



Newsletter: 29th October 2023

Dear Families

We have all made it to the half term holiday! It has been a long half term – 8 weeks – so I think we all deserve a week's holiday. Please remember that we all return on Monday 6th November.

Thank you to those parents who attended our parent consultation meetings on Wednesday. I hope you found these really useful. A huge thank you also to those who completed the parent view questionnaire that was available during these meetings. We have had some very positive results. I will put the feedback on next week's newsletter so you can see the results for yourselves.

Thank you to Years 1 to 6 who researched some amazing people for their Black History assemblies.

- Year 1 – Jamaican bobsleigh team
- Year 2 – Mary Seacole
- Year 3 – Oprah Winfrey
- Year 4 – Simone Biles
- Year 5 – Jonah Lomu
- Year 6 – Sir Mo Farrah

Finally, a huge 'Well Done' to Reception. For our youngest class, this first half term is always difficult as they have to try and settle into a new routine. I am hearing lots of lovely things about our Reception class from Mrs Nehar, Mrs Whitehouse and Mrs Sajdah. Keep it up!!

Happy holidays 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. 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 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:

Aaryan – Year 4

Sahil – Year 2

Areasha – Year 1

Sharon – Year 2

Maths Workshops

When we go back to school, we will be holding maths workshops for you to attend which will give you tips and ideas about how to support your children at home. You will be able to see how they learn mathematical concepts in school and the methods we teach them. I hope you are able to attend and find these helpful.

Important Dates

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

Monday 13th November – wear odd socks today for Anti- bullying week

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

Friday 22nd December – Children break up for Christmas and will leave school at 1:30pm

Attendance

Reception – 82.29%	Quite a drop in attendance this week. We have had lots of our younger children (and some staff) coming down with very sore throats, colds and feeling hot. This has affected our attendance this week.
Year 1 – 86.25%	
Year 2 – 86.25%	Well done to Year 6. An extra 5mins playtime for you when we go back as your attendance is above 96%!
Year 3 – 87.08%	
Year 4 – 94.4%	
Year 5 – 91.67%	
Year 6 – 97.08%	

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

Being able to access the internet is a valuable tool for all of us. It provides us with the opportunity to research information, play games and to stay in contact with friends and family who live a long way away. It can be great. However, it can also be a dangerous place to be if parental controls are not set, or if your children access content that is not appropriate for their age. You may think they are watching a music video, or a cartoon, but they could have accidentally clicked on a pop up and are now faced with inappropriate material.

If you are concerned about this, or think that your child is more computer savvy than you, please take a look at <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/> which can provide you with a range of tips to help keep your children safe. <https://www.internetmatters.org/> is also an excellent resource. They also provide you with ways to talk to your children about keeping safe online.

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

No Merit Assembly this week. These will resume again after the half term holiday.

Thursday 26th October

TT Rockstars Winners

Moiz – Year 2

Sharon – Year 2

Andreea – Year 3

Well done to these children. It is great to see our younger children achieving great things on TT Rockstars. You are an inspiration to us!



Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

We have been learning all about Halloween and exploring the texture and life cycle of a pumpkin. We found out how and why Halloween is celebrated. We also created Halloween characters using various resources.



We have been practising writing CVC words, with support, to describe a character from our story, 'Who's In The Loo?'.

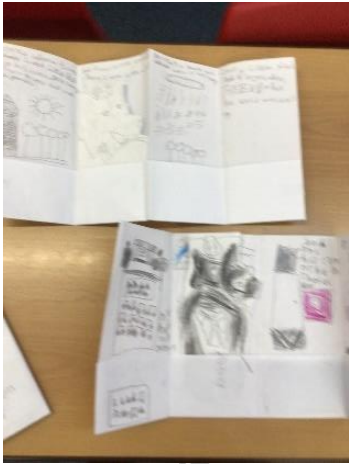
Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed learning all about the Jamaican bobsleigh team and shared their knowledge with the school during their Black History assembly.



