



DPS News

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“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.” Albert Einstein

8st July, 2022

Dear Parents,

How lucky we have been with the weather this week – with Year 6 out doing various different leavers activities here, there and everywhere, and KS1 and Reception sports day on Friday, the sun shone down beautifully for them all!

Huge congratulations to all children who competed in sports day today, it really was sweltering so well done for persevering with all the different sports events in the heat! Thanks must go to Mrs Jenkinson and all teaching staff for ensuring the day was planned out well – the children seemed to have the most amazing time which is what it is all about.

A quote from Zain, “It’s not about winning, it’s about having fun!”

Truer words were never spoken – thank you Zain, for your words of wisdom!

Parents and carers who came to support deserve a big thank you for cheering everyone on, and a special thank you must go to all Year 6 helpers who were so professional and supportive in the running of the events, it really made the day run so smoothly and was a tremendous help to all teaching staff too. Another thank you must go to the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who tirelessly ran back and forth to the water fountains filling up bottles for thirsty children and parents – your help was essential.

Read on below to hear about all other events and trips which have taken place over the week, for example Reception’s trip to Bocketts Farm, and Year 1’s trip to Nonsuch Park.

Have a wonderful weekend, and stay safe in the sun and heat.

Kindest regards,

David Dennis

Assistant Headteacher



DPS Readers!

Platinum Reading WINNERS!!

What an amazing year of reading it has been! I have been so impressed by Dorchester's enthusiasm for reading and we are looking to develop our approaches to be even better for the next academic year.

Next Wednesday, I will be hosting the Platinum Reading Breakfast and the Gold Library Party for those children that have achieved 96/ 80 stickers. The Silver and Bronze winners will also receive their bookmarks and certificates next week.

For the Platinum Reading Breakfast, the winners will be in the hall watching The BFG (which is a PG), and sharing in stories and breakfast together. Food will be provided, but if your child has allergies or would like specific foods in addition, please do send them in with these.

The PLATINUM winners are:

Bronze: Emilia, Amy, Jack, Melody, Ray, William

Copper: Alfie, Heidi, Phoebe

Red: Alice, Harry, Ollie, Ibrahim, Krishan, Meriem, Tiffany

Rose: Aidan A, Alice, Anya, Darcy-Mae, Emma, Freya, Lexie, Theo

Ruby: Alexis, Jasper, Joshua, Emma, Mihails, Henry, Lisa

Buttercup: Adnan, Sonny

Topaz: Emma, Sanaya

Yellow: Dylan, Jesse, Hayat Chloe, Eunbi

Coral: Ishaani, Valerie, April, Matthew, Leo, Lily, Conor, Laila

Flamingo: Hei, Dominic, Jake, Emilia, Sofia, Vivaan, Malik

Fuchsia: Hannah, Paige

Magenta: Hamza A

Quartz: Etta, Paul, Gabriela

Blue: Adam, Daniel, Emma, Shahzar, Sofia, Summer

Indigo: Toby, Max, Sanvi, Safiya, Isla, Olivia, Ella

Sapphire: Aston, Herman, Emelie, Owen

Amethyst: Myra

Lavender: Dania, Brooke

Purple: Chihna, Isla, Connor, Addison, Jake, Ronnie, Luana

Super well done to all our winners! Your child may have already told you, or soon will, if they achieved Gold, Silver or Bronze. Next year, we will have incremental prizes as well as end of year, and all this information will be out shortly.

There have been lots of school trips and staff absences this week, so if there are any additional children that we may have missed from this list, we will of course recognise their achievements next week and they will be included in the prize appropriate to their number of reading stickers. Thank you for your continued support as parents and carers with reading.

Best wishes,

Miss Butler



DPS Sport

Reception and KS1 Sports Day

Today, Reception and KS1 had their sports day. The children did incredibly well with brilliant participation, team work and supporting their house teams. All of the children should be incredibly proud of themselves! Reception did sack race, egg and spoon race, sprints and much more! In addition to these activities, KS1 also took part in a water race, target practise and gymnastics! The Year 6 children who helped were enthusiastic and supportive in explaining each of the activities to the children. A huge thank you to all of the staff, the parents and carers who attended and prepared their children for the day ahead in their colour team top. Happy sports day!





