



Newsletter: 3rd December 2023

Dear Families

Another week has flown by! Only 3 weeks to go until we break up for a well-deserved Christmas holiday. Please look at the calendar of events later on in this newsletter and I hope you can join us for at least some of them.

A big thank you goes to the amazing team at Aston Villa Foundation who have provided Years 3 to 6 with free coding sessions on Friday. You can see some of their fabulous work at the end of this newsletter. Ryan spent the day in school amongst very excitable children and did a great job!

We raised a grand total of £96.36 for Children in Need so a huge thank you to everyone who participated in this.

If you would like to order a school uniform with our Deykin logo on, please visit My Clothing at <https://myclothing.com/collections/deykin-avenue-junior-and-infant-school-pupil-uniform-28544>.

Mrs Whitehouse will be selling hot chocolate or warm milk every morning play time for the next 2 weeks for 50p a cup. She is also selling raffle tickets and the lucky winner will win a family sized cupcake! Tickets can be bought from Mrs Whitehouse or Mrs Nehar. All money raised will go to school fund. This money is spent on buying, eg, books for our library or subsidising school trips.

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:

Saif – Year 3

James – Reception

Ahmad – Year 3

Zainab – Year 5

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 have attended.

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

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

Year 5's will be rearranged when Mr Downes returns to school.

After School Clubs

Archery will finish 5th December and Football will finish 7th December. Seed to Feed will finish 13th December.

Please let Mrs Brewer know if you would like your child (Years 1 and 2) to join Multi-Sports Club next half term every Tuesday, or Gymnastics Club for children in Years 3 to 6 every Wednesday. The total cost is £20 per club for the 5 weeks. We need a minimum of 10 children for Sports Cool to run these clubs. If you pay and we have to cancel the club, you will get your £20 back. Thank you.

Important Dates

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

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 – 87.34%

Year 1 – 91.33%

Year 2 – 92%

Year 3 – 89.67%

Year 4 – 86%

Year 5 – 89.97%

Year 6 – 96%

Well done to Year 6 who had the best attendance last week. 5mins extra playtime each day next week as you just reached the magic 96%. Well done!

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.

Christmas Events

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day (or Christmassy colours, eg, red or green) if children and staff would like to take part. £1 donation please which goes to Save The Children. No school uniform is required with a donation. Please remember though that Years 5 and 6 have PE so they will need to wear something comfy.

Tuesday 12th December – 9:15am – Reception’s dress rehearsal

Wednesday 13th December – 9:15am – Reception’s Nativity performance – families invited

Thursday 14th December – 9am Star of the Term/Attendance assembly – families invited

Friday 15th December – Fife and flute assembly – Year 4 and electives in Years 5 and 6 – families invited

Monday 18th December – 9:15am Years 1, 2 and 3 dress rehearsal

Monday 18th December – 1:30pm Years 4, 5 and 6 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 19th December – 9:15am – Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance – families invited

Tuesday 19th December – 1:15pm – Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas performance – families invited

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas lunch - can be ordered through School Grid

Wednesday 20th December - 1:15pm – Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas performance – families invited

Friday 22nd December - 12pm – Christmas party and **children leave at 1:30pm** – the children can come to school wearing party clothes if they wish but please ensure sensible footwear as they will go outside to play

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 1st December

Reception – Samaritanca

Year 1 – Mahira

Year 2 – Ike

Year 3 – Thanha

Year 4 – Aston

Year 5 – Lya

Year 6 – Farheen

TT Rockstars Winners

Shafayat – Year 4

Dean – Year 5

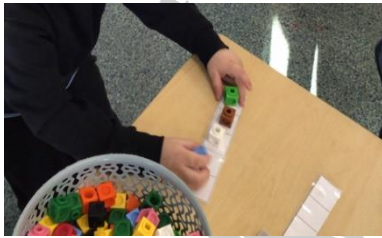
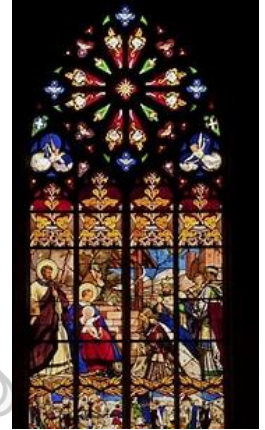
Nuwayra – Year 6



Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

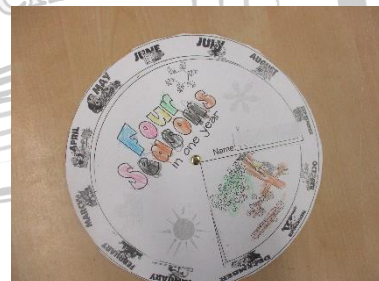
This week, we have learnt about 'The Nativity Story' and have been keenly practising for our performance coming soon. We learnt about Christianity and its main features, such as churches and the Bible. We looked at ways Christmas is celebrated with our families.



This week in maths, we have started to learn about finding 1 less than a number. We practised counting back, using a number line to see how the amount becomes 1 less each time. We are understanding the concept of amounts decreasing. Great work, Reception!

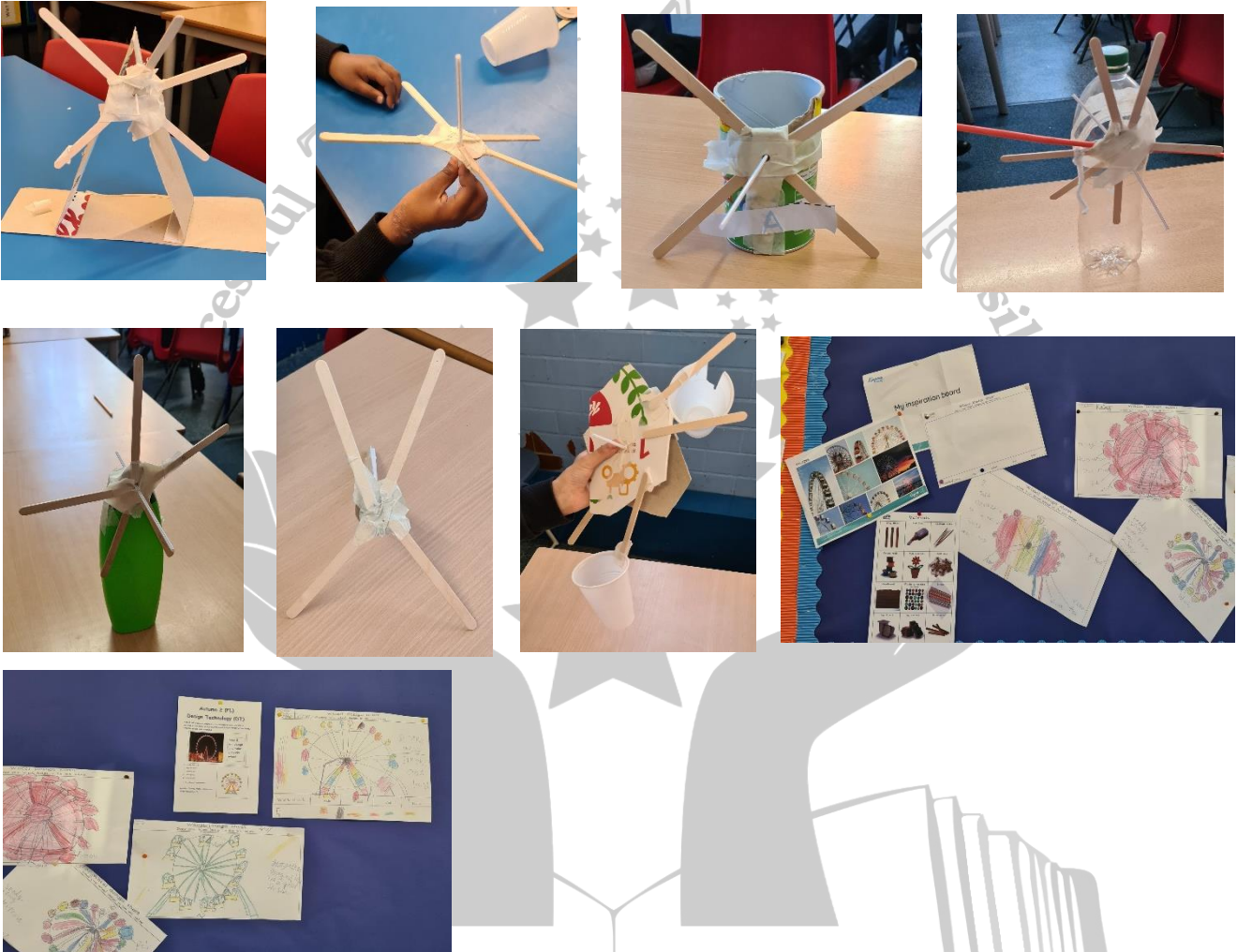
Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been looking at the seasons in science. We made our own season spinner which shows the weather and months in each season. We are definitely getting into winter now, brrrrr!



