



DPS News

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"Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind." — Roy T. Bennett,

27th May, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a way to start a half term break. The Jubilee Picnic and Early Years Party today were huge successes – I have to say you surpassed yourselves as parents and carers – the turnout, the enthusiasm and the cake – just amazing, thank you. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying spending time as families and friendship groups, bathed in sunshine, having such fun together.

A massive thank you to you all, especially those who came early to set up areas for different classes, and those who helped with the clear down afterwards. Thanks to Mr Dennis for organising the event, Laura and our kitchen staff for preparing the packed lunches, and all the staff for helping out (many during their lunch break) with such enthusiasm. We couldn't have done it without you.



As I pointed out to the children in assembly this morning, it will be many years before another royal jubilee comes along – the children will be well into adulthood by then - so we need to make the most of it. However you are spending the Jubilee bank holiday weekend we hope you have a fabulous time.

We look forward to seeing those children registered at our Holiday Club on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Let's hope the sun keeps shining.

Remember that Monday 6th June is an inset day and school will be closed to children on this day, school will reopen for children at 8.30am on Tuesday 7th June.

Have a great half term break.

Cathy Bell
Headteacher



DPS Sport

Dance Workshop

This week we were able to take a small group of children to Carshalton Girls' High School where the Head of Dance supported by some of the dance students led an international themed dance workshop. Children from a number of schools came together to learn about Capoeira, a Brazilian dance form. Within this they were taught a phrase performed in unison and then were asked to choreograph two phrases of their own – one using some Capoeira movements and the other using props. These were then linked to produce their finished performance piece which parents were invited in to watch at the end. It was lovely to see the children working so creatively and the staff and students from Carshalton Girls' were excellent – we hope to be able to go along to future workshops they may run.



B team netball vs As Benhilton and Cheam Common

The B team have had a busy week, fitting in two friendlies. The first, at AS Benhilton, was close for much of the first half but as AS Benhilton started to pull away a little the storm clouds gathered and the rain and the hail arrived! The downpour only got heavier and resulted in us having to abandon the match well into the second half. Great resilience was shown from our team in terms of withstanding the netball pressure and the inclement weather conditions!

Yesterday our game against Cheam Common was much more settled in terms of conditions and a much more closely fought match. It began extremely closely with both teams having good passages of play but towards the middle of the game Cheam pulled ahead by a few goals. Our girls kept calm throughout though and with some excellent centre court play from Evie, who turned over the ball well on numerous occasions, and lovely shooting from Isla and Amanyia we were back in contention and the last few minutes were well fought. The final score saw Cheam win 6-4 but there were some great individual performances and lots of positives for us to take forward. Well done to Lily, Isla, Amanyia, Esmeeralda, Emma, Evie, Ella, Elsa, Olivia and our super-sub Demi.





DPS Notices





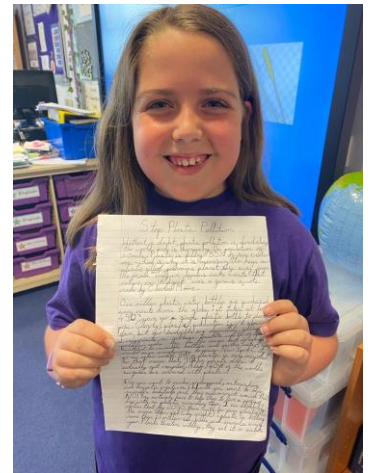
DPS ECO

Stop Plastic Pollution

Without a doubt, plastic pollution is demolishing the world and is decreasing the population of animals. Plastic is killing 85% of sea creatures - which is why it is necessary to keep our plastic filled, poisonous planet safe away from the ocean. "Only we humans make waste that nature can't digest" was a famous quote made by Charles Moore.

One million plastic water bottles are purchased every minute across the globe; it takes at least 450 years for a single plastic bottle to decompose. Clearly, plastic production isn't slowing down, but our landfills are definitely filling up. Every minute, a garbage truck's worth of plastic pollution ends up in the ocean but if everyone switched to reusable bottles and carton water, we would save enough energy to power New York City for an entire month. 9% of plastic is only recycled so that means that 91% of plastic doesn't actually get recycled. Also, 40% of the world's surfaces are covered with plastic.