DPS Notices

School Council's Eco Slime Sale Wednesday 13th July

What?

School council decided last week that they wished to do something for the school in the last couple of weeks of term which will be:

- raising money for a good cause
- sustainable and eco friendly
- fun for Dorchester children and families

So they came up with the idea of making and selling pots of sustainable and eco friendly slime made by our own eco-conscious school council.

When? Wednesday 13th July, after school. We will be set up outside the school office.

How much? Pots will be selling for £2.50 each

What makes them 'eco'? The slime will be totally chemical free and made using entirely natural ingredients; it will also be packaged in sustainable cardboard pots with lids as well.

Ingredients: Psyllium Husk powder (a natural form of fibre made from the husks of the *Plantago ovata* plant's seeds), natural food colouring, and a few drops of mint or lemon essence so they smell nice!. The full list of ingredients will be detailed on the pots of slime too. The slime is theoretically 'edible' but not at all recommended to be eaten – it just means if children lick their fingers after playing with it or put the slime in their mouths it is safe to do so.





DPS Notices



Friends of Dorchester School PTA



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LOTTERY

NEW **SCHOOL YEAR** **NEW** **CHANCES TO WIN**

**BOOST School Funds &
WIN up to**
£25,000

- Help raise vital school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Cash prize winner every week
- You've got to be in it to win it!



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and search for: Dorchester Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.



Junior Duke Awards

Congratulations to:

Victor (Magenta) for achieving his Silver Junior Duke Award

Nuwaira (Coral) for achieving her Bronze Junio Duke Award

Tavalia (Sapphire) for achiving her Gold Junior Duke Award

Zoe (Amethyst) for achiving her Platinum Junior Duke Award

Junior Duke Winners Garden Party

14th July - It will be in school at 2.15pm - 3.15pm.

Parents or carers wanting to attend may then take their children with them after the party finishes which will also be the end of school day. We are also very lucky to be able to have player from Sutton United's football squad to come along to the party to share in the celebrations of all the hard work and effort which the children have put into their Duke Awards!

For the party, we are kindly requesting that families attending the party give a contribution of snack food or drink into school with your children please. We will have tables set up displaying the children's Junior Duke booklets to look through, and we will also have a couple of tables our for snack food and drinks to be available from.

We look forward to seeing as many of the Duke winners and their families there as possible





Class Notes



What different things did we see in the painting?

This week in Nursery we have joined the rest of the school in the 'Take one Picture' project from the National Gallery. Primary teachers across the country are invited to put one painting from the National Gallery collection at the heart of their curriculum. This year they have chosen the painting *Shipwreck in Stormy Seas 1772* by Claude -Joseph Vernet. On Monday, we looked at the painting and the children all thought that the boats were pirate ships. We also listened to a sound clip and heard all the different elements from the painting. This was a good opportunity for the children to show off their Phase 1 phonics learning. The children correctly identified a thunderstorm, rain, a dog barking, bells and people shouting. We have had lots of fun making large pirate ships and pirate accessories. For our final piece we will be taking a photograph of the children in their ships with their pirates treasure but we are having so much fun we are going to continue with this project next week!



What was your favourite part of our trip to Bocketts Farm and why?

This week Reception have had a really exciting time! We have been on a visit to Bocketts Farm AND taken part in Sports Day! We started the week by reading *Farmer Duck*, written by Martin Waddell and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. It is a story of a wayward farmer who makes the Duck do all the work by himself. The other farm animals team up to help the duck out. On Tuesday, we all visited Bocketts Farm in Fetcham. We were shown around my Farmer Alfie and Farmer Harvey who took us on a trailer ride, and to visit and experience stroking many animals. After lunch, we cheered on the pigs as they raced around a track, and we had a bit of time left to play with our friends in the playground before getting back on the coaches to come home. We wrote some lovely sentences about our favourite animals at the farm and have made animal masks using paper plates. On Thursday, we practised many of the sports we would need for Sports Day before really making a grand effort as we competed on Friday, when we sprinted, threw beanbags, jumped in sacks and navigated obstacles. We all deserve a good rest this weekend!



