



# DPS News

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"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

Carl Bard

15<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had. Whilst it is always lovely to see children playing and learning happily in the sunshine, there have been some wonderful events and good news to share.

First and foremost, we are so proud of the attainment of our Year 6 children. The results of their SATs tests were published last week, and we could not be more delighted with them. We achieved more than 11% above the national average in Reading, 10% above the national average in Maths and almost 7% higher than the national average in Spelling and Grammar. This is particularly exceptional given that, as a truly inclusive school, over a quarter of our Year 6 cohort have an identified special educational need. A massive well done goes to each and every child who strived to demonstrate all they have learnt during their time at DPS, and of course to all the teachers that have supported them.

If that wasn't enough, we received feedback from our Early Childhood Environment Rating Score Inspection, for which we were awarded the top grade of 'Excellent', earning a score of 6.75/7 which our inspectors told us was the highest score they have ever awarded. The report says,

*'The staff team work together seamlessly to plan exciting, challenging stimulating and fascinating experiences for the children. The environments both inside and outside were an extremely high standard.'*

*There is a clear strength in the adult team in encouraging children to use language, expand their vocabulary and become familiar with books and stories. We observed many back and forth conversations, extending questioning and adults extending children's thinking and learning. The adults genuinely enjoyed being with the children and joined in with all aspects of their play. The children were confident and well behaved and deeply involved in the activities. They were excellent at tidying up and rose to any challenges set for them.*

*The outdoor learning environment offered a wealth of opportunities and was ambitious and challenging. Children could climb trees, and transport mud across the playground to the mud kitchen.*

*Every area was highly resourced and therefore children had ample opportunity for deep level learning.*

*Children were encouraged to show care and concern for their environment and demonstrated this throughout the morning.*

*Diversity was celebrated and meaningful, including a wide range of resources including books, displays, print, Makaton, clothes, music, dolls, small world etc.'*



The inspection uses a research based system to judge the quality of the environment in which Nursery and Reception children learn. We are rightly very proud of the outcome – and on behalf of the whole community a huge thanks go to our Early Years Team who really do go above and beyond for our children.

Yet another highlight this week was the wonderful Recital, led by our music subject lead, Mrs Cucharo, on Thursday morning. The recital gives an opportunity for our instrumentalists to perform to an audience, such an important skill, as well as giving our ensemble groups a chance to show what they have learnt. Thank you to Yashti, April, Dominic, Zoe, Maya, Emilia, Sharianiya and Mari for sharing their talents through wonderful solo performances and to the Choir and Infant Recorder Group members too. Thanks to the parents who came along to provide the audience and support our musicians, and of course to Mrs Cucharo for all she does to develop music at our school.

Our Platinum reading winners celebrated their reading successes on Wednesday with a reading breakfast and a cinema screening of the BFG. Our Gold winners shared stories together in the library on Wednesday afternoon – we are so proud of them all!



And the week has ended with a wonderful celebration of sport as we enjoyed Key Stage 2 sports day today – the perfect balance of active participation and competition – and it was lovely to have so many parents and friends join us to share in the occasion. Thanks go to Miss Garnett and Carol for organising the day so beautifully, and then re-organising it to make sure the children stayed safe amidst the high temperature.

On that subject, please look out for a separate letter later today regarding arrangements for the unprecedentedly hot weather forecast for Monday and Tuesday. The school will be open but with measures in place to protect the children.

Kind regards,

Cathy Bell

Head Teacher





# DPS Notices

## Key Stage 2 Sports Day

What a wonderful day we had today – more pictures to follow next week!

Huge thanks must go to Carol and Iona for organising such a superb event, thanks also to all pupil helpers throughout the day who ensured the day was a smooth success and of course thanks to all parents and adults who attended and gave the day a real buzz. The children ran, jumped and threw their hearts out and had an immensely enjoyable time. The weather was gorgeous and thankfully not too hot!



## Year 5 --> Year 6 Prefects

Sending all our best wishes to those Year 5s who have been shortlisted from their prefect applications this week. They have the weekend to prepare their one minute speech which they will have to deliver in front of the Year 5 cohort, the year 5 teachers and members of SLT. Good luck everyone - really looking forward to Monday!





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## Mrs Daniels Leaving Do!

It was an emotional farewell to Mrs Di Daniels today, who has worked at the school since 1977 and is finally retiring from teaching. The children, staff and her family throughout the day gave her a marvellous send off to remember. She will be forever remembered and has promised to pop back to do some 1-1 readers, or in her words "Whatever jobs you have to give me!". Thank you so much Di for all that you have given to this school and the decades of cohorts of children who we are certain you would have inspired and nurtured.





