



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

It has been a fun-packed week with Year 2 visiting St. Paul's cathedral, a special Greek themed day for Year 4 and Year 6's class assembly. We were also visited by Jo Baughan who is one of our Local Governing Body members; she spent time with Mrs. Devonport and Mrs. Butler who were explaining the school's approach to teaching phonics and reading.

We are very keen to make sure our parent and carer community start to take up their role as house members by getting involved in the first Dynamo cake sales. If you are happy to help organize your house's cake sale, please speak to Miss Legg or Mrs. Devonport.

Please can I remind everyone that scooters, balance bikes and push-bikes cannot be ridden on our playground. I can see how much some of our children's younger siblings enjoy the space of our playground but it is unsafe so if your child is going to find it difficult to park their vehicle on the hard-standing between our gates, please leave it at home. We have children and adults who can be wobbly on their feet and need to know that the playground is a safe place. This week I had to check a pregnant parent using crutches was ok after a balance bike whizzed past her at high speed. I do not want an accident so from Monday, please do not be offended if you are reminded to leave your child's wheels in the right place so that they can cross the playground on their own feet.

Sticking with the playground, I just want to clarify that the members of the leadership team are available at that time to talk to families. They are not there to manage small children. When our site is open between 8.30am and 8.50am and again between 3.10pm and 3.20pm, your children are your responsibility until you have dropped them in the classroom. If your child looks as though they might run through the gate, our staff will do their best to keep them safe but they may be in a conversation with a parent and this is their priority at that time. I do hope you will understand this and help us to protect the valuable opportunity we have for busy families to talk through any concerns they may have.

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Parent-teacher Consultations **Mon 5th February & Weds 7th February**

These are now bookable via ScoPay app if you are experiencing difficulties booking please contact the school office for assistance. These will be taking place just before half term on Monday 5th February from 4.30-7.00pm and on Weds 7th February 3.30-6.00pm.



Class Assembly Dates

Please see dates for these below. You are very welcome to come and watch.

Reception (Sparrows) - **Thursday 21st March**

Year 1 (Jays) – **Thursday 14th March**

Year 2 (Woodpeckers) - **Thursday 7th March**

Year 3 (Magpies) – **Thursday 29th February**

Year 4 (Doves) - **Thursday 1st February**

Year 5 (Kingfishers) – **Thursday 8th February**

In the morning of the class assembly, you will be able to enter the hall directly from the playground after dropping off your children and the playground gates will close as usual at 8:50am. This will allow the class teachers to register the children and bring them to the hall after the audience is already seated.

We are so looking forward to seeing the children lead their assembly for their families. Please speak to the office or your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Ancient Greek Day in Year 4

On Tuesday, Year 4 took a journey back in time as they enjoyed their Ancient Greek day! To support their History learning this half term, the children enjoyed a fascinating workshop ran by Chertsey museum, where the children got to explore different artefacts and learn more about life in Ancient Greece.

Year 2 St Paul's Cathedral Trip

WOW!! The children were so excited to be on the coach heading to London. Their little faces aglow and at the first sign of a tall building they exclaim, "We're in London!". Not quite, haha. When we finally made it into the centre of London and saw many sights they had learnt about, such as Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and the National Gallery they were in awe. When we got to St Paul's, the children's eyes were constantly looking up at the amazing expanse and unique architecture within the Cathedral itself. We had a fabulous session with the Guide, learning all about the Great Fire of London and reenacting aspects of the fire efforts itself. Then we took a walk up the Dome to the 2nd level. 376 steps up! The view when outside was spectacular and they could identify some landmarks around London. Back on the bus we saw some tired little bodies. We had a fabulous day.



Year 4 LLT Battle



Maths Enterprise Week

From **Monday 29th January - Friday 2nd February** the children will be participating in Maths Enterprise week. Across the week the children will decide on a product to make, they will spend time looking at the cost of the materials and the profit they could make. They will then make their product ready to sell to you on Thursday after school. Next week we will let you know how much each class is selling their items for so you can bring the correct change into school. Classroom stalls will be set up in the playground and Owls staff will communicate to parents separately on how they can purchase their child's item.



In addition to this, we will also be participating in **NSPCC Number Day on Thursday 1st February** and all children will be invited to come in wearing an item of clothing with a number on it. To help raise money for the NSPCC we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in school to take part in this special event. Please see below for some simple ideas.

All proceeds from the class enterprise sale and the dress up as a digit day will all go to the NSPCC.



House Competition



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House Team Cake Sales

We are excited to share that next half term there will be cake sales organised by each house team. On different days, children from each house will be invited to bring in cakes to contribute to their house cake sale and then these will be available on the playground at collection for everyone to purchase. The money raised from the cake sale will be put towards our playground equipment and new reading zone.

Please ask your child what house they belong to and if you are able to volunteer in the running of that cake sale, please email the school office or speak to Miss Legg in Year 4. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

House Team	Date
Supernova	Friday 23rd February 2024
Comet	Friday 1st March 2024
Meteor	Friday 8th March 2024

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Dynamos

This week, our Dynamos have been busy meeting with Miss Legg about some new roles they will have around school. These include: sports leaders, healthy eating and reading Dynamos. We are excited to see these in action over the next few weeks.



