



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

Another busy week has come to an end and we have lots to share about all the different events that have taken place this week.

At the end of this newsletter we have dates for various activities that are happening - they are also in the School Calendar on the side bar here. Do make a note of them so you can take part.

Owls, Robins and Sparrows families - as I shared in last week's newsletter, your Stay Play and Learn sessions are happening next week. The children thoroughly enjoy showing you around their classroom so please do sign up for one of these sessions to make the most of this opportunity. Please note, these sessions are for 1 parent only and preferably no siblings.

Hope everyone enjoys their Diwali celebrations on Sunday (and that the rain stays away for a little while...). Our youngest children enjoyed a Diwali dance workshop earlier this week - please see below to read all about it.

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Reading - Collins eBooks - Coming Soon

As part of the ever developing provision for our children, we are pleased to announce that we will soon be launching Collins eBooks. We will be introducing this website at school during our reading sessions and the children will then be able to access it directly at home. This provides the children with a wider range of texts in each book band which are interactive - making the reading experience more enjoyable and easier to access at home! The Collins eBook library contains Little Wandle texts and the banded books to develop their reading skills throughout their time at school. All children will access the site using a personal username and password. If you have any questions about this resource, please contact the school office. More details about how to access and use Collins eBooks will be shared with each class next week.

Visits and Visitors

Diwali Dance Workshop

On Monday, our EYFS and KS1 children participated in a Diwali Dance workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing the music and learning new dance moves. All the children were joining in, moving to the beat and enjoying the experience. Ethan in Nursery liked dressing up with the prince hat and Noah in Owls liked the spinning and dancing around. A fun time was had by all!



Little City

On Wednesday, EYFS and Owls children were visited by Little City and they had an incredible time, developing their language and imagination through role-play. The children had an opportunity to be at the hairdressers, visit a cafe, become a vet, become a builder and have an experience of being a commander at the emergency services! All of the children were super engaged throughout the session and were able to share and take turns with all of the resources on offer. We heard some fantastic comments whilst the children were engaged in their play and developing new vocabulary throughout! This was an unforgettable experience for the children and I am sure they will be just as thrilled to share this with you all.

Year 5 & 6 Girls' LLT Football Tournament

Last Friday, five Year 5 pupils and two Year 6 students had the opportunity to represent Darley Dene at a Lumen Learning Trust interschool football tournament. The girls had trained hard at break and lunchtimes and had a whole term of football in Autumn 1 to practise their skills. Their resilience, determination and sportsmanship glimmered through the pitch and gained them 2 goals against Waton Oak. Faye from Year 6 led the team as captain and won the award for sportsmanship on the pitch. Poppy, from Year 6, recalled the experience as being 'fun' as they went head to head with the other schools on the pitch and Scarlett (Year 5) enjoyed the game and the football advice from Mr Smith. "The football tournament was insane" said Poppy from Year 5 and she felt proud representing Darley Dene in this sporting experience. Once again, we are so proud of all the girls in Upper Key Stage 2 that participated in the tournament and look forward to supporting them in future tournaments.

Superhero Day

On Monday, we were surrounded by Superheros of every different kind as Woodpeckers enjoyed their WOW day introducing their new topic. Everyone came dressed as a Superhero and the day's activities were based around what makes a Superhero. They made different pieces of equipment that their Superhero might use and measured distances they could get their Superhero to travel. They practiced their throwing skills into a target using an accurate trajectory. They made Superhero poses and wrote about their Superhero and the characteristics they might have. We finished the afternoon with Superhero Charades which was lots of fun. A great day had by all!

Attendance

As I know Ms. Kober has shared several times – every day counts when it comes to school! Low attendance has been shown to have such poor long-term consequences in terms of your child's achievement as they go through their school career.

Holidays in term time will not be authorized and you run the risk of being given a Penalty Notice. The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the circumstances described below is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 28 days.