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## Duke Winners Party

What an afternoon we had - such a fantastic turnout from parents supporting their children's amazing work produced over the last year. Huge credit must of course go to the children for all the wonderful effort and dedication put into the superb range of activities achieved, and the write up and evidencing in their booklets, everyone was truly in awe of what everyone had achieved over the course of the year.

We had a special visit too from our very own Junior Duke Ambassador, Bradley House, who is Sutton United's goal keeper. He spoke eloquently about how he demonstrated perseverance throughout his early years and during his footballing career, and the children asked some incredibly thought provoking questions, seeking inspiration.

One notable question came from Summer, Year 5, she asked,

"What advice would you give to someone who is doubting themselves in a situation?"

To which Bradley replied, "Mind over matter and having a positive mentality is the ultimate key - not comparing yourself to others too, we are all different and should celebrate our individuality. Work hard for yourself, even when times get tough, and you will not believe what you are able to achieve when you put your mind to it."

Thanks so much to all children who took part in the Duke awards this year,







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# Class Notes

**Where would you like to sail to in your boat?**



This week we have really enjoyed finishing our 'Take One Picture' art project. The children have turned into pirates and they have loved sailing away in the boats that they made. They were also very proud of the hats and telescopes they created. We can't wait to enter our photographs into the National Gallery competition. The children also had a very exciting time on Monday when they went to visit their new teachers in their new classrooms. We have also been very busy preparing for our Nursery Leavers Celebration and we can't wait to tell our parents and carers the story.

**What do you think is happening in the picture and why?**



This week, the Reception Children have been using the National Gallery annual project, Take One Picture, to inspire their learning and creativity. This year the picture is Shipwreck in Stormy Seas by Joseph Vernet, painted in 1772. The children listened to a soundscape before seeing the picture. They heard crashing waves, heavy rain, a bell, seagulls and much more. From this, they worked out where the action was taking place and what might be happening and displayed some very impressive vocabulary. Some children even suggesting that this might be the work of pirates! Going with the theme of pirates at sea, they have made their own pirate hats, treasure chests, parrots and treasure bracelets. It is wonderful to see how far the children have come when they are making things. They are so independent and can design, draw and craft their own items with real confidence! We are continuing to revise the mathematical concepts learnt this year with our Maths Meeting and the children write an independent sentence each morning, from a prompt picture displayed when they arrive. We cannot let this week go by without mentioning the spectacular water fight, enjoyed by all, on Wednesday afternoon. Much ducking and diving to avoid getting squirted, and some cheating - mainly by the teachers. The children got thoroughly soaked and enjoyed every minute! Congratulations to all our Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Super Readers and our Micro Duke participants, who were all celebrated this week. We are coming to the end of another amazing year in Reception and the children continue to impress and amaze us!





# Class Notes

## What have you enjoyed in Year 1?

The children have had a busy week and coped really well in the hot weather.

This week in Literacy, we have read the story 'I'm Going on a Bear Hunt.' which the children all know really well and have been able to join in with. They have spent time sequencing the story and using the pictures to write their own version. They have written captions to support the pictures and used adjectives to describe what has been happening.

This week in Maths, we have continued to look at time. We have looked at O'clock and half past, how long different activities take and how we measure time. The children have enjoyed playing a range of time games to support their learning.

In RE, we have continued to look at Hinduism. This week we have looked at colours, what they represent and why they are important. The children enjoyed creating colourful pictures and recording why they are important.

In Science, we have continued looking at trees and how they are different. The children labelled the different trees. They looked at the different fruits and vegetables and where they grow and then sorted them into groups.

## What features will you include on your safari vehicle?

We have had a really productive week in year 2! In English, we have been writing non chronological reports all about the Kalahari desert in South Africa. Yellow class had a wonderful visit to pizza express, and had an amazing time!

In our fantastic Take One Picture project we produced our final pieces – focussing on the painting 'shipwreck', they were creating wave images which all looked really wonderful!

It was also personal bests week, and the children all worked super hard to achieve their personal bests in a whole range of events.

In Art, the children have now designed their initial prototype of their safari vehicles which they will be creating on Monday.

## Why is reading regularly important?

In Year 5 this year, we have had so many opportunities to read wonderful and exciting books. This week, we have been continuing to read The Girl of Ink and Stars, and we have loved writing setting descriptions and creating wanted posters based on the text. Some of us have also achieved our Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze awards for reading! Such a fantastic achievement.

