



# Newsletter



Friday, 9th February 2024

Term 2 Week 6

### Chinese New Year

Tomorrow, 10th February, people around the world will be celebrating Chinese New Year. We have enjoyed finding out all about this festival and many of us even savoured a special Chinese lunch on Thursday. During our assembly, we re-enacted the story of 'The Great Race,' the traditional Chinese tale which tells of how the Chinese zodiac came about and why the years are named after different animals. This will be the year of the dragon. Our Reception children shared a dragon song and dance with us that they had been practising in class and Year 1 demonstrated the dancing Chinese dragon.

### Cross Country Champions



A huge congratulations to our cross country team who competed at Netherhall School last Friday. We are so proud of you all. Year 1 and 2 ran 1000m, Year 3 and 4 ran 1200m and Year 5 and 6 ran an enormous 1500m! The children supported their team mates by cheering and praising each other; some of us even lost our voices! A special mention to the Y5 and 6 boys who won their event .



'Gong xi fa cai!' Wishing you all health and prosperity for the year ahead.

### Football Competitions

As this week is football week, we decided to celebrate with a football tournament. Our Year 6 Sports Captains organised the event and refereed all of the games. We were organised into fair team and all the children immersed themselves in the event. We had some very exciting games and even a penalty shoot out.



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This week in Nursery we have been talking about our pets and celebrating Chinese New Year, 'The Year of the Dragon'. The children enjoyed sharing photos of their pets and talked excitedly about them. In Circle time we read 'Cleversticks' and the children enjoyed making their own dragons, using their own chopsticks, making marks in rice and enjoying the texture of noodles. The children made some fantastic Chinese lanterns too!



In Maths, we looked at repeating patterns and spent time doing lots of practical activities, using compare bears, multilink, wooden blocks, coloured stickers and finger paints to make our own patterns. We used lots of different resources to create patterns during exploring time too.



Our sound for this week is 'o' and children have worked really hard in Phonics to recap all the sounds that we have been learning so far. We also enjoyed Rhyme Time and sang lots of Nursery rhymes together. We had a really busy week, as we also took part in Internet Safety Day, learning all about the importance of staying safe online.



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

**Kodi Graham and Archie Shaw**

Congratulations!

# Reception

This week we have really enjoyed looking at Chinese New Year. We loved making Chinese lanterns, decorating our own Chinese Dragon and learning our own Dragon song, which we performed in assembly in front of the whole school!



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

**Isla Boyd and Emilie Manchester**



It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday and we talked about the importance of keeping safe online. We explored the story of 'Smartie the Penguin' and he gave us lots of tips on keeping safe.

# Year 1

This week, we have been retelling the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children used all the amazing vocabulary we have been learning in their stories. They were fantastic.

In Maths, we used our number bonds to 10 to help us add and subtract our number bonds to 20. We also practised doubling.

In Science, we looked at how we use our senses in everyday life. We watched a video about a fireman and saw how he used his five senses in his job. We also looked at different foods and decided if they were carbohydrates, protein, dairy, fruit and vegetables, fats or oils and spreads.

The children looked at different landmarks and made these in the construction area. They used the globe to find out where they are and used an atlas to see which continent they are in.

Well done Year 1, you have been great this half term. Have a lovely well-deserved week off.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Y1 go to:



**Cohen Parker and Wilson Short**

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

# Year 2

**Freddie Cresswell and Polly Weir**

We have had a lovely week in Year 2. In English, we planned and wrote a non-fiction leaflet about the benefits of plastic, the cons of using too much plastic and how we can make more sustainable choices. They were all brilliant; the children were really proud of these as they should be! This linked well with our Science where we planned a children's party with the rule being 'no plastic'; the children explored more sustainable and eco-friendly options. In Maths we used multilink to help us divide numbers by 2. In DT, we built the strongest chairs for Baby Bear from 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' story out of recycled materials. In Art, the children made some beautiful collages out of the hand painted pieces of paper that they painted last week! We also learned all about Chinese New Year and made some wonderful masks of Chinese Dragons.



# Year 3

We had an exciting week in Year 3! In Maths, we divided a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. We used base 10 to develop our understanding.

In English, we continued to work from the short film 'Treasure'. We wrote super descriptions on the dump and diary entries. A highlight of this week was our History project. We made our own Roman shields and had great fun being Roman soldiers.

