



DPS News

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"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

J.K.Rowling, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

5th November, 2021

Dear Parents

After the clock changes last weekend and the start of winter, light and dark has been a bit of a theme in school this week. On Monday in assembly we learnt about the pagan origins of Hallowe'en and how, in some countries, it is celebrated as a happy day when people remember and give thanks for the lives of those they know who have died. We thought about the meaning of the word 'hallowed', with our Year 6 children remembering, linked to last term's RE learning, that the word is also used in the Lord's Prayer, as well as thinking about how it links to the Christian celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Of course, fireworks have also featured this week as many of our families celebrate Diwali and, of course, Guy Fawkes night tonight. The children have been reminded of the Firework Code and know how to keep themselves safe around fireworks. If you are celebrating this weekend, we hope you enjoy it.

Thank you to those parents who attended our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) Education online presentation on Thursday. We hope you found the session useful and better understand the approach we take to teaching in this area – the subject covers some sensitive issues but we are always impressed with how brilliantly the children respond to these topics, showing thought and empathy.

A big thank you to everyone who visited the Scholastic Book Fair at school this week. It is testament to the children's enthusiasm for reading that we sold £1104.52 worth of books. The school will earn commission on these sales which we will use to continue to build our supply of reading books for the children.

We are looking forward to meeting you at our parent consultations next week and sharing details about your child/ren's progress with you. In the meantime, enjoy the weekend.

Kind regards

Cathy Bell

Headteacher



DPS Sport

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival

A chilly morning on Wednesday saw a small squad of our Year 3/4 children play in a friendly Tag Rugby Festival led by students from John Fisher School.

Our children haven't had much experience of rugby yet so this was an opportunity for them to take part in some practices to get some coaching tips before playing some friendly matches against other schools.

All the children threw themselves into the experience with enthusiasm and as the matches went on we could see the progress they were making with their understanding of the game and their tag rugby skills. We saw some great running and try scoring - and some exceptional tagging!

Well done to Paige, Vivaan, Vihaan, Nathan, Gabriel, Emily, Nicole, Macey, Parisa. them all - they were fantastic representatives of Dorchester!



Boys' Football: Nonsuch Park vs Dorchester

Wednesdays games versus Nonsuch saw our year 5 & 6 boys football team pick up convincing wins.

After going a goal down very early in the match, we dominated the game, quickly drawing level and finishing the first half 2-1 ahead. A strong second half saw us take the match 6-1.

A huge well done and thank you to Harrison, Tommy, Owen, Mason, Louie, Ben, Cameron, Alfie, Brody, George, Fung and Ronnie for showing great character and sportsmanship. Thanks to the parents who came to support too.

Girls' Football: Cheam Common Juniors vs Dorchester

Our girls team played on Thursday at Cheam Common Junior School and showed a superb all around team effort. After a defeat in their last game, they put into practice all the things they have worked on in training and it paid off beautifully, with the girls coming away with a 4-2 win. A brilliant performance – well done to Kiki, Zoe, Jayme Leigh, Addison, Lila, Julia, Martha, Alice, Evie, Emelie and Olivia





Eco News

Eco-Schools

Dorchester Primary is proud to announce that we are joining Eco-schools. We are committing to; reducing our energy consumption, making changes to our waste and recycling, becoming more conscience global citizens and making our school greener. Our Eco Council has been meeting to discuss future projects and start our first ever Environmental Review.

Thank you to these young students who have formed the Eco-council for this half term have shown great maturity and ambition.

Phoebe, Tessa, Amelia, Ekansh, Evie.P, Teddy, Jessica, Malik, Isabella, Ivy, Jacob, Nuwaira, Alana, Miley, Mimi, Olivia, Evie, Mari, Olivia and Mikey.

With these children taking the lead, we look forward to a productive year of green actions.



Don't forget to do your leaves of promises, to make a change to help the climate crisis. We will add every leaf to our tree of hope in school. Here is how you can take part;

1) Find a strong leaf or cut a piece of paper/card into a leaf shape. Write on one side your promise.

For example; # I promise to recycle all of my rubbish, or # I promise to walk to school everyday.

Remember these must be things that you are changing.

