an improved attendance in most classes last week.

If your child is unwell a lot, please speak to Mrs Baxter to see what support we can provide. We may be able to make a referral to the school nurse, or contact your GP to ask them to speak to you and you can raise your concerns with them.

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

Safeguarding children is a huge area and covers a range of topics such as online safety, road safety, safety in the home, mental health and personal safety. The NSPCC have produced leaflets on a range of safety issues including the PANTS rule. <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets> These tips are really useful and the leaflets can be downloaded.

For further information about internet safety, please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/> where you can find advice for children of different ages and for a range of topics.

Please have conversations with your children about how they think they can keep themselves safe, both inside and outside the home.

Thank you.

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 17th November

Reception – Lyan

Year 1 – Essa

Year 2 – Yunes

Year 3 – Yahya

Year 4 – Rayyan

Year 5 – Abdalla

Year 6 – Molly

TT Rockstars Winners

Zara – Year 4

Suwaydah – Year 5

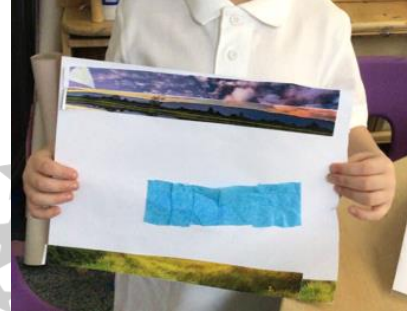
Huzaifa – Year 6



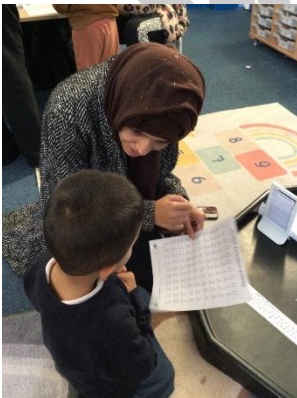
Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

This week, we have learnt about a special artist called Megan Coyle who creates landscape art using collage from magazines. She uses shreds to create an artistic effect. We made some lovely art work inspired by her.

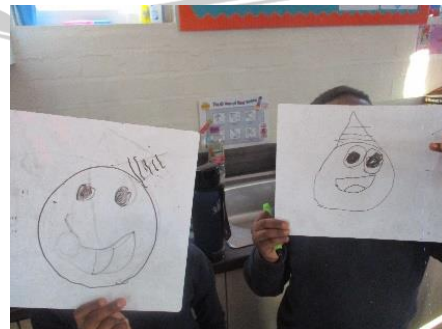


In maths, we have started to learn about finding 1 more than a number and noticed how the amount got bigger each time. We also had a fantastic turnout for our maths workshop. Thank you to all the parents who came!



Year 1

In RE this week, Year 1 have been listening carefully to instructions. They had to draw something and then give their partners instructions to copy their picture without showing it. We decided that it was quite hard to give the right instructions, and that we needed to listen carefully to make sure we drew the right things.



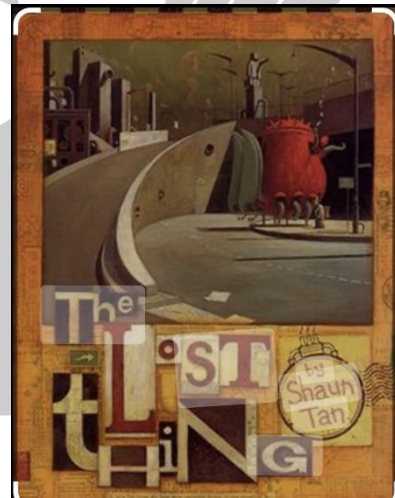
Year 3

This week in RE, the children learnt the rules of Salah – community prayer in Islam. We discussed the meaning of gestures, movements and words used in the prayer and our Muslim children showed the rest of the class how to prepare and perform the prayer.



Year 4

Year 4 have been enjoying reading *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan. They have written a narrative as part of their writing assessment this week and have all tried really hard.

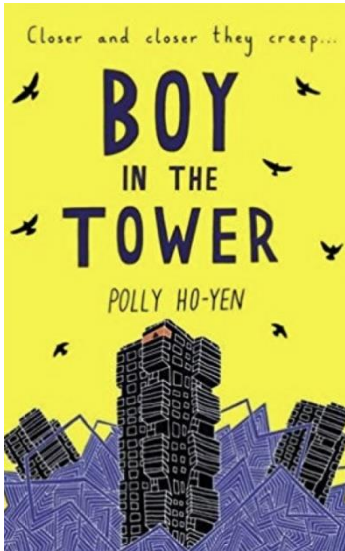


Year 5

Year 5 have started work on our new book – *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. We have been expanding our vocabulary by finding words that describe the main character of the story. We have also used our imaginations and art skills to draw what we think Kensuke looks like.



Year 6



This week, Year 6 have really enjoyed getting into their English text, 'Boy In The Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. We have been raising awareness of the importance of mental health as it's one of the themes in our text.

