



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

What a fantastic week we have enjoyed – a huge thank you to Mrs. Butler for her hard work leading Math's Enterprise week which concluded yesterday with a wonderful sale in the winter sunshine; thank you all for turning up to support the children.

Next week also has a particular focus – it is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is, "My voice matters." Miss Legg and Mrs. Devonport have been busy making plans for your children to enjoy and are determined that this key message is felt and understood by everyone. They will be kicking things off with a special assembly for the children on Monday morning and I know it will be a fab week for all our children.

This week we were visited by Jenny Cheetham from our Local Governing Body and next week is the turn of Chris Adams. Chris and I will be looking at online safety which is being included in the "My Voice Matters" work.

On Monday and Wednesday of next week, we have our family consultations. These are 1:1, 10 minute appointments designed to give you an opportunity to find out about your child's academic progress. I always ask staff to make sure there are no big surprises for anyone in these meetings and I would just like to ask the same of you as parents carers. If you are holding onto a worry for your children, particularly if it is something related to behavior or friendship groups, please let them know before the meeting so that they can decide how best to tackle things. If teachers are suddenly faced with an issue for the first time in the 10 minute slot, it can make it challenging to give you the academic information they have prepared.

I look forward to seeing you all at the consultations, Mrs. Devonport and I will be on hand to answer any questions and Mrs. Devonport plans to take full advantage of the evenings to ask you all about supporting your children with reading.

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

Please ensure that your appointments have been booked using the ScoPay app if you are experiencing any problems with 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 Wednesday 7th February 3.30-6.00pm.



Absence

Some families have been surprised to receive a letter about their child's attendance this week because they do not remember their child missing days of school. Please be aware that when the attendance percentage is calculated, every time your child arrives significantly late, they have to be formally marked as absent for the morning session. This can mean that although your child may be in school each day, if they are persistently late, their attendance can drop to around 70-75% which is a real cause for concern. Being on time for school is as important as showing up each day. Please speak to our lovely office staff or to Catherine Webb if you think you may need support to get into a better early morning routine.

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 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.

Year 4 LLT Battle

Maths Enterprise Week

House Competition



Meteor	65
Supernova	52
Comet	52



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

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February 2024.

This year Darley Dene will once again be participating in the annual celebration of Internet Safety Day. Throughout the day of Tuesday 6th February, we will take part in learning based around this year's theme: Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and negative change online. The children will work together to develop their understanding of what we need to be a good online citizen and how influence and influencers can have a positive or negative impact.

We plan to film the children in their classes, sharing the fantastic learning videos that they have completed with class teachers across our Lumen schools, via Lumen's secure file sharing platform. We will then be watching what different classes have created to celebrate Internet Safety day not only as a school, but also as a trust.

If you have previously given permission for your child's image or name to be included in school online permissions there is nothing further you need to do and your child may be included in any filming. **If you have previously declined permission for your child to be included in school online publications this means your child will not be included in class videos.** If you wish to change your consent please contact the school office by **Tuesday**.

We are so excited to see the wonderful learning the children create and the positive impact this has on the children's understanding of online safety. If you have any queries or questions please speak to the school office by **latest Tuesday 6th February 2024**

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

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 any pizza which one would you be?

Oracy Champions

Vladi
Noah LA
Isabella AD
Leelou
Advika
Izabella
Jacob S
Roshan

Jigsaw

Gizem
Isabelle
Caesar
Leena
Taree
Lillie

Sports Stars

Priscilla
Jacob K
Aaliyah
Reuben
Paige
Daisy K
Dollie
Scarlett G
Jess

Maths

Oscar
Leo D
Leonard
Olivia S
Reni
Elsy
Yusuf
Ardi
Riley

Writing

Noah MI
Nancy
Rory M
Lorelai
Advik
Jayden H
Darcy
Lexi D

Timestables Rockstars

Advik
Harper M
Mehmet
Angela

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 **Lucy Anne**



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: Mateo, Ethan B

SPARROWS: Andrei C, Graham, Zion, Jayleen, Jack

JAYS: Dolcie, Nellie, Harper W, Labiba

WOODPECKERS: Tyler, Frankie S

MAGPIES: Yusuf, Advika, Daisy K, Mehrab, Jayden T

DOVES: Emine

KINGFISHERS: Ardi, Noah H, Joshua

EAGLES: Lillie, Bahar, Abbie, Rebecca

Maths Enterprise week

The children have had a wonderful week participating in Maths Enterprise week. There has been a buzz around school with all the children estimating how many starbursts were in the jar! A huge thank you to all the staff for making this week so special, the children have all thoroughly enjoyed making their products and selling to parents after school last night. Thank you to parents who have helped us raise money for NSPCC by donating money for Dress Up as a Digit day and attending the Enterprise Fair. We have raised a total of £412.77 for the NSPCC - Well done Darley Dene!



