



DPS News

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'There is nothing like a dream to create the future.' Victor Hugo

24th March, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parent Consultation meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. We hope you enjoyed looking through your child/ren's work and that you are as proud of their achievements as we are.

The children had an amazing time this week as we were treated to a visit from Matt Windle, also known as the Poet with Punch, who has run poetry workshops with our junior aged children. He also happens to be a champion boxer – the Commonwealth Super Flyweight Champion to be exact - and the children really enjoyed seeing his belt and learning some moves from him in assembly, as well as listening to his poetry. He treated our Willow Club children to an after school boxercise session which they really enjoyed. Matt also happens to be Mrs Cucharo's little brother, so we certainly hope to be able to welcome him to our school again in the future.

The week has been filled with an array of sporting events too. It has been Personal Bests week, with every child taking part in inter-house competitions, challenging themselves to achieve their very best. We have also participated in external events including basketball (where our team finished a commendable 3rd out of 7, missing 2nd place by just 1 point), cross country with some amazing performances, a win on penalties in the football match, and fantastic netball matches against a strong team from Holy Trinity. Well done to all the children who represented our school on the sports field this week – you are a credit to us.

Next week is the last week of the Spring Term (where did that go?), and it will be marked with some wonderful events. A huge thank you to the FODS team who have organised an Easter Egg hunt which the children will participate in during the day on Wednesday. We are also looking forward to watching the dress rehearsal for our Year 4 end of term play, 'Glint of Gold', before parents get the opportunity to watch it on Thursday. We might also manage to squeeze in some singing of 'Spring Chicken' to mark the change in season and the clocks 'springing forward' this weekend.

Remember that school finishes at 1:30pm next Friday for children. There will be a FODS cake sale, run by our Year 2 parents, from 1:20pm on Friday – thank you Year 2.

Enjoy the weekend.

Cathy Bell

Headteacher

**Upcoming events parents and/or carers may wish to
attend or be aware of 😊**

27th March	Year 3 / 4 Racketpack Festival 4-5.30pm @ Nonsuch High
28th March	Gym and Dance Festival @ Sutton High 1pm-3.30pm
30th March	Last day of term for Nursery Year 4 Spring Performance @ 6.30pm
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring 1 term – school finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 17th April	First day of Summer 1 term



Sport

A very busy week on the Dorchester sports front this week!

Year 5 Boys' Cup Football Quarter Final vs St Dunstan's

Congratulations to our brilliant Year 5 boys who have earned a place in the Borough Cup semi-final after a closely fought match against St Dunstan's that was decided on penalties!

They now meet St Cecilia's in the semi-final on Monday and we expect another exciting and competitive game. Good luck to the boys – whatever the result we know they will do us all proud!

Well done to Jake G, Jack, Archie, Ronnie, Frankie, Dominic, Jake S, Aishwin, Vihaan and Hei.

Year 5/6 3v3 Basketball

This is a demanding competition where a squad of 6 rotate with 3 players on the court at one time. Physically it is very challenging and as always the competition was strong. Riad pushed the Dorchester team on and their biggest defeat across the afternoon was by just one basket – these were very well-contested matches!

Our team finished in a thoroughly deserved bronze medal position and showed they are a real force to be reckoned with on the basketball court!

Congratulations to Saffiya, Juhon, Matheo, Jack, Filip and Aston.





Sport

Year 3 Cross Country

Our team joined the borough competition on Monday and really proved themselves in a large field of runners. This was a great experience for them and will stand them in good stead for future races as they move into Year 4.

Our highest place runners were Austin who finished in 9th position in Race 1 and Shreeyansh who came 10th in Race 2 but all the boys really did their best and should be very pleased with their achievements.

Great running by Austin, Max, Jesse, Shreeyansh and Dale.