Do you want to murder endangered, astonishing and majestic creatures? Would you want to ruin animals' habitats and their environment around them? NO! You certainly have to help them to live a perfect life with no plastic surrounding them. I am absolutely certain that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish (by weight); plastic is killing more than 1 million sea birds and animals every year. Plastic threatens wildlife, they eat it or mistake

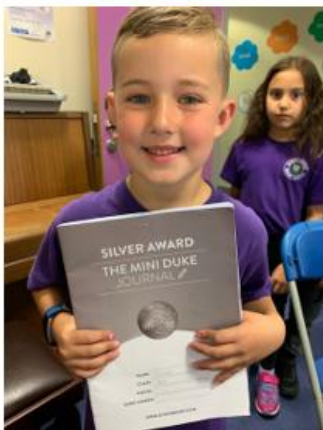
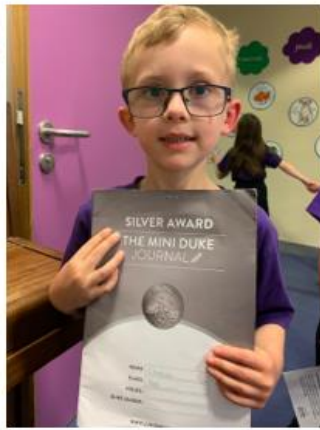


It is essential that we showcase such a relevant piece of writing about looking after our planet! Well done Isla, in Amethsyt class, whose writing is not only powerful, but very thought provoking.



Junior Duke Awards

Congratulations to this week's Junior Duke Awards winners!



Silver Mini Awards (top left moving clockwise) – Alice (Rose class), Charlie (Red class), Aston (Red class), Tiffany (Red class), Oliver (Red class), Lisa (Ruby class, not pictured)

Bronze award – Etta (Quartz class)



Reminder!

Duke Awards winners garden party 15th July! You still have until then to complete your 7/10 challenges.



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 for May/June half term and 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.



Class Notes

How much have you learned about the Queen this week?



Well done to everyone in Nursery for your exceptional dance moves and singing!

Have a wonderful half term!

What did you love most about all your work towards your Jubilee celebration!



What a fun and eventful week we had; so much learning and so much amusement! Have a lovely half term everyone ☺



Class Notes

What have you enjoyed about our topic 'Bright Lights Big City?'



The children have had a great half-term and worked really hard. We hope they have a lovely break and come back ready for their last half-term in Year 1.

This week we have been learning all about the Queen and celebrating her jubilee. The children have spent time learning all about how life has changed during her time on the throne. We have looked at important events in her life, what she enjoys doing and her family. We spent time looking at past and present where we compared objects from the past to now. The children have made crowns, designed a new carriage for the Queen and made party invitations.

In Maths, we have been looking at equal groups and making arrays. The children have explored what an array is and used manipulative to show how they make them. We have looked at finding the double of a number and doubled the amount of sausages needed for the Queen's corgis!



What have learned most about yourself through working on your SATs?

Year 2 have been working so very hard on their SATS over the past week – we are so very proud of how much dilligence, effort and resilience they showed through what were at times some very challenging test questions!

We wish them all a safe and restful half term. ☺

From all of the lovely Year 2 team!



Class Notes

What did you enjoy most about the building of your rockets?



This week, we have been very creative and have built our rockets to help Moon Man escape Earth! We used a range of materials and made circuits that we could use to light up our finished product. Once we had finished, we evaluated them and discussed what we would change if we could do it again and all the new skills we had learned. In English, we created our own sequel to the Moon Man story, describing his next adventure. In Year 3 Maths, we have been converting analogue to digital time and calculating durations of times. Please could you continue to practice this at home to help children with their confidence and fluency? In Year 4 Maths, we have been learning about bar graphs and pictograms. We have been interpreting the data to help us answer a range of questions. For our PSHE, we have been learning about helpful habits and looked at the things we do regularly and how these help our lives or how we could change our current habits.



Year 5 – what did you find most challenging about your Jubilee D&T project?

Have a lovely half term everyone – hope you all have a restful and safe time.



Class Notes

What was the conversation you wrote about, based on 'The Piano'?

