



Newsletter

Friday, 20th September 2024

School Dinners

As you are aware, we recently changed our catering company and there have been some changes to the menu. We would like to give you the opportunity to taste some of the food that is now being offered and look forward to welcoming you to school on **Thursday, 26th September at 2pm**. You will also have the opportunity to raise any questions that you may have, directly with the catering manager. Listening to your feedback, we have already added a ham sandwich to the menu every day.

There are some great things on the menu and when the children try them, they are often pleasantly surprised. A firm favourite this week was the chicken curry and apple crumble and custard!



Term 1 Week 3



Thank you!

We raised £180 on Monday and have donated this to the Jeans for Genes charity. In our assembly, we looked at some examples of how the money that we raised will be put to good use. Thank you for your care.



CAR BOOT SALE

See you tomorrow!

- Car Boot Sale
- Craft Fair
- Refreshments
- Sweet Treats

**Saturday, 21st
September**

11am—2pm



EXCELLENCE

CARE

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After School Activities

It has been wonderful to see our pupils participating in a wide range of extra curricular activities this week. There have been creative, artistic, sporting, cookery and mindful activities on offer. Thank you to the team who give up their own time to provide these enrichment opportunities.



Mini Moos Move for Maryport Rescue

Well done to this pair of Dearham Primary School siblings who completed a 10 mile bike ride to raise money for Maryport Rescue last Sunday. They smashed their fundraising target of £300 and have currently accumulated £650. If you would like to contribute, [click here](#) for their Go Fund Me page. Well done both of you!



DEARHAM SCHOOL

WRAP AROUND

AFTER SCHOOL

AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM OR 5.30PM

Activities include

- Lego construction
- Themed crafts
- Movie club
- Board games
- Music Club
- Cake & biscuit decorating
- Bingo!

Book via ScoPay



NURSERY

This week in Nursery our topic is 'All About Me', which fits in perfectly with getting to know our new starters. During circle time, our discussions have focused on getting to know each other and the children have been using mirrors to have a closer look at their faces, discussing similarities and differences between us all. We have been using the words 'same' and 'different' to help us compare different features.

We have been enjoying singing songs all about our bodies and have been learning actions to the songs 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes', 'If you're happy and you know it clap your hands' and 'A very busy body'. The children have really enjoyed learning new songs. We have also been singing lots of number songs and talking about our favourite Nursery Rhymes. Our finger gym has been home to Mr & Mrs Potato Head this week and the children have been having fun creating very silly faces using a range of different body parts!



As the weather has been kind to us, we have been spending a lot of time exploring the outdoor area, playing games with our friends, exploring our woodland and using the new outdoor resources. We have been building ramps out of the loose parts, making tunnels and racing cars to see whose was the fastest. We also decided to do some outdoor painting in the sunshine.



This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Brody Ostle and Teddy Park

Reception

We have had a lovely week in Reception. We have started doing a morning activity every day. These activities have been counting and colour, scissor skills, writing their name, finding rhyming words and making patterns with the pegs and pegboards. We have also started phonics this week. The children have been doing so well listening to the new phoneme and forming it on their whiteboards.

Our topic this week has been Pirates and we have been reading 'The Pirate Next Door'. The children have learnt some new vocabulary and they drew a pirate and wrote the 'p' sound next to it. In Maths, we have been looking at matching sets. We have matched socks and gloves, played snap and made sets that are the same. The children have also drawn treasure maps, made flags and found gems to match the number.

Well done Reception, you have had a fantastic week.

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

Bobby Herve and Hannah Farmer



A wonderful week Nursery! Well done everyone.

Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have further settled in and became familiar with new routines. The children are all keen learners and showing great enthusiasm in all subjects.

In English, Alan the Alligator went missing. The children created some wanted posters to help find him, during their exploration time the children made their own choices to paint pictures of Alan to support finding him, some children even built cube models of Alan. We have also been role-playing the story, taking on the personalities of the different characters. In Maths we have been using concrete resources to support our learning. The children have been mastering how to find '1 more'.

Our Geography topic, 'Where in the world am I?' allowed the children time to explore Google Earth. We looked at an aerial map of Dearham and labelled the different features. In Science we continued with 'Our Seasons', this week the children all came up with hand gestures for the different weather types.



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

Elvie Brannon and Regan McAllister



Year 2

In English this week, we continued working on 'Stick Man'. The children wrote sentences using their senses to describe Stick Man getting washed up on the shore. They also practised rewriting sentences in 1st person. The children combined these skills to write a postcard home to Stick Lady about his many adventures.

In Maths, the children have worked hard to flexibly partition numbers to 100, write them in expanded form and count in 10s on a number line to 100. In Science, the children enjoyed hunting outdoors to find things that were alive, once alive and never alive. They then recorded these results in a table to deepen their knowledge on the process of living things.

In Art, the children used oil pastels to recreate textures. These were beautiful and I was so impressed by the children's ability to blend colours and create patterns. In Geography, we looked at the North and South Pole. The children learned about their differences and labelled them on a map. In RE, we looked at different Harvest celebrations all around the world. Our week finished in our new Music room, where we are looking at West African Animals and trying to recreate their calls with instruments.



