



# DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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## Headteacher's Message

This week the children enjoyed their Harvest assembly with Trevor from St Paul's Church and the first celebration assembly where new house points were given out. It was lovely to see the children and staff in yellow accessories on Tuesday for 'Hello Yellow' day which puts a spotlight on mental health. We will let you know how much money was raised in next week's newsletter.

Mrs. McCarthy, the CEO of Lumen Learning Trust, visited us yesterday to review the work that has been happening as part of our staff development programme and focuses on the quality of foundation subject teaching. Our subject leaders are all being supported by the Deputy Headteacher from one of the other Trust schools and we are hugely fortunate to be able to benefit from others' expertise in this way.

Next week the Vice Chair of our Governing body, Mr. Vango, will be in school to consider our work with the Inclusion Officer which focuses on attendance and punctuality. Working alongside our governors in this way is an important part of the leadership team's work towards evidencing that the actions they are taking are improving outcomes for children.

World events may well have been discussed in your homes this week and as always, our thoughts are with any families who are impacted. We are keen to support your children if they are worried in light of what they are hearing and I would encourage you to let their class teacher know or to speak to Catherine Webb if you have any concerns.

## 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.

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## 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

Mateo  
Adriel Tobe  
Frankie  
Eleen  
Charlotte  
Srisajini  
Sudem  
Isabella O

### Sports Stars

Ayan  
Ayaan  
Priscilla  
Logan-Jay  
Lorelai  
Jordan  
Mia  
Noah H  
Harley

### Jigsaw

Raven  
Roni  
Advik  
Daniel  
Maddie  
Angela

### Maths

Noah MF  
Bradley  
Isabella AD  
Hicabi  
Jacinta  
Ada-Marie  
Ardi  
Flynn

### Writing

Eyup  
Chloe  
Amelia I  
Dollie-Jaye  
Darcy  
Isabella W

## Explorer of the Week

Year 6 have tutoring sessions with Explore Learning on a weekly basis. Each week a Year 6 pupil will be awarded a certificate for the effort shown, commitment and, the amount of resilience shown towards understanding new concepts in their tutoring sessions. This week the Explorers of the week **Ellie**

## 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: Noah MF**

**SPARROWS: Remi, Aleksandra**

**JAYS: Rory, Alice, Leelou, Hunter, Antoni, Payton**

**WOODPECKERS: Tyler, Amelia, Frankie**

**MAGPIES: Anusha, Advik, Aaliyah**

**DOVES: Sudem**

**EAGLES: Angela, Taliya**



## Talk Question

Is there more happiness or more sadness in the world?

### Dynamos

It was an exciting week for our Dynamos here at Darley Dene; they each received their branded backpack, so they are representing their house when in role around school. They can't be missed as you can see from the image below! The first house points were also awarded in this week linked to the children who earned gold leaves. Supernova House has already taken the lead and the pressure is on Comet House and Meteor House to build up more points before half term. This could be from a gold leaf or winning our Hello Yellow Day competition which is currently taking place. Good Luck for next week everyone!



### House Points

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.

Comet, Supernova and Meteor.



## 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.

## Outside Achievements

We love to hear about and celebrate the achievements of our children outside school as well as in. Please let the office know if there is anything you would like us to share in the newsletter on behalf of your child. Please email details to [office.darleydene@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office.darleydene@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

Archie in Kingfishers has been taking part in the Sky COP28 programme regarding climate change, Save Our Wildlife which is being shown on Sky TV. Archie is also involved in a major project to help save our bees, in writing to all UK councils to ask them to support the project please take a look at Archie's website [www.saveourbees.co.uk](http://www.saveourbees.co.uk) fantastic work Archie well done.



## 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.

Have a lovely weekend.



Sarah Kober  
Headteacher

