



Newsletter



Thursday, 28th March 2024

Term 2 Week 13

Thank-you and Farewell

This afternoon we said 'good-bye' to four dear members of staff, who are leaving Dearham to pursue different challenges and adventures. Our assembly was a celebration of their time at our school and an opportunity for us to thank them for all that they have contributed during their time here. We were joined by several former Dearham members of staff including previous headteachers, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Coates, showing that you never really leave Dearham and will always be a part of the family.



Mrs. Emma Ivison attended Dearham as a child and has taught at the school for the past 22 years. She has had a positive impact upon the lives of many children and we are thankful that we have been a part of her journey. She leaves today to begin a new career at Sellafield.

Ms. Jessica Mackay was one such pupil who was taught by Mrs. Ivison when she was in Year 5. Having returned to the school in 2019 as a Teaching Assistant, Ms. Mackay is changing career and will be working for a finance company.



Ms. Olivia Harker also joined Dearham Primary School in 2019 as a Teaching Assistant and has run the Breakfast Club too. She leaves today to take up a new and exciting opportunity working with children with behavioural challenges.

Many of you will know Mrs. Yvonne Sadler as a swimming instructor. For the last five years she has worked at Dearham as a valued lunchtime supervisor, but retired this afternoon.



We wish all of the leavers happiness and success in their new ventures and hope to welcome them back for special events such as the Summer Fete.

We are excited to welcome several new members of staff to the Dearham team in April. Further details in the next edition.



It is lovely to see signs of Spring as we come to school each day. Buds and blossom on the trees, light mornings and lambs in the field all tell us that warmer days are on the way. Thank you to Mrs. Haston for bringing her lamb to school on Monday. The children really enjoyed seeing it up close. Well done to the special helper who even fed the hungry lamb.



Reminder

Clocks go forward this Sunday...





This week has been much quieter than last week, but we have still been busy learning! We have been finding out all about 'New Life'. We had a lovely visit from Mrs Haston who brought in her lamb on Tuesday, which linked very nicely to our current topic. The children loved meeting them both and they have been thinking of a new name for the lamb. They have thought of some brilliant ideas already.

We have been reading 'Mummy's Little Sunflowers' and the children have planted their own sunflower seeds and are very excited to have a Sunflower growing competition! We can't wait to see how big their sunflowers grow! The children have also enjoyed watching time lapse videos of chicks hatching and of seeds growing and asked some excellent questions.

In Maths we have been singing lots of number songs and have been counting to 10 and beyond. The children always amaze me at how enthusiastic they are in our Maths sessions! It is brilliant to see.

We have also been learning about the Easter story and the children have enjoyed finding out why Easter Sunday is such an important time of year for Christians and why we have chocolate eggs at Easter.



Well done Nursery! We have had a fantastic Spring Term!



Reception

We are enjoying the build up to Easter with a range of Spring crafts. The children have all enjoyed making their cards and decorating our classroom!

The play dough has been a big hit this week and the children have had a great time developing their fine motor skills by making some lovely creations.

We have also been doing our Phonics quizzes and writing sentences all about Spring. In PSHE, the children have been working on their listening skills and following instructions.



Year 1

This week in Maths we have been learning about capacity. The children have been working in the water tray and measuring the capacity of different jugs.

In History, we have been finding out about Grace Darling and why she was a significant person. The children then independently wrote all about her.

In Geography, we have been looking at the compass points. The children have been following directions and finding out where they land.

In Science, we have been looking at food chains for animals that live under the sea. The children have drawn their own. In Art, the children have been learning to weave and then they drew under the sea creatures to put on to the mat. Well done Year 1, have a lovely well deserved Easter break.



Year 2



Year 2 were excited to welcome Mrs. Haston and her three week old lamb into their classroom on Monday. They had lots of interesting questions such as , ‘How long do sheep go to sleep for?’ We held a competition to name this cute little newborn and were excited when the winner came from this class. Well done to Isaac Moore who chose the name ‘Super Trouper’.