We hope you all liked the Kandinsky paintings that the children brought home; they worked extremely hard and were very proud of the end results. In Science, we carried out investigations to discover the hardness and absorbency of different rocks, which was so much fun and we reached some interesting results!

On Thursday, Year 3 were the proud winners of the football tournament organised by Year 6. We were so proud of the team's sportsmanship and resilience!



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

**Noah Easterbrook and Jonty Falcon**



# Year 4

We have had many exciting activities this week. On Monday, we had a visitor in school who helped us learn more about food and diet. In our Geography topic, the children were investigating where our food comes from and he helped them to understand the journey our food takes to end up on our plates. The class also made some fresh bread using a range of ingredients, it turned out to be delicious!

We have had three days of P.E. this week! On Tuesday, the children practised their accuracy of long passes in their hockey lesson. Then, in cricket on Wednesday, the children played matches in their groups.

Finally, on Thursday, the children took part in a football tournament. They showed fantastic team playing and sportsmanship and secured 4th, 3rd and 2nd place. Well done after a busy week Year 4, I hope you have a restful, well deserved half-term!



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 4 go to: **Hollie Hodgson and Jake Askew**



# Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started reading our new English book, 'Wonder', by R.J. Palacio. This has inspired all of our extended writing activities, as we have written both letters and diary entries in character, as August, the star of the book.

We completed our work on fractions and began to look at how what we have learned correlates to decimal numbers and percentages as well. In Science, we looked at satellites, their uses, and how the debris from these satellites continues to orbit the Earth, long after they have stopped working.

In History, we continued looking at the Ancient Greeks, and how they have influenced the modern world, while in R.E., we looked at what many different cultures and religions teach about life after death.

In Computing, we continued to create interactive, animated storybooks, to share with the younger pupils. We learned how to code different buttons into our books, in order to create movement, special effects and sound.



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

**Amelia Simpson and  
Erin Craggs**



# YEAR 6

This week has been filled with sports. We progressed with our hockey skills on Tuesday. We focused on our accurate passing skills. We are developing our understanding of the force we need to apply to ensure the ball successfully reaches our team mates.

In cricket, we were blown away with our batting and fielding skills - special mention to Sam and Lacey! We played a game in which we kept accumulating points depending on the number of runs.

Year 6 were also tasked with a challenge to group themselves into fair football teams for the tournament on Friday afternoon. As staff, we were very proud of how all the children worked together to create fair teams which will result in very competitive football games. The children considered everyone's feelings and managed to do this without any conflicts.

Well done Year 6—this showed great maturity.



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

**Harry Fulton, Elliott Leyland,  
Oscar Frankam and Bobby Scholey**



**Parking**



Parking continues to be an issue here at Dearham Primary School. I have asked staff to ensure that they use the Staff Car Park and so this has freed up more spaces in the Visitors' Car Park. However, although there are empty spaces, there are a small number of parents who are not using these for fear of 'getting blocked in'. This means that they then block the empty spaces and so they cannot be used by anybody. This causes a jam along The Went and nobody can pass or enter the car park. Please only enter the Visitors' Car Park if you are able to park in a space, without blocking anybody else in. I appreciate that parking is a concern and am happy to listen to any suggestions that you have to alleviate this issue.

**Friends of Dearham School**



Thank you to both parents who expressed an interest in being part of FODS. We really need more people to get on board in order to make this work though.

We will hold a FODS meeting, in school, for anyone who may be interested on **Monday, 4th March 2024, 6pm—7pm**. Please do come along, to find out more about what this entails. Any time, no matter how great or small, will be very much appreciated.

**Courtesy Cups**

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

- Early Years— **Bella Murray**
- Key Stage 1— **Isaac Moore**
- Lower Key Stage 2— **Finley Gillmore**
- Upper Key Stage 2— **Erin Craggs**



**Half Term Break**

Next week is the half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday, 19th February 2024**.



**Attendance**



Attendance for week ending 09/02/24

<b>Nursery</b>	100%
<b>Reception</b>	92.95%
<b>Year 1</b>	96.17%
<b>Year 2</b>	97.72%
<b>Year 3</b>	95.74%
<b>Year 4</b>	95.28%
<b>Year 5</b>	93.77%
<b>Year 6</b>	99.28%

Whole School Attendance = **96%**

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