



# DPS News

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"Eid al-Adha is a celebration of unity and faith. Let us come together, regardless of our differences, and spread love, compassion and understanding. Wishing everyone a joyous and harmonious Bakrid!"

30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our amazing Summer Fair last weekend. The choir sang beautifully, there was a plethora of activities for all the family, the Pimms and BBQ were delicious and the sun shone! We couldn't ask for more. Huge thanks to Zuzanna and Kirsty (Co-chairs) and the whole FODS committee, plus the team of volunteers who helped before, during and after the day. As you can see below with our FODS committee children, we raised an outstanding £4,446 a phenomenal amount, which means we can now go ahead with the installation of our Scrapstore Playpod, which will really enhance the range and breadth of play experiences of our children. I can also announce that Alana in Indigo Class was the winner of the 'Who's that Baby?' competition, with 8 correct answers – she will have the honour of being 'Headteacher for a Day' in the first half of the Autumn Term – well done Alana.



Last week, we had a Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review. This involved an Ofsted trained Lead Reviewer visiting our school along with 3 school leaders from around the country. They look through our school documentation, visit classrooms, talk to children, scrutinise work in books and lesson plans, then highlight the 'what went wells' and suggest some 'even better ifs' for the next steps for our school. These visits are always very useful experiences and we were delighted with the outcome. The report is currently in the final stages of proof reading; I look forward to sharing it with you soon.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who were able to attend Year 5 and 6 Sports Day today, and share in our picnic lunch. Congratulations to all the children who took part, and many thanks to Carol for organising the event and all the staff and volunteers who helped on the day.

Finally, Eid Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating this week – enjoy the festivities.

Have a lovely weekend.

Cathy Bell  
Headteacher



# DPS Eco



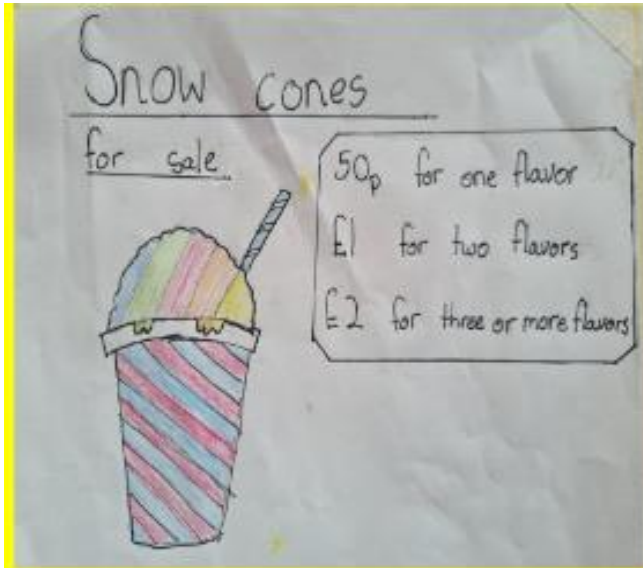
In Eco Club the children help take care of the chickens and tidy up the forest school area. The children asked excellent questions about the chickens which helped to deepen their understanding. Learning about and being in our environment, with the wildlife and nature, builds greater connections for the children. These connections will result in children wanting to take care of their environment and the wildlife within it. Our Dorchester children lead the way, their energy and enthusiasm is inspirational.

In Forest School this week the Year 2 children helped to fill our new planters with rich soil and sowed seeds to grow vegetables outside their classrooms, as a gift to the new cohort coming up in September. Quite literally getting their hands dirty. We look forward to, in the near future, seeing the fruits of their labour.





# Buzz Club



Here are some of the advertisements created by some of our Buzz Club pupils – they were given a loan of a small amount of cash, and are competing against one another to see who's enterprising business will make the most profit!

## Buzz Club Market

Thursday 6th July  
For KS2 pupils  
Please bring in money if you'd like to buy  
drinks, snacks or craft.

Buzz Club has been a big success this year. The children have engaged in a variety of topics from creating a settlement, exploring leadership, marketing our school and celebrating 75 years of the NHS by exploring the diverse array of careers available within the organisation and completing a project to enter into a national competition, and now.. a young enterprising business profit competition!