2) Write on the other side, what you want the world leaders to promise to do.

3) Share a photo of your promise on to social media

#PromiseToThePlanet and tag @wwf_uk @DorchesterP @dorchester_primary_school

#ForestOfPromises and tag @wwf_uk @DorchesterP @dorchester_primary_school

4) Bring your child's leaves into school so we can add these to our school's 'tree of hope'

We look forward to seeing all of the children's promises and share our 'tree of hope' with you all.

Diane Thackwell (Dorchester Eco Lead)



Do you have a full wardrobe in need of a sort out?

Dorchester Eco-council plan to raise money to buy equipment to help with our recycling in school. Next week your children will be coming home with a Bag 2 School bag. This is a clothing collection system that will pay the school for the clothing donated.

So get sorting and set aside those quality items that you have finished with. More details to come next week.



DPS Notices



Local mums selling quality preloved maternity, baby and children's items

Saturday 20th November

Pre-booked tickets 14:00 - 15:00

Standard Admission 15:00 - 16:00

St Mark's Church

St Mark's Hill

Surbiton

KT6 4LS

Carshaltonfamiliesnns@gmail.com

£2.00 Entry (Children go free)

Junior Duke Booklets

Well done to all of those children who have made a start on their Junior Duke award booklets – there have been visits to greet their assessors around the school already, and some challenges have already been completed. Carry on the great work, and remember, perseverance and practise are the key to success!

Sutton Night Watch Halloween Mufti Money

Thank you for all your generous donations from the mufti day at the end of last term. We raised money this time round, for the fantastic local charity Sutton Night Watch, as voted for by school council. This local charity focusses on supporting those who are homeless in Sutton. School council shared the great work of Sutton Night watch in assembly that day, and chose specifically to start by selecting a local charity. Next, school council will be looking to support a national charity, then afterwards an international charity as a way of trying to think increasingly globally after starting from supporting those right on our doorstep.



Class Notes

How is Diwali celebrated?

In Nursery this week we have read the story 'Lighting a Lamp' by Jonny Zucker. The children have found out about lots of different ways that Diwali is celebrated. They have enjoyed using salt dough to shape their own Diva lamps, and they have decorated them with lots of colour and sparkles. They have also been looking at different Mehndi patterns that people use to decorate their hands for Diwali. They were all really excited when they were able to use face paints to draw their own Mehndi patterns on to their hands. We have also been looking at different Rangoli patterns and tried to create some using different methods.

What can you remember about Diwali?

In Reception, children have been learning about two Celebrations that will take place this week. One is Diwali, the Hindu festival that starts on Thursday. The children have been making Rangoli patterns using a variety of materials such as chalk, rice and felt pens, both inside and out. They have heard the story of Sita and Rama and learned that the word Diwali means 'festival of light'. They have made diva lamps using clay, that will be decorated next week. The second celebration is Fireworks night which falls on Friday. The children have talked about keeping themselves safe when around bonfires or fireworks. As can be seen on Instagram this week, they have used paints and salad spinners to create colourful firework pictures and they have been writing the letters of their names on fluorescent post-it notes to stick on rockets which are flying around our classrooms.

In maths we have been learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been matching images and grouping items to make the numbers. In Phonics the children have been revising all the sounds they learnt in the first half-term and have been continuing to blend them to read words. Lots of exciting activities and learning as always.

What fire safety rules did Firefighter Fred tell you?

The children have had a great first week back and have been extremely busy. They have enjoyed spending time with their friends and getting back into the routine of school.

In Literacy, we have introduced our new topic 'Rumble in the Jungle' and have been using the book written by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz to help us find out what animals live there and how they behave. The children have enjoyed acting out the story, writing questions to the lion and then having a lion come to visit them, so they could ask their questions.

This week in Maths, we have been using the part, part whole model to help the children understand how to partition numbers. The children have selected their own numbers and then used objects to investigate how they could make the whole number.

In Geography, we have been looking at jungles and where in the world they are located. We will be using maps to help us understand the different continents and countries of the world are found.

As today is 'Bonfire Night' we have looked at fire safety and how and why bonfire night is celebrated. We read a story from Firefighter Fred who told us some important safety rules to remember.

