



# Newsletter

Friday, 2nd February 2024

Term 2 Week 5

## Sporting Challenges



At Dearham Primary School, we are committed to developing the whole child. We recognise not only academic success but also provide enrichment activities where our pupils can shine in different fields. Last Friday, a mixed Y3/4 team represented Dearham in a football tournament at Lakes College. They made it through to the quarter finals and we are extremely proud of them all.

This afternoon, pupils selected from Years 1 to 6 are bringing their running skills to the fore as they participate in the Cross Country Championship at Netherhall. They have really impressed us in the practice runs and we know that our athletes are going to give it their all.

## Friends of Dearham School



I am delighted to announce that we shall be relaunching 'Friends of Dearham School' (FODS).



This is a group of staff and parents who help organise events and fundraisers to strengthen the school community. If you are interested in being part of this group then please email me at [BUSIGNYS@changinglives.education](mailto:BUSIGNYS@changinglives.education).



I am looking forward to working alongside you to organise events such as Summer Fetes, school discos and second hand uniform sales, to raise money to buy things to enrich and enhance the children's school experience, that are not covered by the budget. Thanks in advance for your support.

## Library Monitors

A big 'Thank you' to these Year 6 pupils who have volunteered to be our library monitors. They have been working hard this week to ensure that all books have been put back in their correct places and have made 'Library Rules' posters to show everybody using the library how to look after it.



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This week in Nursery, we have continued with our theme of Polar animals and have been reading 'The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud', which is a lovely book all about finding new friends and being kind and thoughtful towards others. The children spent a lot of time sharing and doing nice things for their friends, which has been really lovely to see. In Maths, we have been looking at comparisons. The children have been working hard to compare sizes of animals. We have been learning new vocabulary 'big', 'biggest', 'small' and 'smallest' as well as 'tall' and 'shortest'. They ordered the animals independently and together in pairs. The children have also been busy making Snowmen and Penguins, using lots of different 2D shapes. In Phonics, our sound for this week has been 'g' and the children have been tried to find objects around the classroom starting with 'g'.

In Music we looked at tempo and beat. We enjoyed singing Nursery rhymes and had so much fun playing the instruments together. Well done Nursery! What a busy week!



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Nursery go to:

**Tommy Chamberlain and Regan French**

Congratulations!

# Reception

As part of our 'Winter' topic, we have been looking at how it may be harder for some birds and animals to find food, particularly during snowy weather. This week we decided we wanted to help birds during winter by making bird feeders so the birds in our gardens wouldn't go hungry.

In Games, we have been introduced to 'dodgeball'. We have been practising our throwing and catching skills and learning how to work as a team. We are also learning to follow rules and listen to instructions.

In Maths, we explored pairs and identified odd and even numbers. We enjoyed playing a range of games together as a class and it was lovely to see the children independently selecting games to play with their friends during exploring time.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Reception go to:  
**Owen Wilson and Elvie Brannon**



## Year 1



This week we have been learning more fantastic vocabulary from our book 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. The children used some super words like infuriated, furious, horrified and baffled. In Maths, we learned to add within 20 and added ones, using number bonds. We used our ten frames and counters to help us.

In Science, we continued to look at our senses, focusing on 'taste' and 'touch'. The children wore blindfolds and tasted different fruits to see if they could guess what it was; they put their hands in a feely bag to see if they could guess what the object was just by touching it.

In History, we received a letter from Steven Spielberg asking for our help to draw a picture for the front cover of his new film that was set 100 years ago at the beach. The pictures were amazing, I am sure that he'll be using one. We also wrote about the similarities and differences between the seaside now and 100 years ago. The facts the children remembered were amazing!



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 1 go to:

**Roni Peat and Nancy Bethwaite**

Congratulations!

## Year 2



This week in Year 2 we came to the end of our writing unit on 'The Colour Monster'. The children wrote some beautiful narratives, where their monster changed from one emotion to another. A special mention to Joey for his creative idea in which he was the Fear Monster as he encountered a fierce werewolf in the woods... his colour monster soon turned back to its calm green state once he realised it was just a dream!

In Maths, we introduced the idea of division through sharing between equal groups. In Art, we looked at how we can use materials to create different textures and how to make all colours by mixing primary colours with paint. We had an enjoyable Science lesson, continuing our study of 'Materials'. The children made paper bridges and tested their strength through folding the paper in different ways, balancing multilink on them and recording their findings in a block graph.

Fantastic work this week Year 2!



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 2 go to:

**Archer Hetherington and Idris Phillips**

# Year 3



Year 3 have enjoyed finding out why the Roman army was so successful this week. We looked at how well organised and trained they were and found out all about their uniform. In Maths, we looked at the links between multiplication and division and how we can use our previous knowledge to solve calculations. In English, we watched the short film 'Treasure' and used positive descriptive language to turn objects from a rubbish tip into treasure. We also had lots of fun writing riddles! At the end of the week, we completed a discussion provoking comprehension task about the history of the comic book! In Music, we continued to learn the lyrics to famous ballads in preparation for an upcoming performance. Finally, we completed a very muddy, but very fun, cross country session on the school field. We hope everyone has a lovely upcoming weekend!



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 3 go to:

**Charlotte Lowell and Harrison White**

Congratulations!



# Year 4

It has been another busy, but exciting week in Year 4. In History, we have been examining why trading was important to the Vikings. To do this, we did some 'Viking trading' of our own. The children worked together in small groups to exchange their items with other groups by suggesting a 'trade'. They collected items such as foods and materials to build shelter and tools. Then, we discussed whether we thought the Vikings were 'raiders or traders', which created a great debate!