# FODS

## 2023 Summer Fair



The sun shone for us, our volunteers came out in force and so did all the visitors! Thank you for helping and supporting the Summer Fair, whether by donating items, or your time and energy from pupils, parents, carers and members of staff to local businesses. We are delighted to announce after a lot of counting, and recounting, we have a final total:

**£4,446  
profit!!**

We believe this is a record year. We had a fantastic Summer Fair and we couldn't have done it without everyone joining together as part a big community. The school can now start to purchase part of the Scrap Store Playpod.

We are also pleased to let you know that the signed Chelsea football sold for **£35** and the signed Chelsea football shirt sold for **£105** at the Summer Fair auction.

Congratulations to **Alana in Indigo** who had the most correct answers in what proved to be a fiendishly difficult 'Guess the Staff' game. She won the mystery prize which is...Headteacher for the day! We hope she enjoys this golden opportunity!



# FODS



## Nursery Cake Sale



Thank you to all the parents who volunteered on the Nursery Cake stall selling toys and cakes. We are pleased to let you know **£192.55** was raised.



## Ice Cream Sales

Please note that the ice cream sales will continue (weather permitting) throughout the rest of term after school each day. Year 6 pupils together with 1 adult helper are invited to sign up to sell the ice creams for £1 each. Year 6 will be able to take a 30% share of the profits for their leavers' events if they fill up the volunteering sheet.

## Next Committee Meeting



Please note our next meeting will be on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Music Room**. Everyone is welcome. We will be discussing the Summer Fair and plans for the rest of the term and beyond. If you cannot make the meeting, please do email your comments or suggestions to **dorchesterpta@gmail.com**



# Class Notes

## Can you tell me a story?

This week in nursery we have been thinking about different story characters. We have been reading the story of 'The Pirates Next Door.' The children have enjoyed finding out about real life pirates from the past including Blackbeard. The children have also enjoyed drawing different maps to help each other to find hidden treasure. Some of the children have developed this further and drawn their own story maps. For our phonics learning we have been thinking about the initial phonemes in words and enjoyed singing Bertha the Bus. In this song all the children organise a zoo and all of the animals that start with the same initial phoneme live together in the zoo, for example the panda, pig, parrot and polar bear).

## How do we look after our teeth?

This week in reception we have seen an emotional farewell to our class butterflies. The attached picture is one of our butterflies in the school forest school area. The children have watched them grow from tiny caterpillars and talked about them every day. They have written about their progress and learnt the song 'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf', Everyone has been truly captivated by them and the wide variety of bugs found in our outside area from a Hawk Moth, that hitched a ride on a child's shirt, to a tiny green and black striped beetle. Homes have been built and much nurturing done. In Maths we have been working out if a number is odd or even by seeing how many pairs we could make within the number and checking if there was an odd part that did not have a pair. They have been very creative in using blocks to build different configurations and then working it out! The Creative area has been used extensively for observational drawings and paintings of flowers and then dinosaurs. The children have such an eye for detail now.

## How are farms an important part of our food chain?

This week, Yellow class and some of Buttercup had a wonderful time at Wimbledon Mosque. It was wonderful to come back to school and see all of the children in Year 2 be able to discuss what they had seen and done on their trip. We also completed a mind map in RE, showing all the different roles an Imam has within the community. In English this week, the children have been writing in the progressive tense. They looked at simple past and present tense ('I run', 'I ran') and turned it into the progressive form ('I am running', 'I was running'). The children were able to apply this skill into lots of different sentences. As well as this, we completed two reading booklets and a SPaG booklet. In Maths, we practised our arithmetic and reasoning skills, before completing two more booklets. We have been very impressed at the effort the children have put into their final Year 2 booklets - well done! In Science, we explored how farms are used to support our food chain. In Geography, the children have looked at the climate and habitats in Southern Africa, and how animals there have adapted to these environments. In Art, the children drew a plan for their final tile design, looking at the sculptor Rachel Whiteread for inspiration. In Computing, the children used a spreadsheet to filter important information about our cake thief.





