



## Newsletter: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Families

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Burke on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Cali. Mother and baby are doing well. A treasured daughter and baby sister.

Only two weeks left until the half term holiday. Hopefully, the weather will start to improve soon and we will see some dryer, warmer days. Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat even if they say they don't want to bring it. If it is drizzly, the children still go out to play and if they don't have a coat, they either have to stay inside or go out and get wet, neither of which are good options.

During the next two weeks, Mrs Dargan will send home letters for girls in Years 3-6 to see if they would like to join an after-school club to encourage girls to play football. 10 girls will then be chosen from Years 4-6 to take part in a tournament at the Villa Academy on Brookvale Road. Lots of girls have already expressed an interest. Future lionesses in the making!!

Finally, our new gates have been completed! Thank you for your patience while we have waited for these to be made. There were complications which meant they took longer to complete and then the wet weather meant that we had to wait for the concrete to dry before we could actually open them. It will be so much better now we have double access from Deykin Avenue.

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 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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**. School will be closed on this day to all children.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Nuwayra – Year 5

Maria – Year 3

Aisha – Year 6

Ishaaq – Year 5

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (dates changed due to Ramadan)**

**Year 4 - weeks beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Both classes will have a 45 minute lesson each afternoon.

### Attendance

Reception – 88.94%

Year 1 – 92.33%

Year 2 – 92.96%

Year 3 – 93.45%

**Year 4 – 97.86%**

Year 5 – 88.97%

Year 6 – 97.67%

Whole School – 93.28%

**Well done to Year 4 who had the best attendance last week. An extra 5mins playtime for you next week. Well done to Year 6 who also achieved over 97% - just piped to the post by Year 4!**

**We have had parents who have been fined by the council for their children's absences. We have many children who are currently absent, or will be absent soon, due to term time leave. If your child is well enough to be in school, please send them in.**

Dear Families

We will be engaging in a 'traditional tale wow day' on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Through this wow day, we hope to foster a love of traditional tales, such as Cinderella, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, The Three Little Pigs and many more. We will be reading many traditional tales on this day and will also be hiring a bouncing castle in order to create excitement and interest in stories and reading.

If you would like your child to have ten minutes to jump on the castle, then please bring in £1. All proceeds will be used to fund Reception's end of year trip and the Year 6 trip to Conover. If they want an extra jump around, they can at lunch time for 50p for 5 minutes.

We hope children will enjoy this event and adopt a love for traditional tales. Thank you.

Mrs Nehar

### Important Dates

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Traditional wow day (see Mrs Nehar’s message above)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Internet Safety Day

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Dance workshops in school all day – Reception to Year 6 – children may come to school in their PE kits (details of the sessions to follow)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – 2:50pm Birmingham City Mission’s assembly

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day (details to follow)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – 9am – Reception’s Mother’s Day Assembly – families invited

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent consultation meetings (details to follow)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Parent consultation meetings (details to follow)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – 9am – Star of the Term/Attendance/Behaviour awards – families invited

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Break up for the Easter holiday

### Maths Lessons

Next half term, there will be the opportunity for you to join in with one of your children’s maths lessons. Each class teacher will choose one lesson and invite you in to join your child. This will be a normal maths lesson that would happen if you were not there – not a workshop aimed at you. The idea is that you will be able to see the content and skills taught so that you can support them more easily at home. It is very difficult for parents as you don’t actually see what we teach in lessons. This way, you will see how staff support the children in class, the structure of a lesson and the expectations that are placed on the children. When you receive your letter, we will ask you to confirm whether or not you can attend so that teachers can book the hall if lots of parents are able to join.

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.



### 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 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Reception – Elisa

Year 1 – Saja and Augustina

Year 2 – Araf

Year 3 – Maria

Year 4 – Zara and Rayyan

Year 5 – Ali

Year 6 – Tarek

#### **Times Tables Rockstars**

Cataleya – Year 3

Freya – Year 4

Fatimah – Year 4

## Snapshots of the Week!

### Reception

This week, Reception took a walk to Brookvale Park to observe seasonal changes during winter. We really enjoyed meeting squirrels and observing swans, ducks and geese in the lake.



We have been exploring the composition of 6,7,8 on tens frames in maths and have continued to practise 1 more and 1 less than a number within ten.



For art, we used various resources and tools to create an Arctic fox and found out about their habitat, diet and recalled their features. We continued to create winter art using cotton buds and white paint. Well done, Reception.



## Year 1

Year 1 have been working very hard in PE this week. They have been travelling in different directions and moving a ball using their hands and feet. They have listened carefully and worked well as teams.

## Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard recognising 2D shapes and their properties. Well done, Year 2. Keep the good work up.



## Year 3

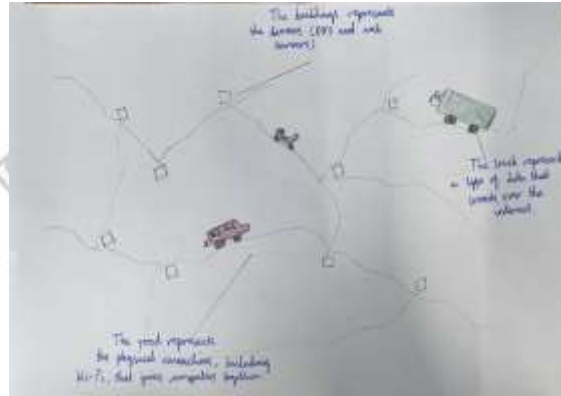
In our science lesson this week, Year 3 children carried out an experiment to explore water transportation in plants. We placed a stick of celery in dye-coloured water and observed the change of colour in the stem.





## Year 6

This week in English, Year 6 have been fox spotters. We have used our retrieval skills to find information from our text, *The Midnight Fox*, about how the author describes the 'fox' and the way it moves.



In computing, Year 6 have been learning what the World Wide Web and the Internet are. They have learnt the differences between the two and have drawn a visual diagram to represent them.

## Measles

Please see [Measles | NHS inform](#) for further information on measles including symptoms, treatment and what to do if you suspect you or someone you know has measles.

### Symptoms of measles

The first symptoms of measles develop around 10 days after you're infected. These can include:

- cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sneezing, and a cough
- sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light
- watery eyes
- swollen eyes
- a high temperature (fever), which may reach around 40°C (104°F)
- small greyish-white spots in the mouth
- aches and pains
- loss of appetite
- tiredness, irritability and a general lack of energy

The measles rash appears around 2 to 4 days after the initial symptoms and normally fades after about a week. The rash:

- is made up of small red-brown, flat or slightly raised spots that may join together into larger blotchy patches
- usually first appears on the head or neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body
- is slightly itchy for some people





Go to A&E or phone 999 if:

You or your child have measles and:

- shortness of breath
- a high temperature that does not come down after taking paracetamol or ibuprofen
- is coughing up blood
- drowsiness
- confusion
- fits (convulsions)

Phone your GP urgently if:

- you think you or your child might have measles
- you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you've not been fully vaccinated (had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine) or haven't had the infection before – even if you don't have any symptoms
- you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you're pregnant – measles can be serious in pregnancy
- you have a weakened immune system and think you have measles or have been in close contact with someone with measles

If your GP is closed, phone 111.

You should phone your GP first before visiting. They can make arrangements to reduce the risk of spreading the infection to others.