Oracy Celebration

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

Talk Question

If you could be anywhere right now where would you be?

Oracy Champions

Ayan
Roman B
Leonard
Hunter
Frankie
Fatmana
Charlotte-
Ann
Gracie
Flynn

Jigsaw

Hunter
Franek
Summer-
Louise
Mia
Taybah
Angela

Sports Stars

Lily G
Ayaan
Noah R
Leelou
Lorelai
Mehrab
Jude
Isabella
Faye

Maths

Noah M
Bradley
Graham
Antoni
Max
Advika
Olaf
Maddie S

Writing

Priscilla
Alice C
Raven
Hanna
Melody
Jacob S
Poppy

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 M,

SPARROWS: Nancy, Marya, Aleksandra

JAYS: Nellie

WOODPECKERS: Franek

MAGPIES: Jayden, Anisha, Mehrab, Elsie-Jean, Srisijini

DOVES: Melody, TJ

KINGFISHERS: Ardi

EAGLES: Marwan, Isabella, Lillie, Ethan, Lexi D, Talha

Timestables Rockstars

Mehrab, Jude, Darcy, Riley

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 **Rebecca**



Messages from the School Office

Safeguarding

Are the contact details we have for you up to date? This is a safeguarding issue. We need to have the contact details of at least 3 people we can ring in case of an emergency.

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.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform including Coats, Jackets and PE Kits as well as water bottles are named.

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, cereal, yoghurts and a variety of spreads and preserves.***



Our School App

Live and ready for you to install, our school app is available free of charge on your mobile device via the iOS App Store or Android Google Play. Just search for 'School News', look for the dark blue logo (right) and install to give you access to the key parts of our website including our website school calendar, a quick contact tab as well as handy extras to connect you to key school information and online forms. The app calendar will even allow you to add school events to your own device calendar so you need never miss an important date again. Make sure you install it today!

Please visit this link for full instructions on how to install the app on your device: [Darley Dene School App](#)

Upcoming Diary Dates

Spring Term 2024

Thurs 1 st February	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thurs 1 st February	Number Day - NSPCC
Mon 5 th February	Parent-teacher consultations 4.30-7.00
Weds 7 th February	Parent-teacher consultations 3.30-6.00
Thurs 8 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th February	Half term
Mon 19 th February	Children return to school after half term break
Friday 23 rd February	Supernova House Cake Sale
Mon 26 th February	Book Fair
Thurs 29 th February	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 1 st March	Comet House Cake Sale
Thurs 7 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 8 th March	Meteor House Cake Sale
Thurs 14 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 21 st March	Year R Class Assembly
Thurs 28 th March	End of term 1.00pm

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15 th April	Children return to school
Mon 13 th to Thurs 16 th May	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	Half term



Mon 3rd June

Children return to school after half term break

Fri 19th July

End of term for children 1.00pm

Mon 22nd July

INSET DAY 4

Tues 23rd July

INSET DAY 5

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



Sarah Kober
Headteacher





NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL LANDSCAPE

AN INTERACTIVE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS AROUND KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE

It's not easy getting kids off screens, is it? Let alone protecting them from online predators, cyberbullying and the damaging effects of pornography.

But as parents & carers you play a **CRUCIAL** role ensuring the online safety of your children.🌐

You hold the key to ensuring the online safety of your children in this digital age. Empower yourself with confidence by joining my Zoom webinar '**Navigating the Digital Landscape: Empowering Parents for Online Safety Across Different Ages**' where you'll gain invaluable insights into fortifying your family's digital fortress

🎯 Webinar Highlights:

- **Proactive Parenting Strategies:** Uncover effective strategies to proactively manage your child's online presence, promoting a secure and positive digital environment.
- **Age-Tailored Guidance:** Discover age-specific tips to navigate the digital landscape at every stage of your child's development.
- **Practical Tools and Techniques:** Equip yourself with practical tools and techniques to implement parental controls, monitor online activities, and cultivate responsible digital habits.
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Have burning questions? Get them answered live. Engage in a dynamic Q&A session tailored to address your specific concerns.
- **Building Digital Resilience:** Learn how to foster resilience in your children, empowering them to face the online world confidently and make informed choices.

Book your place today:

📅 **Save the Date:** Tuesday 6th February at 7pm on Zoom

💻 **Connect From Anywhere:** No need to leave the cosy corners of your home via Zoom and connect with fellow parents on this important digital journey.

🔥 **Don't miss out on this opportunity to elevate your role as a digital guardian.** Register now for this Zoom webinar and embark on a transformative experience that promises to redefine your approach to online safety.

👤 **Register and Embrace Digital Parenthood with Confidence!**

🌟 **Together, Let's Navigate the Digital Landscape for a Safer Tomorrow for our Kids!** 🌟



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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>