# Class Notes

## **What do you think will happen to the plant in the dark and why?**

This week in year 3 and 4, we finished our assessment booklets for the whole year! The children have tried really hard and we are so proud of the effort they have put in. We have also started a new book called Penguin Problems which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. They have been practising their reading skills and retelling the story. In Maths, we have been finishing our learning about symmetry using mirrors. In RE, we have been looking at Karma and how this affects Buddhist's lives and decisions that they make. Our latest Science experiment is to investigate the effects of light on plants. We have currently got one plant in direct sunlight and another in a dark cupboard to see what will happen to them. In Computing, we have been completing each other's Google form surveys to test them and gather data. We have been learning how to deal with difficult situations in PSHE and learning about empathy and tolerance.

## **What units of measure can you notice and calculate with at home or out and about?**

This week in Year5, we have been ploughing on with the fantastic novel 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' and are practising writing powerful and visual setting descriptions for the upcoming star writes. In Maths, we have started a new unit on converting units, focussing on millimetres, centimetres, metres, grams and kilograms – try as much as you can to notice these as you're out and about or just doing odd jobs at home – cooking, measuring, all real life examples will really help children put these types of number conversions into context. In Science, we learnt about how we have day and night based on the rotation of the earth in relation to the sun. In PSHE, we have been looking at how to analyse news and be able to determine whether a news source is credible or not, but also researching and learning more about Pride. Thanks again to all parents and carers who were able to attend the wonderful Year 5 assembly on Monday, they really did a superb job – there were tears in the audience! In RE, we learnt about the Jewish festival Purim and why it is special for the religion of Judaism.

## **Which is your favourite scene of the Year 6 play?**

Our Geography topic about Dorset is enabling lots of map skills to develop, and we have been using Ordnance Survey maps to support understanding of 6 figure grid references. We have also been exploring 8 and even 16 compass points on maps to enable more precise directions to be given. The children have enjoyed making their own maps of parts of the playground and trim trail, using a compass for direction and a ruler to measure scale. Drawing objects from a bird's-eye view was definitely a challenge. In Science, we have been examining food packaging to help understand the nutritional value of certain types of food and researching some of the main nutrients to consider the effect on our hearts. Of course, play rehearsals are in full swing with the added excitement of costumes, which has enhanced children's individual performances, as they begin to really get to grips with how their character speaks and acts. It has been exciting to use all the props and lighting too. The play is really coming together, and we are eagerly anticipating our performances to both the children in school on Monday and parents and carers on Tuesday evening.



# Safeguarding

## Supporting Children's Safety

### Do influencers have an impact on a child's behaviour?

Experts, Dr Elizabeth Milovidov and Lauren Seager-Smith, discuss how influencers might affect pre-teens online and what parents can do to support them.



Social media influencers can bring excitement and inspiration into the lives of tweens and preteens as they share their experiences online with well-designed settings, scripts, and oftentimes spontaneity. Influencers, like celebrities, can have either a negative or positive influence on their young audiences, and it is crucial that children and young people are able to think critically about what they are viewing.

[As Internet Matters ambassador and psychologist Dr. Linda Papadopoulos advises](#), there are potential negative effects that influencers can have on a child's self-esteem, body image and understanding of 'real life'. As with negative influences in real life (such as young children smoking or engaging in inappropriate behaviour), parents and carers can counter those influences by having open and transparent conversations with their children. Having conversations that improve critical thinking and digital literacy about what children experience online is one of the best ways to support them in the digital environment.

### Ideal conversation starters for parents and carers include:

- Do you understand that what you are seeing online is not always true?
- Does the influencer make money if they have more views, more likes or more clicks?
- Does the influencer's lifestyle reflect real life?
- How much time do you think the influencer spent to make that video?
- What is the purpose of the video? Why are they talking about this subject?
- How do you feel when you watch the influencer (anxious, fear of missing out, inspired, etc.)?
- How can you choose influencers to watch who make you feel positive?