In maths this week, we have been focusing on multiplying by 10 and 100. We used some base-10 equipment to help us with this and were then able to apply our knowledge to complete some reasoning and problem-solving questions.

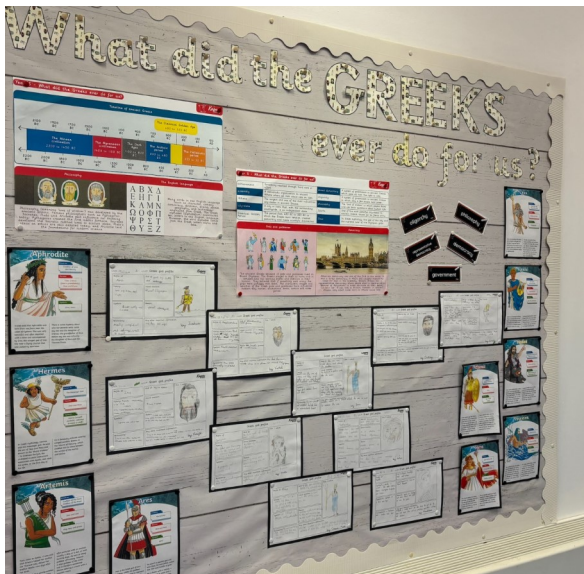
This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 4 go to:

**James Todd and Billy Thompson**

Congratulations!



# Year 5



This week Year 5 have been working extremely hard at creating their own narrative poetry using similes, metaphors, alliteration and many more exciting literary techniques. In addition to this, we have been investigating 'What the Greeks ever did for us!' So far, we have discovered the influence that Greek Gods and Goddesses have had on our beliefs, education and government systems. One key legacies of the Ancient Greeks is The Olympic Games, which started in Olympia, Greece over 2,700 years ago. We shall be finding our more about these this summer and are planning a special sporting event as the Olympics head to Paris. We are currently looking at similarities and differences in two of the key city states Athens and Sparta.

In Art we have been using our knowledge of similes and metaphors to create portrait poetry. Watch this space for public viewing. This is just a snapshot of all the fantastic learning taking place in Year 5 this week.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 5 go to:

**Joshua Copeland and Evan Stephenson**



Congratulations!

# YEAR 6

In History this week, we used primary sources to make inferences about our school and village throughout the 1900's. We looked at behaviour books, attendance registers, evacuee logs, newspaper clippings and photographs. We learned so much about our school and the village. We were shocked to find a picture of the station master and his family then we discovered there was not one, but two train stations in Dearham! We were horrified by the severity of the punishments in school too! We found that some people got one stroke of the cane for running in the corridors! We are pleased that school is not as strict now. It was lovely to see old pictures of some of our parents and to spot our grandparents' names in the log books - thankfully we didn't recognise anyone in the behaviour book!

As the weather was a litter brighter this week, we took part in cross country. We are learning to pace ourselves so we can run three laps of the field without stopping. We are aiming to be able to run a little further each week.

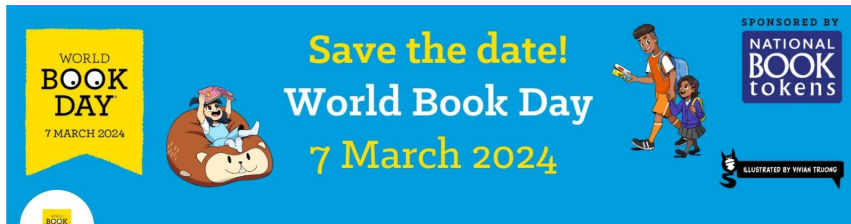


This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 6 go to:

**Alfie Kirkbride and Indie Fulton**

Congratulations!





Just a heads up that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 7th March. All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite 'book character' on that day. They must be able to talk about the character that they have chosen and name the book. Costumes do not need to be bought online; the best costumes are often home made.

#### Donations welcome

There may be families who have spare costumes from previous years that they can no longer use as their children have grown out of them. If this is the case and you would like to donate your spare costumes, we would welcome these with open arms. We can then use these to support any children who do not have a costume. Please send any unwanted costumes to the office.



### Community Cup



It was my pleasure to award the Community Cup this week to a Year 2 pupil who you may have seen featured on the front page of the 'Times & Star' local paper. His quick thinking and calm approach meant that he was able to save his gran, who was falling into a diabetic coma. Well done young man!

### Courtesy Cups

It was lovely to award the Courtesy Cups in assembly this morning to the following pupils:

Early Years— **Noah Sanderson**

Key Stage 1— **Archer Hetherington**

Lower Key Stage 2— **Jessie Nixon-Ferguson**

Upper Key Stage 2— **Ozzy Gorst**



Please note that for Safeguarding reasons, we never print the name of any child next to their photograph.



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### Attendance



Attendance for week ending 02/02/24

<b>Nursery</b>	100%
<b>Reception</b>	97.53%
<b>Year 1</b>	93.62%
<b>Year 2</b>	95.11%
<b>Year 3</b>	95.74%
<b>Year 4</b>	92.49%
<b>Year 5</b>	90.00%
<b>Year 6</b>	92.91%

Whole School Attendance = **94.25%**

### Useful Information



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**Chinese New Year**

In celebration of Chinese New Year, there will be a special lunch menu next Thursday. Please remember to sign up on ScoPay if your child would like to enjoy this.

