



DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 17th MARCH 2023

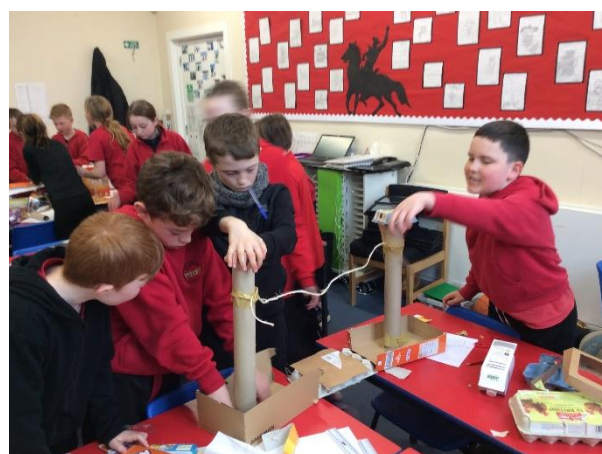
This week



It feels as if I say the same thing week in and week out here when I mention how busy we are. This week has been no different. The children and teachers are super busy in classes and we all enjoyed a great STEM afternoon as part of the National Science Week. The children worked on technology investigations based around fairy tales with each class working on their own story. There was some interesting bridge building for

the Billy Goats Gruff in Year 1, Year 4 wanted to get Rapunzel from her tower and there was some trouble with bears in Year 6 to name just a few of the sessions going on.

Check out our website for more pictures from the day!



Team Evie Reading Challenge



Thank you so much to you all for supporting your children with the Team Evie Reading Challenge. The money is still being handed in but, at last count, we had just short of £1300 for this amazing charity. Your generosity is phenomenal.

New Award

I had a lovely email from a parent on Thursday about the manners and behaviour she has seen from one of our children in the playground earlier this week. This parent suggested a new award for the children which we should call The Community Award. This would be given weekly, like the courtesy cups, for recognition of manners, attitude, behaviour etc. when the children are not in school. The award would be given to children nominated by parents and, if possible, we would like the parent who made the nomination to join our Friday assembly to give the award. On the newsletter we will have the name of the parent who made the nomination and why they made it.

So, this will start with the presentation next week (to give me time to get a trophy) and the award will go to the child nominated by the parent who made the original suggestion I'll keep all names to myself until next Friday!

If you would like to nominate a child for our Community Award please email me on wilsonj@changinglives.education or give me a call.

Parents' Evening for reception to Y6

My sincere apologies but due to circumstances beyond our control we have to move the dates for parents evening appointments. We had them in the diary for 22nd and 23rd March but unfortunately this date has now changed to 27th and 28th March. Each class will send out their appointments bookings next week. Please note that apart from Y4 and Y5 who will have appointments available on both days, all other classes will only have one day available.

Safeguarding

As part of our safeguarding work in school we have a lockdown practise organised for Tuesday 28th March. I have mentioned it to the children today and explained we need to practise coming in quickly from the playground and being safe in class. I would be grateful if over the next couple of weeks you could mention this to your children and reassure them it is nothing to worry about. We will be doing the same in school. We talked about having to do it if there was a dog or cow loose rather than any other scenario. The plan is the children will be on the playground and we will have three blows of the whistle to get them into school. Reception will use their class door, Year 1 and 2 will use the Y6 doors off the bottom playground and the KS2 children will come in through the sports hall. The children will be asked to sit on the floor in the rooms they go into. These are the classrooms the children will be going into:

Nursery – their own class

Reception – into the computer room

Year 1 – the top end of their classroom

Years 2 and 3 – into the Y2 classroom

Years 4 and 5 – into the dining hall

Year 6 classes – into their central space.

Attendance Letters

The RAG rated attendance letters will be sent out at the end of this term as part of our attendance procedures.

I know the letters are not liked by everyone and I can fully understand why, but we have an obligation to have your children in school, and when their attendance slips, we have to work with you to improve it. I have taken account of the fact that we had a number of scarlet fever, strep A and bugs around Christmas. The letter that comes out at the end of this term will be for this term only.

The RAG rating works alongside our class traffic light system, which we share in assembly. The rating is:

A green light means attendance is 97%+

An amber light means attendance between 94 and 96.99%

A red light means attendance of 93% and lower

To fit in with this I have RAG rated our weekly attendance on the newsletter so you can see where the classes sit.

Attendance

Attendance figures for this week:

Nursery	85.8%
Reception	92.07%
Year 1	91.91%
Year 2	86.23%
Year 3	88.55%
Year 4	92.96%
Year 5	96.11%
Year 6 Mrs Smith	94.16%
Year 6 Mrs Ivison	82.29%

Whole school attendance this week is 90.39%. Every class has lower attendance this week but we have quite a few bugs in school again.

Headteacher Awards for this week

<p>Nursery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Elvie Brannon✓ Grayson Branthwaite <p>Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Norah Pala✓ George Ferguson✓ Noel Rooney✓ Lyra Simpson <p>Year One</p> <p>Year 1 missed our assembly today due to a church visit</p> <p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Xavier Myles✓ Summer Mossop✓ Jonty Falcon	<p>Year Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Lucas Hodgson✓ Darley Williams✓ Billy Thompson <p>Year Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Erin Craggs✓ Chloe McKenzie✓ Ruby Pattinson✓ Penny Murphy✓ Amelia Simpson✓ Gracie-Mae Lawson <p>Year Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Oscar Frankham✓ Ozzy Gorst✓ Chloe Bell✓ Harry Fulton✓ Lillie Holmes <p>Year Six</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Libby Taylor✓ Elijah Woolley✓ Finlay Hall✓ Blake Cartner✓ Jessica Dark✓ Livvy-Jo Kirkbride✓ Mrs Smith
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Courtesy Cups

This week courtesy cups went to:

Archie Gorley

Billy Thompson

Owen Wilkinson

Dates for your diary

Dates for this term so far. New dates highlighted

- Wednesday 22nd March – Y5 & 6 football at Netherhall
- ~~Wednesday 22nd March – Parents Evening postponed to new dates~~
- ~~Thursday 23rd March – Commando Joe day cancelled~~
- Monday 27th March – Wear something blue for the start of Autism Awareness Week
- **Monday 27th March – New parent's evening date. Appointments to follow**
- **Tuesday 28th March – New parents evening date**
- Tuesday 28th March – Lockdown Practice.
- Wednesday 29th March – Y5 & 6 tag rugby at Netherhall
- Wednesday 29th March – Nursery new starters open afternoon
- Wednesday 29th March – Y3 trip to Honistor Slate Mine
- Thursday 30th March – Spring / Easter craft session with parents
- Friday 31st March – End of the spring term
- Monday 17th April – back to school
- Wednesday 26th April – Y5 Rivers trip
- Monday 1st May – school closed Bank Holiday Monday
- Wednesday 3rd May – Coronation assembly with Revd Mary Day
- Friday 5th May – coronation celebration day
- Monday 8th May – School Closed Coronation Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May – KS2 SATS

I will add to this list as dates come into the diary so you can free up your calendars where possible.

Recommended Reads

- ❖ Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper
- ❖ Lubna and Pebble by Wndy Meddour
- ❖ The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward
- ❖ I Go Quiet by David Ouimet