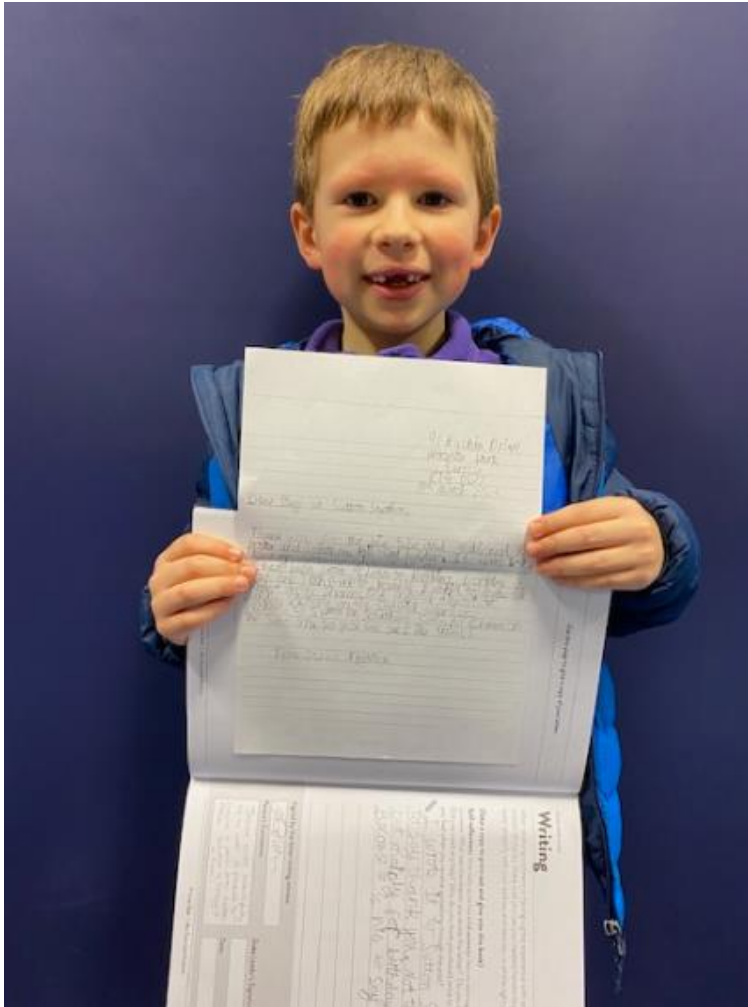
A and B Team Netball vs Holy Trinity

This was our toughest fixture so far this season against technically strong teams who were quietly determined and well disciplined. Both our teams played some good netball but on the day Holy Trinity just could not be beaten with our A team losing 10-2 and our B team managing to hang on to a 3-3 draw as the opposition clawed back our lead in the last minute. Lots to take away from the games and plenty to learn for our future matches.

Great effort from all our players: Isla, Elsa, Emelie, Elenia, Ella, Lily, Antonia, Hei, Natalia, Olivia, Evie, Caleb, Carson, Abi and Sanvee.



Junior Juke



It is official, the first Junior Juke certificate and medal has been achieved by Joshua, in Topaz class. He is the first person in the school to have completed at least 7 out of 10 home challenges – well done Joshua!

There are certainly other children out there who are hot on his heels to achieving their 7, if you are one of them, which challenges do you still need to attempt?

Below, is a picture from our KS1 Jukes meeting this week – the children have been sharing ideas about different challenges they have attempted or completed, or which ones they are leaving until last!

Next week will be our final Juke's meeting until after Easter holidays, and all Junior Jukers are invited to meet together at 12.45 in the Buzz Club room to discuss things like challenges they would like to complete over the Easter break.





FODS

FODS Easter Egg Hunt



We are organising an Easter egg hunt for the children at the school on **Wednesday 29th March** so that all the children can enjoy a Easter treat (there will be chocolates and dairy free alternatives on offer). We are seeking parent volunteers to help to set up and run the easter egg hunt. If you would like to volunteer, please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

[VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Easter Egg Hunt signup sheet](#)

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Thank you for volunteering! Also, if anyone has any Easter decorations/signs that they are happy to lend to FODS to make the egg hunt more 'eggciting', we will be leaving a box outside the office (outside, near where the lost property box is) for any kind donations (by Tuesday) and we will aim to return them by Thursday.



Mother's Day Shop

We hope all the Dorchester Mums had a lovely Mother's Day and that some of them may have enjoyed a treat from the FODS Mother's Day Shop selected by their child! Thank you for all the parents who kindly volunteered their time by helping at the Mother's Day Shop last Tuesday which made **£300** on the day and at the Friday year 1 cake sale which made **£190** (including donated items).

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Thank you for the responses to the consent forms and payments for the year 6 leavers' hoodies. The hoodies were ordered on Thursday so everyone who has made payment will receive a hoodie and no further amendments can now be made to the order.



FODS



Get ready for a treat!


FODS CAKE SALE

Next sale date: 31 March

Each sale will be run by the parents from the year groups detailed in the schedule below. Please look out for more information on the Classlist app closer to the date of the sale detailing the procedure for the cake donations and the volunteers we are seeking to help with the cake sale.

All proceeds of this cake sale will go to FODS to support their goals. One of such goals is purchasing the Scrap Store Play Pod for all the children at school.

The cake sale schedule is as follows:

-  31 March Year 2
-  21 April Year 3
-  5 May Year 4
-  19 May Year 5
-  09 June Year 6
-  23 June Nursery



So far we have raised £330 from the cake sale this year. Thank you all for your ongoing support!



Class Notes

How do you make a sandwich?

This week in Nursery we have been designing and making our own delicious sandwiches. The children have been using their developing mark making skills to make a list of all the ingredients that they would like to include in their sandwich. They have then been following instructions to make their own sandwiches, thinking very carefully about how to be safe with knives. We have also planted beans and cannot wait to see if they will grow.

How many ways can you make 10?

This week the children in Reception have been starting to learn about Easter. We read the story of the Angel and the Dove by Sophie Piper. After a very sad day, a nesting Dove and an Angel rejoice in the miracles of spring and new life. The story gently touches on the events of the first Easter with a heartwarming message about new life which celebrates the Resurrection. The children used their phonic sounds to find spring related objects in and Eye Spy Collection; for example, 'I can see a rabbit.' We have made Easter Gardens and planted cress in them, which will hopefully be growing when they are taken home, next week. In maths we are continuing to review what we have learned this year, which has involved lots of addition and number bond activities using lots of fun resources such as hoops and beanbags, colourful beads and Numicon tiles.