For further detailed information, please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/do-influencers-have-an-impact-on-a-childs-behaviour/>

And <https://www.digitalparentingcoach.com/>

### Are you worried about a child?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/spotting-signs-child-abuse/>

If you think a child could be at risk of significant harm, you can call the children's social care team at the council in Sutton ([Go to their website](#))

[020 8770 6001](tel:02087706001) (Monday to Friday, 9am and 5pm) [020 8770 5000](tel:02087705000) (out of hours)

**Always call 999 in an emergency**





Sutton Spring/ Summer Menu 2023		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 17 April 8 May 5 June 26 June 17 July 28 August 18 September 9 October		Option one Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	*Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	*Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	*BBQ Chicken with Rice	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
		Option two Crunchy Topped Vegetable Bake with New Potatoes	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	<b>NEW</b> Sweet Potato & Spinach Flan with Roast Potatoes	BBQ Vegan Quorn with Rice	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
		Vegetables Broccoli Roasted Tomatoes	Green Beans Carrots	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Broccoli Peas	Peas Baked Beans
		Dessert <b>NEW</b> Syrup Snap Biscuit with Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly with Peaches	Freshly Fruit Salad	Iced Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie with Yoghurt
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 24 April 15 May 12 June 3 July 4 September 25 September 16 October		Option one Macaroni Cheese	*Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	*Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	*Chef's Special Chicken Karma with Rice	MSC Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
		Option two Vegan Meatball Pasta Bake	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Potato and Courgette Layer Bake	Vegetable Wellington with New Potatoes & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> BEET Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
		Vegetables Broccoli Roasted Tomatoes	Peas Carrots	Cabbage Green Beans	Broccoli Carrots	Sweetcorn Baked Beans
		Dessert Summer Lemon Cake	<b>NEW</b> Cornflake Tart	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Peach Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread with Yoghurt
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 1 May 22 May 19 June 10 July 11 September 2 October		<b>NEW</b> Chinese Vegetable Noodles	*Spaghetti Bolognese	*Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	<b>Yamas!</b> <b>NEW</b> *Greek Chicken Pita with Seasoned Wedges <b>or</b> <b>NEW</b> Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Seasoned Wedges	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
		Option two Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Quorn with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Roasted Peppers Green Beans	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
		Vegetables Carrots Green Beans	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Cauliflower Carrots	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Peas Baked Beans
		Dessert Peaches with Ice Cream	Carrot & Courgette Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad		Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce
<b>MENU KEY</b>		Added Plant Power	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	Halal Alternative Available
<b>Available Daily:</b> - Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised), freshly baked bread, organic yogurt, a selection of fruit and salads.		<b>Allergy Information</b> if your child has an allergy or intolerance please contact the School Office. You will be asked to complete the Caterlink special diets allergy form and provide NHS medical evidence of the allergies or intolerances before your child can receive a school meal. 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.				



Willow Club our Wrap Around Care Provision, which includes Breakfast Club, Morning Club, After School Club and Holiday Club can be contacted in the following ways:

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

**The Summer holiday club** will run each day from Monday 24th July until to Friday 4th August inclusive. There will be a range of outdoor and indoor play, craft activities and sports to keep the children entertained safely whilst you work or just enjoy some downtime.

The club runs from 8:30 - 5:00 and costs £30 for a full day and £15 for a half day (8:30 - 12:30 or 1:00 - 5:00)  
We look forward to welcoming your child/ren to the club.

The contact number for the club is 07597-382949.

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

## DPS Diary

<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Production 6pm-8pm
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Move up morning – meet your new teacher Year 3 Ukulele Concert for parents 2.30pm
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Junior Duke Winners Gala Party 2 – 3pm Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm New Nursery Parents meeting evening 7pm-8.15pm
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Residential
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reception Junior Duke Winners Party 2.15 – 3pm
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	SATS Results Published Drama Tree Performance 10.05-10.20
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day 9.15am-12pm
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reception and KS1 Sports Day Reception- 9.15-10.15am Years 1/2– 10.30am-12pm
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Talent Show 1.30pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9-10am Music Recital Talent Show 1.30-3pm Nursery Come and Play 3.45-5.45pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last day of term for Nursery Platinum Reading Breakfast
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	--- Last day of term --- Year 6 Water Fight! Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	--- INSET Day ---