Year 2

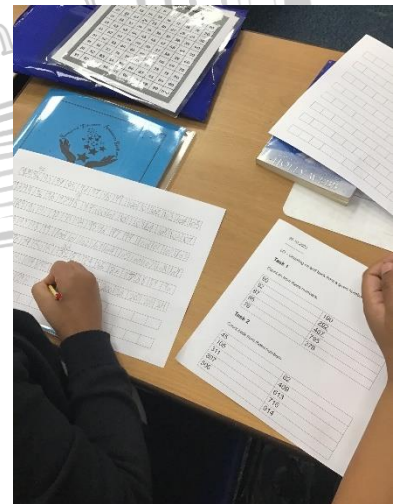
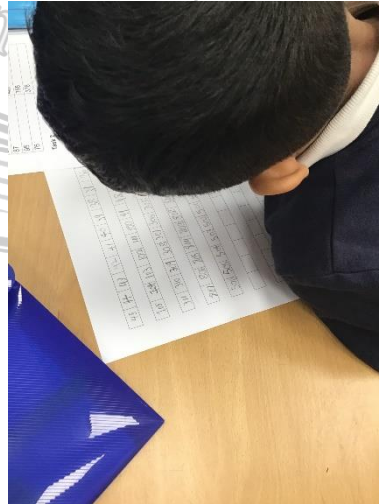
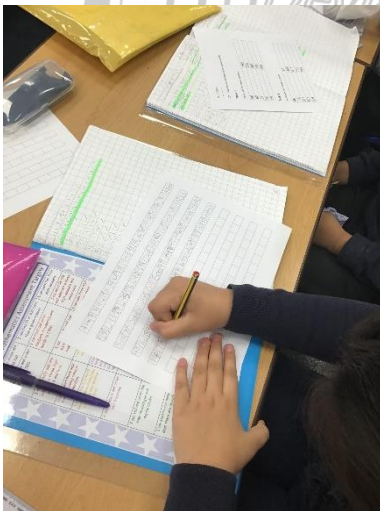
Year 2 traced a character and added facial expressions. They then used the character to create their own story books.



Year 2 have an art homework pack where they can create another story at home.

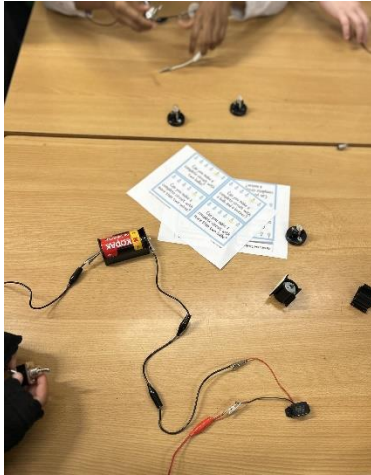
Year 3

This week, Year 3 children mastered counting on and back across a hundred. At first, it was quite hard for many, but the children showed resilience and tackled it by the end of the week!



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed building circuits this term in science. They explored using a range of components and can now identify objects which are insulators and objects which are conductors.



Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed learning all about Jonah Lomu and presented their findings to the rest of the school during their Black History assembly.



Year 6

Year 6 have continued their researching projects in geography, focusing on migration; specifically focusing on why people migrate and the journeys they make to migrate from one country to another. They have really enjoyed researching about why some of the people of Afghanistan migrated.

Why did the Afghan people Migrate?

The Afghan people had to migrate because the Taliban took over Afghanistan and they didn't want to follow their rules.

What countries they migrate too

Countries Afghan people had to migrate to are Pakistan, Iran, UK and all the countries around it.



Afghanistan Fact File



Official Name: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
Capital: Kabul
Population: 34,940,837
Official Language: Dari
Afghan Language: Pashto.
Currency: Afghan

Mountains



Afghanistan is located in Central Asia with Iran to the west and Pakistan to the east. Tall forbidding mountains and dry deserts cover most of the landscape of Afghanistan.



The mountain (which is known as the Hindu Kush) allows travelers to go through the passage. The country was a busy section of silk road a route which allows merchants travel across China, India and Europe.

Afghanistan Fact File

Where is Afghanistan located?

Afghanistan is located in Central Asia with Iran to the west and Pakistan to the east. This country is made of many different groups. About 15 million people, nearly half of Afghanistan's population are Pashtons and live in the south around Kandahar.



What is the current state of population?

Afghanistan is the 37th most populated country in the world with a population of almost 40 million. Right now, the current state of Afghanistan is horrible, it has been taken over by the Taliban and many people are evacuating and turning into refugees.

What is the habitat like?

Many Afghans live in the fertile valley between the mountains and grow their crops and tend to their animals. Only 20 percent of the land is used as fields. 78 percent of Afghanistan people is dari persian and 50 percent of people speak Pashto. Afghanistan is a landlocked mountainous country.

The person who leads Afghanistan is Hibatullah Akhundzada

What is the current country stage?

The official name for Afghanistan is Islamic republic of Afghanistan. The capital of Afghanistan is Kabul and the population 34,940,837 which is a huge amount of people. Afghanistan is the 41st most largest country in earth and is 251,823 square miles.