Year 2

In Year 2 for design technology (DT), we designed a Ferris wheel. We planned our designs, used recycled materials to construct them and finally evaluated them. We thought about the moving parts and how we could achieve this as well as using a variety of joining techniques.



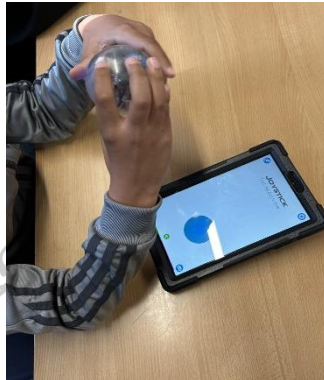
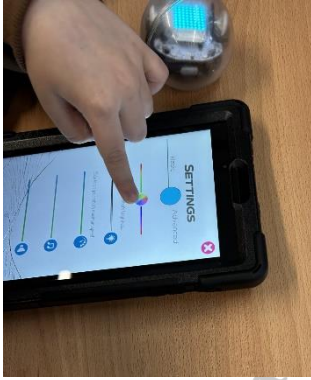
Year 3

In our STEM session, Year 3 children explored 3 amazing robots. The children found out that each robot has a chip or a sensor that help us control the robot and get it to perform a task.



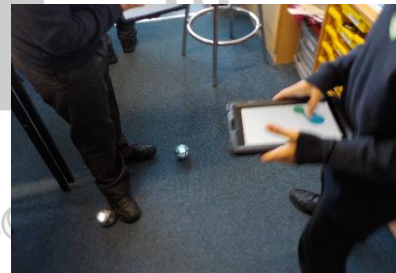
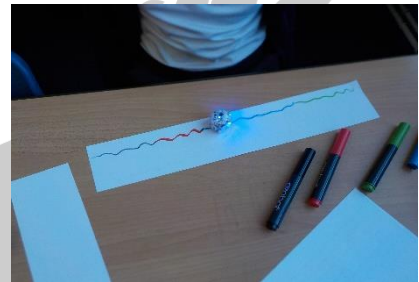
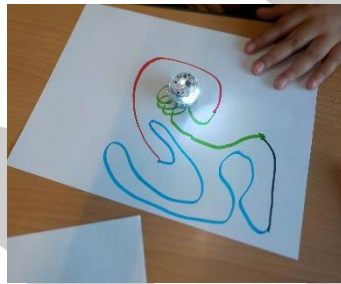
Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed participating in a coding workshop with Aston Villa.



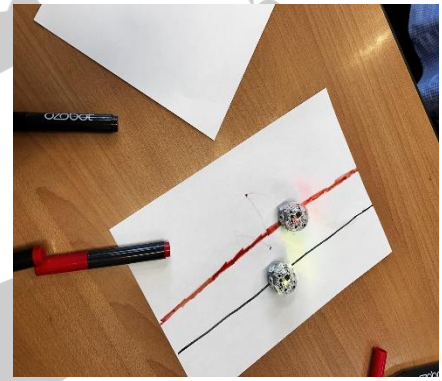
Year 5

Year 5 also took part in coding with Ryan from Aston Villa.



Year 6

Year 6 have really enjoyed their STEM afternoon, where they explored different robots. All the children were able to control and direct the robots using different mechanisms.



A big thank you to Birmingham City Mission who delivered a whole school assembly on Monday 27th December.