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

Nevaeh Adams Little and Archie Gorley

Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed the unexpected sunshine this week! We have taken some of our learning into the great outdoors and used the space and fresh air to complete some educational games, teamwork activities and even had a calm reading session.

In Maths, we have continued working on place value. This week we covered partitioning of 3-digit numbers and looked at number lines. In Science, we learnt about the bones that make up the human skeleton and learnt which bones are the biggest and the smallest after measuring lots of examples and ordering them in a table.

In English, we continued developing our writing skills, using our class book 'Stone Age Boy' as inspiration. In History, we started looking at our focus question for this half term - Would you prefer to have lived in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age? by learning about Pre-historic man. Another busy week! We hope you all continue to enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

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

Brooklyn Robertson and Freddie Cresswell



Year 4

We have had a fantastic week in Year 4! In Science, we focused on teeth. The children began by observing their own teeth using mirrors and deciding which tooth type they were missing! They then created some fantastic model teeth made from salt dough. They used their knowledge to carefully mould the dough into incisors, canines and molars, to ensure their shape would match the teeth function.

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

Ted Sanderson and Sophia McKenzie



In Music this week, the children enjoyed visiting the new music room to begin our 'Rock and Roll' unit. We listened to some classic rock and roll music, including 'Rockin' Billy' and 'Rock around the Clock'. We thought carefully about the tempo and dynamics of the music and tried to identify the instrument used. Following this, we discovered that dancing is an important part of rock and roll as it is a key part of understanding the beat of the music. The children had a brilliant time having a go at the 'hand jive' and performed it to a piece of rock and roll music!



Year 5

It has been a wonderful week in Year 5. The children are well settled and are beginning to establish a solid routine.

In Maths, we have been looking at partitioning numbers and have used our understanding of where these numbers fit onto a number line. In English, we have been using some previously taught grammar skills such as relative clauses and relative pronouns, so we can include these in our own adventure story from the book 'Gorilla'.

In Art, we have been studying portraits and the different ways we can make these using a range of media. This week, we used collage to make a copy of a drawn portrait we had completed in the previous lesson. Next week, we will look at photographs and make a portrait using different photos of our faces.

In Science, we looked at separating mixtures. We used the technique of sieving and separated three different solid substances (gold, rock and sand).



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

Jake Askew and Daisy Sowerby



YEAR 6

In Maths this week, we continued our focus on place value, diving deeper into the powers of 10. The children have been rounding numbers up to 10,000,000 and exploring the world of negative numbers with confidence. It has been fantastic to see their growing number skills in action!

In English, we began our first piece of independent writing. The class took on the role of Macbeth, writing a letter to Lady Macbeth about the battle, his eerie encounter with the witches, and delivering some very exciting news. The children worked hard to enhance their vocabulary and produced letters with stunning handwriting that impressed us all!

Music lessons have been particularly exciting as we have been enjoying our brand-new music room. We listened to *Fingal's Cave*, a dramatic piece of music, and used it as inspiration to create our own sounds using instruments.

In Science, our focus has been on living things and how we classify them. We learned about Carl Linnaeus and his brilliant system for grouping animals. As we explored his classification system, we discovered how organisms in smaller groups have more similarities.



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

Joshua Copeland and Emily Bishop



Key Dates

September

- 21st—FODS Carboot Sale 11am—2pm
- 26th—2pm Catering Meeting for Parents
- 27th—Year 5 Netherhall Day

October

- 30th—4th—Year 5 Swimming
- 4th—Individual School Photos
- 7th—11th—Year 4 Swimming
- 11th—Year 6 Netherhall Day
- 14th—18th—Year 3 Swimming
- 26th— FODS Pumpkin Picking Event
- 28th Oct—1st Nov—Half Term Week**



We currently have **£185.69** in the Dearham Primary School Cashpot. Thank you for your support so far and keep going!

Lost Property

There is a mountain of lost property that has been accumulated since the start of term. Please **write your child's name** on each item of clothing, water bottles, lunchboxes etc. so that lost items can be returned to the correct owner.



Safeguarding

Headteacher — Mrs. Samantha Busigny
 DSL — Mrs. Samantha Busigny
 DDSL—Miss Emily Grima
 Safeguarding Governor— Mr. Rob Barton



Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership

If you suspect that a child or young person is being, or is at risk of being significantly harmed as a result of abuse or neglect, you must report this immediately by calling the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub on: **0333 240 1727**

Attendance



Attendance for week ending **20/09/24**

(Please note that Nursery is not included as this is non-statutory education)

Whole School Attendance = **94.43%**

Reception	93.08%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	93.57%
Year 3	99.39%
Year 4	92.8%
Year 5	94.64%
Year 6	92.19%

Cups

Congratulations to this week's Courtesy Cup winners:

Early Years—**Ella Cant**

Key Stage 1—**Iyla-Beau Park**

Lower Key Stage 2—**Sophia McKenzie**

Upper Key Stage 2—**Finley Easterbrook**

Congratulations to **Poppy and Isaac Moore** who are this week's recipients of the Community Cup for thinking of others, embodying our value of 'Care'.



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