This half term, Year 2 have loved reading the Jeff Brown book, ‘Flat Stanley’. Stanley discovers that one of the best things about being flat, is that you can travel anywhere by being folded and posted in an envelope. We have made our own ‘Flat Stanleys’ and have sent these off to France, Egypt and Germany. We are looking forward to seeing if any of them reach their destination.





Year 3

We have had a lovely end to the term. The highlight was Thursday's visit to Harrington Nature Reserve. The children were all so well behaved and engaged! We learnt so much and saw an unbelievable amount of nature! We spotted a charm of goldfinch, a 'dray', wild garlic, a caddisfly larvae discovered by Sophia and a leech found by Jesse to name a few! We were taught all about metamorphosis, photosynthesis and erosion! It was the perfect way to spend the morning with Rowan and Miss Harker, who we will all miss so much! Year 3 would like to say a big thank you to them both for the love, kindness and happiness they have shown us during their time at Dearham.



Year 4

In Art, the class created patterns using tracing techniques. They used the art pieces they had created last week to build up a page of organic and interesting patterns, which they transferred into their sketchbooks. We thought about the features and patterns of artist William Morris and considered elements that they could add to improve the look of their pattern.



This week the children have been working really hard in English to create different rainforest inspired descriptions. They have used some fantastic similes, metaphors and expanded noun phrases in their writing.

In Maths, we have finished our length and perimeter unit with comparing regular and irregular polygons. We will be moving on to our new fractions unit after Easter.

Well done Year 4, you have worked very hard and have had a super spring term! I look forward to seeing you all after Easter.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have finished off their topic on 'Why do oceans matter?' with a visit to Maryport to complete our fieldwork. We visited Grasslot shore, the harbour and the prom. We surveyed the types of litter and wildlife in each location. We were shocked at the amount of litter we found, especially near Grasslot shore.

Last Friday, Year Five took part in a Spring arts and crafts competition. We had a great afternoon designing and decorating our eggs in the style of our favourite fictional characters. This week we also finished off our 'Life Cycles' topic in Science, after looking at the incredibly varied life cycles of different species of insect.



YEAR 6



This week in Year 6, we have been extremely busy. In Maths, we have completed a geometry unit based on plotting coordinates, identifying missing coordinates, translation and reflection. We have used prior knowledge to help support us when answering reasoning questions.

We achieved our highest score on a SPAG and arithmetic LBO. It is nice to see the results after putting so much hard work in, the last few months.

In PE, we have added to our routine for the Summer show. The routine has progressed massively these last few weeks and we are looking forward to performing for you all. We have also finely tuned our tag rugby skills this half term. As we are such a competitive class, our PE lessons have become quite intense during games which display the skills we have learned.

This has been another busy term in Year 6. We are very proud of the resilience and determination the children have shown during the last few weeks. Well done Year 6 – you are a credit to our school!

Easter Competition Winners

Nursery	Hannah Farmer and Robyn Weightmann
Reception	Summer Renney and Evelyn Clark
Year 1	Frazer McMullan and Sienna Jervis
Year 2	Tilly Williams and Knox Hodgson
Year 3	Nancy Shields and Charlotte Lowell
Year 4	Daisy Sowerby and Finley Gilmore
Year 5	James Stuart and Kate Voce
Year 6	Amelia-Grace Robertson and Luke Ferguson

This week, each class has run an Easter craft competition. Drawing Easter pictures, making Easter cards and decorating hard boiled eggs were just some of the activities carried out. Well done to the above winners who each received a chocolate egg and a certificate in the assembly today.

Happy Holidays

Thank you to all of the Dearham Primary School community for your support over my first term here as Headteacher. I hope that you have a lovely holiday and enjoy spending time with friends and family, whatever you are celebrating.

HAPPY EASTER



Attendance



Attendance for week ending 28/03/24

Nursery	100%
Reception	93.75%
Year 1	96.15%
Year 2	91.54%
Year 3	94.71%
Year 4	92.86%
Year 5	91.41%
Year 6	95.97%

Whole School Attendance = **94.0 %**

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