Class Notes

What part of the trip did to Nonsuch you enjoy the most, and why?



The children have had a very busy week. They had a great time on Tuesday at Nonsuch park and were very sensible on the walk there and back as well as when we were in the park. Thank you to everyone who helped us with the trip.

In Literacy, the children used their trip experience to write a recount of the day. We reminded the children of how to use time adverbs in their writing along with adjectives and conjunctions, and they have all produced amazing writing. They have spent time exploring how they can improve their sentences by correcting punctuation, adding adjectives and conjunctions.

In Maths, we have looked at telling the time using o'clock and how the little hand tells us the hour and the big hand tells us the minute. The children have spent time thinking about their day, sequencing events and making their own clocks.

We have had an art focus this week for 'Take One Picture' which the children have loved. They have listened to music and looked at parts of the painting before seeing the whole picture. They thought about how the music made them feel, what they could hear and guessed what the painting was going to be. After the children had seen the painting we carried out some drama based on what they could see using the music to inspire them.

Who painted Shipwreck in Stormy Seas?

The children have really enjoyed immersing themselves in art this week for the 'take one picture' initiative which has taken place across the school. There have been wonderful conversations taking place about the use of colour and texture in the painting we looked at, as well as the emotions felt when exploring a beautiful painting like this.

In Maths, we have been working on division and specially focussing on dividing with remainders. In English, we have been recapping different sentence types, as well as using possessive apostrophes and commas in lists also.

The children all ran, jumped, threw, leapt and cheered fantastically well at Sports day today too – they seemed to really enjoy themselves and loved taking part – well done everyone!



Class Notes

What did you enjoy most about the take one picture project?

This week, we have been working on our take one picture project. All of our work has centred around one painting called 'Shipwreck in stormy seas' by Claude-Joseph Vernet. We have written a range of different texts such as poems, stories and opinions about this painting. Some of us even managed to link it to our Ancient Greece topic! We have explored how some characters in the painting may have felt and behaved before, during and after the storm that caused the shipwreck. We have done lots of art and made paintings and sculptures to represent this picture and the emotions it evokes. In PE, we have been practising for sports day next week by doing running races and working as a team. Some of our Year group performed 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars on the ukulele at the Sutton Music Service concert at Fairfield Halls this week and were amazing! They behaved beautifully and were very professional musicians throughout the evening.

How can we promote inclusivity in sports?

This week the children created their Take One Picture collages using natural materials and paint. They have turned out so well! The children also painted their clay pots using space colours and glitter.

In Literacy, we continued reading *The Girl of Ink & Stars* and wrote character descriptions and diary entries. In Maths, we have been learning about parallel and perpendicular lines as well as regular and irregular polygons.

In PSHE, we created vision boards, looking into our future and setting goals for ourselves.

We are also super excited to know who our new teachers are. Blue Class will meet Mrs Wyman next week, Indigo Class will meet Mrs Harman and Mrs Glover and Sapphire Class will meet Mrs Thorn and Mrs Wilkins. What an exciting time of year this is!

How are you feeling about entering your penultimate week at Dorchester?

It has been a relatively quiet time in school this week with regards to Year 6 children. The Year 6s who did not go on the residential were out on three occasions for bowling, go ape and dragon boating which sounded like they were tremendous fun! We have heard through regular updates that the Year 6s who went on the residential have been having a lovely time too, and we look forward to hearing all about it upon their return. Only one more full week of school for them left – it's all becoming rather real now!



Safeguarding

Supporting our children's safety

Setting Up Devices Safely for your Children

What are parental controls?

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see. Combined with privacy settings these can help you protect your children from the things they shouldn't see or experience online.

How to set parental controls

Many parents are put off using controls and settings as they think they will be difficult to set up, or complicated to use. With our step by step guides, we can help make it simple and straightforward.

Using controls & settings alongside other strategies

Parental Controls and Privacy Settings are useful tools to help minimise the risks your children may face, but they are not 100% effective. It's really important to teach your child skills like critical thinking and resilience, so they know what to do if they encounter risk. Always encourage them to talk to you about anything they find upsetting online.