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, it is Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is '*My Voice Matters*'. Throughout the week, we will be participating in a range of activities and giving the children opportunities to talk and express themselves. On Wednesday, the children are invited to participate in an exciting show and tell, where the children are invited to bring something in which 'matters' to them. Please ensure this item is not electrical, a toy or something that is expensive.

Student Librarians

Thank you to all of the Key Stage Two children for volunteering to be a student librarian. Those who were selected to take part this term, received their badge in assembly and started their new role this week. Our Student Librarians and Reading Dynamos are eager to further build our reading community at Darley Dene. This week they have started by launching our reading den and mobile library. Watch this space for additions to our den and other exciting reading activities.

Playground Zones

This week Miss Legg and Mrs Devonport, with the help of our Dynamos and student librarians, launched two new playground zones - The Games Zone and The Reading Den.



The Games Zone - Each day, our Dynamo playground pals are responsible of setting up this zone and ensure all the equipment is our ready for all the children to enjoy. Within the game zone, there are many different games that children can enjoy such as, twister, connect four, dominoes, space hoppers and catch. This is an exciting addition to the playground and the children have been busy trialling all the new options for their play with peers.

The Reading Den - Our Student Librarians and Reading Dynamos select books for the mobile library each day which is placed in the reading den. Alongside the range of texts, children can complete a 'my favourite books activity' and reading reviews for our evolving library. It has been wonderful to see the children curled up on a cushion, talking about a text with friends during their free time.

Home Learning

To support you in accessing all the home learning platforms that are on offer, we have included direct links on our website.

<https://www.darleydeneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=28>



Please let your class teacher know if you have and specific questions to support your child at home.

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.**



Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Flynn on gaining his Blue Belt in Go Kan Ryu



Trust Vacancies

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic Teaching Assistants who can bring high quality support to children in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We are looking for individuals who are not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and be immersed in the children's play.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1399591>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Saxon Primary School. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1399607>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone 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 see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1396659>

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

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 3 rd June	Children return to school after half term break
Fri 19 th July	End of term for children 1.00pm
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY 4
Tues 23 rd July	INSET DAY 5

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



Sarah Kober
Headteacher



FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses for parents and carers

Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:

 surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning



...or scan here

Courses available

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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Runnymede
Family Centre

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2024

email us: info@runnymede-familycentre.org

visit us: www.runnymede-familycentre.org

call us: 01784 464395



The following information is for parents, carers and RFC partner agencies, we hope you find it useful.

Please find us, like us and follow us on our facebook page!

We will update the page with the latest information and signposting.



Brooklands
College



Open Day Adult Education Event at:
Addlestone Young People & Family Centre,
Church Road, Addlestone KT15 1SH

LEARN MORE

On Wednesday 7th February
between 10am-12.30pm

Pop in and speak to representatives from Brooklands
College Youth Hub to find out about adult courses

Did you know that some courses are
free to people in receipt of Universal
Credit? Brooklands College can help
with travel costs and child care is
available on site, in some cases



START
HERE

For further information please contact:
info@runnymede-familycentre.org or
call us on 01784 464395



Action for Carers Information and
advice session in March.

Date to be confirmed

Addlestone site, Church road, Addlestone KT15 1SH

Parents can drop in to see
what support is available to them.



NHS

Make sure your child
is up to date with their
MMR vaccinations



Check your child's red book,
and make an appointment
with your GP practice to
catch up on missed doses



DAISY
FIRST AID

We have a paediatric first aid
class for parents/carers at
our Addlestone site on:



Tuesday 5th March, 7-9pm

If you would like to attend please contact Runnymede Family Centre.

The cost of the class is £10, non refundable



Neurodevelopmental helpline
for parents of children with
ADHD and autism

Open 5pm to 11pm every day
Call : 0300 222 5755

Mindworks
Surrey





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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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>



TA SPORTS

GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

Monday 12th February
Tuesday 13th February
Wednesday 14th February

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)

Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm

£28.00 Daily / £55.00 Two Day / £80.00 Three Day

Designed for girls of all abilities aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!



- ☐ Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- ☐ Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- ☐ Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- ☐ Professional FA qualified coaching.
- ☐ 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse.

If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend please kindly contact **Tom** on **07825 089500** or email **tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk**