In Maths, we have been learning about metric units and in PSHE, we opened our Time Capsules to see how much we have grown since the start of the year!

We have also been super busy with end-of-term activities including Move Up Morning, Personal Bests Week and Sports Day. We feel so lucky to have had such a great year in Year 5... only two and half days left!

## How are you feeling about your last few days?

Last full week and emotions are certainly running high – not dissimilar to the soaring temperatures! Year 6 children have been so helpful around the school over the past couple of weeks; supporting teachers with preparing for next academic year, tidying up the school prior to the Summer holidays and importantly being extremely helpful at all sports day events – all of our sports days would not have run any where near as smoothly had our Year 6s not been so wonderful with their running of events, organisation and support.

Only two and a half more days for these lot !



# Safeguarding

## Supporting our children's safety

**You don't need to hide from the sun completely. But you should take these two steps:**

- Always wear sunscreen.
- Take breaks from the sun often by going indoors or moving into the shade.

These steps are especially important between 10 a.m. (in the morning) and 4 p.m. (in the afternoon), when the sun's rays are strongest.

Use a sunscreen with an SPF rating of 30 or higher. Put on sunscreen 15 to 20 minutes before going out in the sun. The letters SPF stand for sun protection factor, and the number rating tells you how much longer you can stay in the sun without getting sunburned.

But this isn't always true, so reapply sunscreen at least every 2 hours, just to be safe. Do this more often if you've been swimming or sweating a lot — even if the sunscreen is waterproof. And remember that you can get sunburned more quickly when you're swimming or boating because the reflection from the water makes the sun's rays stronger.

Be sure to put sunscreen all over your body. This includes some places you might not think of, like the tops of your ears, the back of your neck, the part in your hair, your face, and the tops of your feet. You may need some help reaching the back of your body so ask your parents or friends to give you a hand. If you want to block the sun's rays, wear clothing that you can't see your hand through. You may still get burned through more sheer fabrics. Wear a baseball cap or other fun hat to block your face from the sun.

Don't forget that your eyes need protection from ultraviolet rays, too. Always wear sunglasses in the sun, and make sure they have a label saying that they block UV rays.

### Drink Up!

Drinking water is an important part of staying healthy, especially when it's hot outside. When you're sweating, you lose water that your body needs to work properly. And if you're playing a sport or running around in the sun, you lose even more water, because you sweat that much more.

So drink up and don't wait until you're thirsty — drinking before you feel thirsty helps keep the water level in your body from dropping too low (dehydration) when it's hot or you're sweating a lot with exercise. If you forget and suddenly feel thirsty, start drinking then. There are lots of cool-looking water bottles around, so get one you really like, fill it up, and drink up!

### Got That Hot Feeling?

If you're out in the hot sun or you're exercising on a hot day, it's easy to get heat exhaustion. Children get heat exhaustion when their bodies can't cool themselves fast enough. A child with heat exhaustion might feel overheated, tired, and weak.

Heat stroke is a more serious heat-related illness and can cause someone to stop sweating; to have red, hot skin; and to have a high temperature. The person might become uncoordinated, confused, or even lose consciousness. It requires emergency medical attention.

Be sure remind children to tell an adult if they're hot and have a headache or feel dizzy or nauseated (like you're going to throw up). The adult will want to get you out of the sun, cool you down and give you liquids to drink.

The good news is that the sun doesn't have to be your enemy if you wear your sunscreen, drink your water, and take breaks when you start to feel too hot.

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

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org)

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)

[www.common-sense-media.org](http://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](http://www.classlist.com)

Payment link for school dinners and class trips

[www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home](http://www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home)

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

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The value for this half term is,  
**Togetherness**

**“There is  
no ‘I’ in  
TEAM”**

		Summer/Autumn Menu 2022				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week One</b> 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
		Lemon & Berry Cake	Ice Cream with Fruit Salad	Chocolate Shortbread with Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard	Jelly with Mandarins
<b>Week Two</b> 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
<b>Week Three</b> 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

<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Talent Show</b> <b>Year 5 Prefects Applications and Presentation</b> <b>R-Y5 Discos timings TBC</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Nursery end of term</b> <b>Den Day! – Build A Palace</b> <b>Year 6 Prom timings tbc</b>
<b>20<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Summer 2 term – school finishes at 1.30pm</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>

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



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.