For more detailed information on this topic, please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Get your personalised online safety toolkit in a few easy steps

- Answer some simple questions about your children's digital habits (takes just a few minutes)
- Provide an email address to receive your own personalised online safety toolkit

Use the toolkit to:

- Get age-specific advice to support your children online
- Learn about popular apps and platforms your children use
- Get information about how to deal with any online safety concerns
- Get recommendations for digital tools to support their interests and wellbeing

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

Are you regularly checking yours and your children's privacy settings and phone, device or gaming usage?

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www.internetmatters.org www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety www.common sense media.org



DPS Links

School Nursing Duty Line

We have set up a duty School Nurse line to enable telephone contact for parents and young people to offer support to replace some current face-to-face contact at this time.

0208 770 5409

Useful links

All school information and communication www.classlist.com

Payment link for school dinners and class trips

www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home

Our website <http://www.dorchesterprimary.com/>

Use the website for our Twitter @DorchesterP

Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/dorchesterprimary>

The value for this half term is,
Togetherness

If you want to go quickly

go alone

If you want to go far

go together

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 06/06 27/06 18/07 12/09 03/10	Option 1	Cheesy Vegetable Pasta Bake	* Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	* Roast Gammon with Roast New Potatoes and Gravy	* BBQ Chicken with Rice / Noodles	MSC Salmon Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Vegetarian Burger (Quorn) in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Loaf with Roasted New Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Mixed Peppers	Baked Tomatoes Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Lemon & Berry Cake	Ice Cream with Fruit Salad	Chocolate Shortbread with Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard	Jelly with Mandarins
Week Two 13/06 04/07 29/08 19/09 10/10	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	* Pasta Bake (made with Beef)	* Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	* Chicken Wraps with Rice	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	BBQ Quorn with Rice	Lentil & Basil Whirl with New Potatoes	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Cheese & Vegetable Omelette with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Cauliflower	Fresh Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Apple Crumble with Cream	Chocolate & Mandarin Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Jelly with Mandarins	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake	Ice Cream with Peaches
Week Three 20/06 11/07 05/09 26/09 17/10	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	* Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	* Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	* Pork Sausages with Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Vegetable Wraps with Rice	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Sausages with Potato Wedges	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips
	Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Roasted Vegetables Green Beans	Carrots Roasted Parsnips	Sweetcorn Baked Tomatoes	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad with Cream	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Jelly with Peaches	Chocolate & Apple Cake with Chocolate Sauce

Added Plant Power

Vegan

Wholemeal

Available Daily:
- Freshly cooked Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

*** Halal Option Available**

ALLERGY INFORMATION: If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask the school for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance, you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross-contamination.



DPS Diary

11th July Week	Personal Bests week Move up day – time in next year’s classes for the morning
11th July	Parents evening drop in session to discuss reports
12th July	Yellow class to pizza express
13th July	Platinum and Gold Reading Prizes
14th July	Junior Duke Winners Celebration Party 2.15pm – 3.15pm
15th July	Juniors Sports Day
18th July	Talent Show Year 5 Prefects Applications and Presentation R-Y5 Discos timings TBC
19th July	Nursery end of term Den Day! – Build A Palace Year 6 Prom timings tbc
20st July	End of Summer 2 term – school finishes at 1.30pm
21st July	INSET Day

1st September	INSET Day Teachers
2nd September	INSET DAY All Staff
Monday 5th September	First Day back for children
Friday 21st October	INSET Day All Staff
Monday 5th June 2023	INSET Day
Friday 21st July 2023	INSET Day



The Willow Club is the new name for our Wrap Around Care Provision, which includes Breakfast Club, Morning Club, After School Club and Holiday Club. We hope you like our new branding!

Places are available for booking the Summer holiday club, and for after school club for the remainder of this term. Just visit The Willow Club Wrap Around Care page on the school website (<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=The+Willow+Club+Wrap%2Daround+Care&pid=64&action=saved>) to book.

Please note that bookings need to be made and paid for in advance of the booking. This week we have had several children attending club without bookings which means we may have insufficient food, staff or resources for them. Thank you.