

# DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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## Headteacher's Message

Our Eagles children have been enjoying a city break in Bristol this week and are just returning as I write. I hope, once they've slept well in their own beds, that they are able to share their stories with you. Thank you to Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Lansdell and Mrs. Sawyer for supporting the children so brilliantly.

Today, Mrs. Devonport was monitoring the oracy skills your children are gaining in their classrooms. Both she and the specialist teacher who was visiting were amazed by the standard of talk in our classrooms to very well done to everyone.

From Monday, the blinds in Sparrows will be pulled down at the end of the day to support dismissal. Some children find it very tricky to wait to be called to their grown-up if they can see them and this will allow Miss Bernard to left everyone go as quickly as possible without it causing too much distress.

Next Tuesday is our Hello Yellow day to raise money for the mental health charity, Young Minds. Please encourage children to wear a yellow accessory along with their usual school uniform and send them in with a £1 donation if you are able to. Thanks to Miss Legg for organizing this and the related events and learning in school. To support our children in emotional resilience, we have Mrs. Jones working with identified individuals on an ELSA programme. This is a specialist intervention for which Mrs. Jones has received in depth training and so if your child is going to be having ELSA sessions, you will be asked to sign a consent form. Access to ELSA sessions is via class teachers asking Mrs. Gardner if ELSA may be the right way to support a child and Mrs. Gardner then identifying a suitable session slot for them. A few slots are kept clear each week for children who need a rapid response to an issue but again, these are overseen by a member of the leadership team.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Oliver has organized a Harvest Festival celebration. We would be delighted to receive donations so please have a look around at home for something you have plenty of - in my house it is pasta sauce - and send it into school to be sent to the Salvation Army.

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## Reading

Thank you so much to Mrs. Devonport for organising a fantastic book fair last week. It was a great success and we are grateful to everyone who has purchased a book. As you know, each book you buy generates a donation to the school which we will put towards replenishing our own library.

## Safeguarding

Please make sure you update the school office with details of emergency contacts for your child so that we know who to call if we cannot get hold of you. The office also holds a list of people you have given permission to collect your children on your behalf so please let us know if any of your contacts have changed.

## Oracy

Our weekly oracy questions are sparking great conversations. Last week, the children were thinking about whether it was more important to be right, or kind. In assembly the children told me they thought both were important and it is especially important to be kind if we know we are right and have to tell someone so.

## Talk Question

What colour would a Zebra be if it lost all its stripes?

### Gold Leaves

Congratulations to the children who earned a Gold Leaf this week. This could be for an exemplary piece of work, an over and above gesture of kindness, showing responsibility, perseverance, determination or other positive trait etc.

**OWLS:** Vladi

**SPARROWS:** Esmae, Eddie, Fallon, Nancy, Millie

**JAYS:** Mia, Labiba, Lennie, Ayyash

**WOODPECKERS:** Tyler

**MAGPIES:** Anusha

**DOVES:** Charlotte - Ann

**KINGFISHERS:** Ardie

**EAGLES:** The Entire Eagles Class with Isabella, Lexi D, Lillie, Flynn, Bahar, Angela and Daniel receiving 2 gold leaves



## Celebration

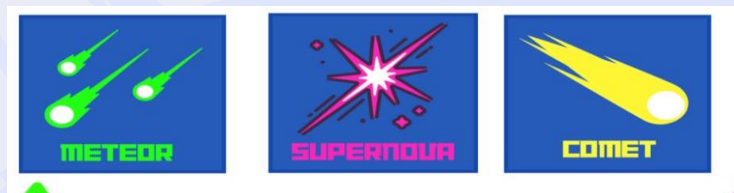
All of our children are enjoying the opportunity to earn one of the new certificate. Well done to all of the children who have already been successful and good luck to everyone else for the coming weeks.

Oracy Champions	Sports Stars	Jigsaw	Maths	Writing
Jacob Isabella Franek Mia Matthew F Miguel	Ethan F Priscilla Andrei Summer-Louise Daniel Max	Omera Kaylee Lena Maddie	Antonia Millie Ronnie Franek Jordan Jude Grace	Dolcie Frankie Elsy Izabela Nethuli

## Dynamos

Yesterday, the Dynamos met with Miss Legg to discuss the upcoming event 'Hello Yellow' for World Mental Health Day. They spoke about how this was going to look at Darley Dene. On Tuesday, Miss Legg and the Dynamos are going to be hosting assembly for KS1 and KS2 to talk about this significant day.

Comet, Supernova and Meteor.



## House Points

Miss Legg and Mrs. Devonport met this week to discuss how the children can earn house points and how a house becomes the winning team.

Each term, the children will work towards earning house points. Children have the opportunity to receive house points when they get a gold leaf or enter a house competition which is organised by the Darley Dene Dynamos. We cannot wait to see the running total of house points begin next week for this term.