We have been taking inspiration from a short film, called 'The Piano' this week, which has shown an elderly gentleman playing the piano and reminiscing about events from his life. Many of these events were sad, but the film did end on an optimistic note. The children have enjoyed exploring the various themes within the video and have written some very insightful conversations between the different characters. Also, this week, Year 6 have all spent time with their Little Friends in Reception, helping them with various Platinum Jubilee activities. These included: writing cards to Queen Elizabeth, making bunting and icing cakes. This has helped both the older and younger children build relationships. In DT, we have been repurposing old fabric to make a tissue holder. The measuring, cutting and sewing required a lot of patience, perseverance and resilience, as we backstitched by hand. Many of the children have either learnt brand-new skills or honed their already existing skills this week.





Safeguarding

Supporting our children's safety

Online Safety – 'Clickbait', 'Content Farms' and potentially dangerous 'Life Hacks'

What is a content farm?

The phrase 'content farm' describes a large company that quickly generates content in large amounts. It is often viewed as low-quality content. On YouTube, a lot of this is in the form of crafts or 'hacks'. Some are harmful or dangerous.

In many cases, one larger company owns multiple channels on YouTube that put out this content. For example, one of the biggest media publishing companies in the world, TheSoul Publishing, owns the popular channels, 5-Minute Crafts and Bright Side. This company also posts on other platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

Content farms exist to make money. The videos are monetised to earn money from ads. As such, if they get a lot of clicks, then they get a lot of revenue as well.

Dangerous 'hacks' and crafts

Content farm channels use [clickbait](#) titles and thumbnails to get page views and clicks on their videos. Usually, the title will be something like "5 Cooking Hacks You Have to Try" while the thumbnail might show something strange or outrageous. Often, the image on the thumbnail is not in the video.

Many of the videos have disclaimers in their descriptions that state they are for 'entertainment purposes only'. However, this is not included in the video itself. As such, dangerous videos can harm young viewers who wouldn't think to look in the description. The responsibility is placed on the viewer rather than the company putting out the video.

An example seen in one video is cooking an egg in a microwave. When heated in this way, the egg can explode. If poorly-timed, the egg might explode when removed from the microwave. This could cause serious burns and injury.

These content farm videos also use a lot of imagery, colours and commentary that may interest young children.

How to protect your child

If your child or teen is interested in videos that come from any type of content farm, help them think critically about what they see.

Think about:

Could these activities cause harm? Some videos include hacks for foods. Others encourage the use of hot glue guns or the destruction of clothes and other items.

What is the purpose of these videos? The descriptions state that the videos are for entertainment purposes only. This likely means that the creators are trying to get clicks and views to earn money on their videos.

Have other users tried these 'hacks'? Often, other YouTube creators will test these hacks for other viewers. Creators like [Ann Reardon](#) often debunk the videos. They educate users on why the hacks aren't possible or why they might be dangerous.

Additionally, if you or your child comes across a video that encourages dangerous acts, make sure you report the video to YouTube. The platform can then review and remove it if it violates their guidelines.

While setting parental controls is a great step to support your child as well, they may not block all harmful videos. Therefore, it's important to [check-in with your child on what they are watching](#) and have conversations about what they see.

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

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

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 values for this half term are
Creativity and Enquiry

**Creativity
is a wild
mind and a
disciplined eye.**

Dorothy Parker, American Poet

		Summer/Autumn Menu 2022				
		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
		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

30th May – 3rd June	Half term
6th June	INSET DAY
7th June	First day of Summer 2 term Sutton School Works assembly
9th June	Year 3 Orienteering Festival 4pm Barrow Hedges
13th June	Y6 Best Cricket Beddington Cricket Club
14th June	Year 5 Space Day
15th 16th June	FODS Fathers Day Event
17th June	Swimming Gala Westcroft Leisure Centre
28th June	Year 6 transition talk in school Year 5 Dynamos Cricket Beddington Cricket Club
30th June	Year 6 Production evening timings tbc
1st July	District Sports Day
4th July	Planetarium trip Year 5 Year 6 Residential Week
5th July	Year 3/4 Fairfield's Hall Ukelele 12 – 7pm
6th July	School Royal Quiz
7th July	New Nursery Parents Evening 7pm-8.15pm Reports to parents
11th July Week	Personal Bests week
11th July	Parents evening drop in session to discuss reports
15th July	Junior Duke Badge & Certificate Winners Garden Party
19th July	Nursery end of term Den Day! – Build A Palace
20st July	End of Summer 2 term
21st July	INSET Day