- 1 - Wear gloves when holding a sparkler.
- 2 - Stand still when holding a sparkler.
- 3 - Put the sparkler in water when it is finished.
- 4 - Only grown-ups should light fireworks.
- 5 - Don't stand too close to a bonfire.
- 6 - Walk and hold your grown up hands when near a bonfire.



Class Notes

What are the features of a letter?

Year 2 have been very excited to start their new geography topic 'Eager Explorers'. This term we will be looking at maps and their features and learning how to use them.

In English we have been looking at the Jolly Postman and completed a mission for him. We had to deliver letters to fairytale characters and at each house we were given a task or a game to play. We then looked at the features of the letters and the different sentence types that were used.

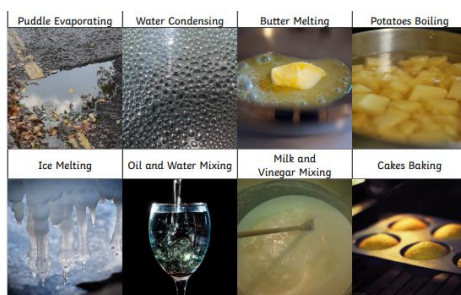
In maths we have begun using money and making different amounts using coins and notes.

What did you enjoy most about our new book Escape to Pompeii?

This week, we have started our new book called 'Escape from Pompeii' and have explored the language used. We have also applied this new knowledge by using powerful verbs and fronted adverbials to help us write our own sentences about the eruption of Vesuvius. In Geography, we continued with this theme and used Google Maps and Google Earth to locate volcanoes from all around the world. We noticed that most of the volcanoes lay along the edges of the tectonic plates! In Science, we have been learning about the water cycle as part of our 'States of matter' topic. We learned about evaporation, condensation and precipitation. In Maths, we have been finishing our addition and subtraction unit and have been using our new skills to help us solve a range of word problems. In PSHE, we have learned about the word discrimination, what it means to discriminate against someone and why it is wrong. We also covered this in our picture news assembly this week too!

What is the most interesting fact you have learned about the Titanic this week?

This week we have started our new book all about life on the Titanic and have begun planning and will eventually be writing diary entries as characters who once boarded the great but doomed vessel. In Maths, we have been starting to revise factors and multiples; times tables knowledge is key here so we encourage all pupils, parents carers and family members to get practising morning, noon and night! Any opportunity to practise timetables will help immensely with this terms mathematics, which will be focusing on multiplication and division. In Science, we have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes. Test your own scientific knowledge now!



What else was happening in the world, when the Maya existed ?

This week, we began to study the book, 'A series of Unfortunate events,' which the children are very excited about as many of them have either read the first book or have watched the film or both. They are enjoying exploring a mostly familiar text, and then using it as a basis for practising reading comprehension questions and also writing brilliantly descriptive texts. We are fortunate enough to have one copy of the book per child, which is lovely for them, as they can follow along as it is read to them and then refer to the text in their work. In Maths, we have been continuing with our Fractions unit of work and learning how to multiply and divide fractions. The children were quite relieved to find it is slightly easier than adding and subtracting fractions. Our DT links our Autumn 1 Brazil topic and our Autumn 2 Maya topic. The children have begun to explore the 'Rainforest Cafe' website and are looking forward to recreating their own version in a shoebox later on this term, as well as incorporating Food Technology and making their own empanadas!



Safeguarding

Supporting our children's safety

Parents and carers often appreciate extra advice and support. This might be about how to cope with a crying baby; working out whether a child is old enough to walk home from school alone; or thinking about how to keep their child safe online. Here, you will find weekly selected advice and information for you to access.

Road Safety

Top tips for keeping children safe near roads:

- Children under 8 should always hold a grown up's hand when walking near roads
- Children under 8 should always cross roads with a grown up, at a safe crossing place
- Until they are 150cm tall, all children should sit in a correctly sized and fitted child seat when travelling by car
- Children under 10 should not cycle on roads, they should keep to cycle paths away from motorised traffic
- Children should always wear a helmet when cycling to protect their head if they fall off



Be Bright Be Seen!