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances:

1. Pupils identified by police and education welfare officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.



2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the Education Inclusion Office.

Parking

We've once again had parents pulling up and/or parking on the yellow lines outside the school gate to drop their child off in the mornings. This is dangerous and a child could be injured as a result. Please use the Waitrose car park or surrounding roads. We have shared this information with the Police and Surrey County Council.

Celebration

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

Oracy Champions

Alihan
Andrei
Skyler
Tommy
Marwan

Jigsaw

Payton
Isabelle
Ada-Marie
Sudem
Poppy
Isabella W

Sports Stars

Noah L
Jayleen
Lennie
Lukas
Jayden
Melody
Isabella O
Lexi D

Maths

Levi
Soleil
Reuben
Frankie
Aaliyah
Milan
Zenat
Roshan

Writing

LeeLou
Roni
Daisy
Bonnie
Mohamad
Jess

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 Explorer of the week is **Ethan**



Times Tables Rock Stars

Srisajini
Olaf
Poppy
Angela

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.

JAYS: Hicabi, Gizem, Hallie, Leigh

WOODPECKERS: Tyler, Amelia

MAGPIES: Mehrab, Scarlett, Laavanya, Elsy, Kaylee, Yusuf, Jayden, Aalyiah

DOVES: Kayden, Emine

KINGFISHERS: Poppy, Kacper, Cu Chulainn, Lexi, Scarlett

EAGLES: Talha, Flynn, Lexi C, Angela, Oakley, Poppy

Oracy

Talk Question

What is the most important part of a fork?

Dynamos

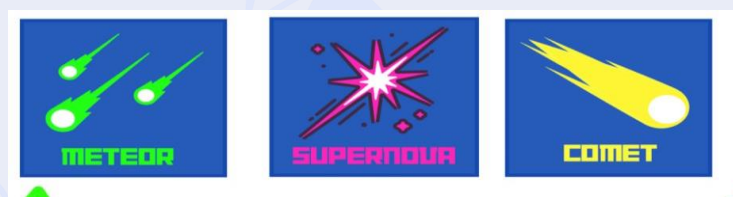
This week, Miss Legg and the Dynamos have been discussing Anti Bullying week! Collaboratively, we have put together an exciting week for the whole school. Please see the timetable below.



Anti-Bullying Week 2023				
Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th November 2023				
Theme: Make a noise about bullying!				
Mighty Monday Monday 13 th	Talking Tuesday Tuesday 14 th	Wellbeing Wednesday Wednesday 15 th	Thoughtful Thursday Thursday 16 th	Friendship Friday Friday 17 th
<p>Odd Sock Day <i>Chn invited to wear odd socks along with their usual school uniform.</i></p> <p>KS1 and KS2- 2:40pm Anti-Bullying Week 2023 – Live Lesson: Monday 13 November 2023</p>	<p>9am Whole school assembly led by Miss Legg and the Dynamos (Introduce Singing House competition/power of words)</p> <p>1:15pm to 1:45pm Classes pair together. Team activities and finding out 3 things about someone new.</p> <p>Reception - Year 4 Year 1 - Year 6 Year 2 - Year 5 Year 3 - Nursery</p> <p>Owls can join their inclusion class.</p>	<p>KS2 Bullying vs Banter debate in classes</p> <p>EYFS and KS1 Is it Bullying scenario debate</p> <p>Chn to complete PSHE pupil voice. Dynamos introduce and collect.</p>	<p>9am House Singing Competition Whole School Power of Words</p> <p>1st place 10 house points 2nd place 7 House Points 3rd Place 4 House Points</p> <p><i>Supernova</i> Count on me <i>Comet</i> Something just like this <i>Meteor</i> Try Everything</p>	<p>Children In Need Mufti Day <i>Voluntary £1 contribution to raise money for children in need.</i></p> <p>Children have the option to complete the friendship bingo. 10 House points awarded to the house with the most entries</p>

Additionally, next week our Dynamos will begin their new role of 'Playground Pals'. Each day, the Dynamos will make a commitment to helping and supporting other children in having happy and sociable playtimes. They will become a point of contact for the children and they will communicate any concerns to the adults on the playground.