At the end of the term, one house will be deemed the winner based on the house point total. The winning house will receive the Darley Dene House Cup, which will be displayed with the relevant house colours. The colours are linked to the logos above. Children and staff in the winning house will also be treated to a house colour themed day and a short house party.



## Harvest Festival

We are going to be celebrating the harvest festival this year on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Please can you collect together any non-perishable food items that would be appropriate for your child to bring in and add to a school-wide donation to the Salvation Army food bank. Please take all your contributions straight to the main hall at drop off time on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

## World Mental Health Day

Next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating in 'Hello Yellow'. This day is an awareness day for 'World Mental Health Day'. On Tuesday the children are invited to wear a **YELLOW** accessory with their usual school uniform. Suggestions: hairband, socks, hat. We will then be raising money for the 'Young Minds' charity by asking for a £1 voluntary donation.

## Year 6 Secondary School Applications

If you have a child in Year 6 please be aware you are required to apply for a secondary school place for your child by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. You can apply on line by the following the link

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>

If you need assistance with your application please contact Mrs Webb via the school office.

## Messages from the School Office

### Absence

If your child is unwell or off school for another reason, please ensure that you phone the school office promptly on the first day of absence by 8:00am and report by pressing 1. We will contact you if your child is not in school when the registers close. For any medical appointments please email a copy of your appointment to the school office.

### Lunch Boxes

Darley Dene is a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with chocolate spread Sandwiches for lunch as it is not possible to distinguish between Nutella and a nut free chocolate spread. If your child has a chocolate spread sandwich we will call home to request that an alternative be brought in. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Medication

If your child has been prescribed with medication which needs to be administered during the school day, please ensure that you complete a Pupil Medication Request form which can be found on the school's website or from the school office. Without the completed form staff will not be able to administer any medication.



## Wrap Club

At Darley Dene we offer extended care at our breakfast and after school Wrap Clubs in order to support our families should they require it. Wrap Club is open to pupils in all year groups, including Nursery. At Wrap Club we have a variety of activities for the children to take part in.

- Play dough, puzzles, Rubik's games, book corner, kitchen area. Lego, bingo, transformers, costumes, construction, dominos, 4 in a row, cards, balloons, dolls. Engines, bowling and a wide selection of board games.
- We have plenty of puzzle words, cut-outs, water colour, painting and colouring.
- We promote "Reading for Pleasure" and free art, providing different sorts of materials every week to expand our children's imagination.

## Breakfast Club

- The Breakfast Club is a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment, provided for those children who may have parents or carers with work commitments outside of the usual school hours.
- Children who join us for Breakfast Club enjoy an array of activities - **from reading and crafts, to games and puzzles** - supervised by our friendly and experienced team.
- The children are provided with a delicious and nutritious breakfast which includes **bagels, toast, juice, cereal, yoghurts and a variety of spreads and preserves.**
- The Club can be booked online through ScoPay and operates from the school premises from 7.35am until the start of the school day.
- If you are interested in finding out more about our Breakfast Club please contact the school office or visit our website.

## Trust Vacancies

### Darley Dene School is recruiting:

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1369455>

### Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and caring individual who can assist in providing a stimulating and creative environment for children attending the After School club (Monday to Friday, 3:10pm to 6pm)

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-team-member-1371443>

### Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

Walton Oak Primary School is looking to recruit a caring and enthusiastic person to join our Breakfast Club team. The right candidate will be willing to engage children in exciting play that makes them feel welcome and settled in our Breakfast Club (Monday to Friday, 7:25am to 8:35am)

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-team-member-1371436>







Darley Dene  
Primary School

# Coffee Morning

## Family Members Welcome

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**9am – 9:45am**

Catherine Webb, the Home School Link worker, and Mrs Jones the ELSA will be available to answer any questions and discuss any support you may need with your child. Coffee, tea and biscuits all provided.

This is also a great opportunity to meet other families and to begin to form your own connections within our school community.

Please let Catherine or Mrs Jones know you would like to attend so we can make sure we have enough biscuits!

We really look forward to seeing you.

***Catherine Webb & Mrs Jones***

The Pastoral Team

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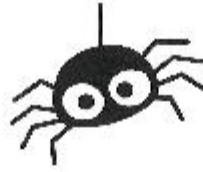


Have a lovely weekend.

Sarah Kober  
Headteacher



# Xplorer Halloween Challenge



A family-friendly navigation challenge at  
**Victory Park, Tuesday 24 October.**  
**10:00am - 2:00pm.**

Join the free spooky challenge by dressing up for  
ghoulish fun and searching for all 15 hidden tokens.

Scan the QR code or visit our website to get free tickets  
and download the map with clues to the tokens locations!

<https://www.runnymede.gov.uk/halloweenchallenge>



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