As we move into the winter months the days draw in and it becomes darker at the start and end of the day.

The number of road accidents increase during this period so we urge everyone to think about what they are wearing.

BE BRIGHT BE SEEN!

There are lots of resources around to help.

There are some links below!

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First – Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Be Bright, Be Seen Poster https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be_Bright_Be_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf

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

We encourage parents and carers to make regular use of the following websites with regards to keeping children safe online.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

www.childnet.com

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.parentinfo.org

www.internetmatters.org

www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

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

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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
Empathy.

Empathy is...

seeing with the eyes of another,
listening with the ears of another,
and feeling with the heart of another.

AUTUMN/SPRING MENU						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
WEEK ONE 30 Aug 20 Sep 11 Oct 8 Nov 29 Nov 3 Jan 24 Jan 21 Feb 14 Mar	Option 1 MEAT FREE MONDAY Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger in Bun with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Minced Beef Pie with Gravy & Crushed Potatoes	MSC Fish Fingers/ Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Plant Power Vegan Wholemeal Oily Fish
	Option 2 Vegetable & Bean Fajitas with 50/50 Rice	Quorn Burger in Bun with Potato Wedges	Homity Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Tomato & Lentil Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cumberland Quorn Sausage with Chips	Available Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised) Bread available daily Daily salad selection
	Vegetables Green Beans Carrots	Coleslaw Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetable Medley	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Garden Peas	
	Dessert Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Mandarin Segments with Jelly Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese & Biscuits Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Eve's Pudding & Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	
WEEK TWO 6 Sep 27 Sep 18 Oct 15 Nov 6 Dec 10 Jan 31 Jan 28 Feb 21 Mar	Option 1 MEAT FREE MONDAY Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Macaroni Beef Pasta Bake	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mediterranean Chicken (Chicken in Tomato Sauce) with Rice	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips & Tomato Sauce	ALLERGY INFORMATION If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask a member of the catering team 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.
	Option 2 Tuna Pasta Bake	Roasted Cauliflower Curry with Rice	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Lasagne	BBQ Quorn with Chips	
	Vegetables Green Beans Baked Beans	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Cabbage Carrots	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Garden Peas	
	Dessert Pear Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Shortbread Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Apple Flapjack Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Peach Upside Down Cake & Cream Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	
WEEK THREE 13 Sep 4 Oct 1 Nov 22 Nov 13 Dec 17 Jan 7 Feb 28 Mar	Option 1 MEAT FREE MONDAY Vegetarian Tortilla Stack with Rice	Sausage Roll with Tomato Sauce served with Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Option 2 Devil's Kitchen Meat Free Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Shepherdess Pie with Gravy	Roasted Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Wholemeal Quiche with Chips	
	Vegetables Carrots Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetable Medley	Green Beans Carrots	Baked Beans Garden Peas	
	Dessert Oaty Cookie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream & Peaches / Vanilla Shortbread & Peaches for Saverries Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	



DPS Diary

10 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
11 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 8pm
12 th November	Reception phonics workshop for parents 9-10am
15 th November	InterFaith Week National Nursery Rhymes Week Transgender/Inclusion Awareness Week
16 th – 17 th November	Individual Class Photos
4 th December	FODS Christmas Tree Sale FODS Christmas Fair
7 th December	Foundation Stage Nativities 9.15am & 2.15pm
14 th December	Year 2 Nativity 9.30am & 1.30pm
16 th December	Nursery end of term
17 th December	End of Autumn 2 term
20 th Dec – 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holidays
4 th January	INSET DAY
5 th January	First day of Spring 1 term
11 th February	Last day of Spring 1 term
14 th – 18 th Feb	Half term
21 st February	First day of Spring 2 term
30 th March	Nursery end of term
31 st March	End of Spring 2 term
1 st – 18 th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19 th April	First day of Summer 1 term
9 th – 11 th May	SATS Week + Year 5 Residential
23 rd - 27 th May	Year 6 Residential
27 th May	Last day of term
30 th May – 3 rd June	Half term
6 th June	INSET DAY
7 th June	First day of Summer 2 term
20 th July	Nursery end of term
21 st July	End of Summer 2 term
22 nd July	INSET Day