House Teams



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 part

Below is the current House point total:

Meteor	11
Supernova	21
Comet	20



Messages from the School Office

Safeguarding

Now that the days are getting shorter and it is darker earlier, if you would still like your child to walk home alone after an Enrichment Club at 4.20 – we ask that you give us additional permission to enable them to do this. Please contact the school office office.darleydene@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk who can send you paperwork that will need completing.

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.

Diary Dates

Mon 13 th November	Robins Stay Play & Learn	9.00-9.30
Mon 13 th November	Sparrows Stay Play & Learn	2.00-3.00
Tues 14 th November	Robins Stay Play & Learn	9.00-9.30



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Weds 15 th November	Owls Stay Play & Learn	1.30-3.00
Weds 15 th November	Sparrows Stay Play & Learn	2.00-3.00
Fri 17 th November	Robins Stay Play & Learn	9.00-9.30
Tues 21 st November	Reading Workshop for parents	2.00-3.00
Tues 7 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production	9.15
Tues 12 th December	Year 1-6 Pantomime Performance in school for the children.	
Weds 13 th December	Christmas Jumper and Festive Lunch in school for the children.	
Fri 15 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert	1:45pm at St Paul's Church, families welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



Mrs. Mary Ellen McCarthy
Executive Principal



FODD (Friends of Darley Dene) News

Don't forget our school lottery! Tickets are £1 each, buy as many as you like and it is open to friends, family and neighbours.

The weekly prize is 30% of the total school ticket sales for each week, so the more we sell, the bigger the prize!

40% will go to F.O.D.D to help buy extras for the children at Darley Dene, *and* there is also a national draw with the **chance to win £25,000** that you will automatically be entered into.

Please click onto the link below to buy a ticket!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/darley-dene-primary-school>



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What's on...

November 2023



PCN events this month:

- 3/11/23, 2pm PCN Wellbeing Walk, Gogmore Park Chertsey with refreshments at the Youth Club
- 15/11/23, 11am Wellbeing Walk, Victory Park, Addlestone, refreshments at Bowls club
- 16/11/23, 2pm PCN Art & Peer Support group, Tesco Community room, Addlestone
- 23/11/23, 3.15pm - 4.15pm PCN Historical Art & Peer Support group, Chertsey Museum



Warm Welcome

- Free hot drinks, activities, electric blankets, flasks and thermal clothing
- Food and fuel vouchers if eligible
- Face to face energy and debt advice

Venues In Runnymede:

Addlestone Library: Tues - Sat 9.30 - 5
Chertsey Library: see website for opening hours
Egham library: Tues - Sat 9.30 - 5
Hebrews Cafe: Tues 2.30 - 5; Fri 2.40 - 5 (term time only)
St Johns the Baptist, Egham: Weds 11.30 - 2



Job Club

Family Center



Looking for work? Come and visit the Job Club at Runnymede Family Centre (Addlestone) for one of our 53 sessions with ADP. Offering support with CV writing/updating, interview techniques and help with online job applications



All sessions are from 10am-12pm:
Tuesday 10th September 2023
Tuesday 17th October 2023
Tuesday 25th November 2023
Tuesday 19th December 2023

Please contact
01783 648595 for
further details and to
book your 30 minute
session



YOUTH HUB



Community Art Exhibition

Tuesday 28-November 2023: 11am - 4pm



Addlestone, Tesco Extra

Community Room, 1st Floor
(left at the top of the escalators)

For more information email: maria.thompson@brooklands.ac.uk



Meet your COCO PCN Social Prescribers

Gemma

Referral via your GP Practice
Current referral times: within 2 weeks
<https://cocopcnpweb.org.uk/pcn-home>

Dawn