What shall we do about the dragon at our school?!

This week in Year 2 we had lots of visitors to the school! We started with an assembly from a poet, Matt Windle, who taught us some top tips for writing and performing poems, as well as some beatboxing tips. Not long after we had gone back to class, we got an unexpected phone call from Mrs Bell, who asked us for help. When investigating the hall, we found not one... not two... but three dragon eggs! We went and checked the CCTV and found that a dragon had been spotted around the school. The children spent the rest of the week in English writing up all about the exciting event, and next week we will be exploring how to catch/ tame this dragon.

In Maths, we finished our unit on measure by exploring centimetres and metres - for example, looking around the classroom to find what we might use centimetres or metres for when measuring them. In Science, we discussed what made our plant growing successful or unsuccessful, and how to tell if a plant is healthy or unhealthy. In Computing, we practised different ways of inserting pictures into our Google Slides all about China. In Geography, we compared the human features of China and the UK, looking at some famous buildings like Buckingham Palace and the Imperial Palace/ Forbidden City.

To end the week, we tested and evaluated some flavour combinations for our healthy wraps, and have chosen our 3 key ingredients we will be using to make them next week.



Class Notes

How will your chapter for *Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow*, end?

This week in Year 5, as a part of world poetry day, we had an epic visit from poet and boxer, Matt Windle – the children made a tremendous rap all about Henry VIII and the Tudors – what an incredible time was had!

In English, we have been building up to and planning writing a new chapter for the fantastic book we've been reading, 'Me, My Dad and the end of the rainbow'. We're imagining we are authors, and can continue the story ourselves. Each person in year 5 will have their very own individual and unique chapter, and they cannot wait to get writing next week. In Science, we've been continuing our work on understanding different types of friction and resistance, with fun experiments taking place too. Discuss also with your children what makes certain objects, like cars or boats, streamlined? In Maths, we've been comparing, ordering and rounding numbers to one decimal place, think about looking at receipts and discussing the decimal numbers you find!

How did our class poem help you think about Fair Trade?

As part of World Poetry Day, we were fortunate to have a visit from Matt Windle, Birmingham's Poet Laureate. He helped each class to create a poem based on Fair Trade - this links to our Geography topic of World Trade. The children rehearsed and performed their class poem in a special assembly, and they thoroughly enjoyed showing the other year groups what they had created. It was a great unifying moment for the children too. Fair Trade is the subject of our latest Star Writing too, which involves an explanation text and formal writing. The children are also using Passive Voice and Relative Clauses in this text. In Maths, we have been looking at Ratio, Proportion and Scale Drawings. Some of the children questioned the need for this as Google Maps helps us significantly. We were able to introduce them to the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme for when they are older, when the expedition does not allow for any mobile device and the ability to read a map is crucial! They may also encounter these skills in Scouts, Guides, Boys and Girls' Brigade. Of course, being in places where there is no signal, renders such devices useless, so this is an important life skill!



Safeguarding

Supporting Children's Safety

Talking to your child about social media

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/>

The internet offers huge opportunities. From a young age, children have the chance to learn, research, play games, have fun and connect with family who may not live nearby. But it's important to help them to use the online world in a way that's safe and positive for their mental health.

That's why it's good to have regular conversations about the internet and social media from a young age – it should be as ordinary as talking about the weather, the dog, or something you've watched on TV.

You don't need to pry or quiz your child about every website they've seen, but checking in with them for a minute or two can make a huge difference.

Take a look at our tips below for having positive conversations with your child about social media.

Lead by example

Talk to your child about your own experience of the online world. Show them sites and apps that you like, and explain why you like them. Show them how to use the internet in a positive way – to research things, to do homework, to talk to family, and to find out about the world. This helps them to have a critical eye.

You can also talk about your own less positive experiences online. If you feel pressured by the 'perfect' photos people share on social media, then being open with your child about this can be a good thing. It might help them understand that the 'perfect' pictures people share on social media don't always show reality. Encourage them to talk to you if they're struggling with this.

Remember, children look to their parents as role models. For example, if you check your phone constantly at mealtimes, or play violent games in front of your children, then it's likely your child might do the same.

Talk to your child about your own experience of the online world.

Ask your child about the apps and websites they use

It can be easy to feel that you don't understand the latest technology, apps or social media that your child is using. But don't use this as an excuse not to get involved.

Ask your child to teach you and show you there about their favourite apps, games or websites. This will help you understand how they work so that you can talk about the positives and whether you have any concerns. A quick Google search can also tell you a lot.

If you think anything your child is accessing is not appropriate for their age, be ready to explain why you think this. Wherever possible, make it a joint decision with your child, so they understand the reasons not to use something and will stick to it. Ask your child to teach you about their favourite apps, games or websites.

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



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>

Our overall value for the school this half term is

Perseverance

It is hard
to fail but it
is worse never
to have tried
to succeed.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

SUTTON WINTER 2022/SPRING 2023 MENU					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK ONE					
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne* with Garlic Bread	Roast Gammon* with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy	BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken* with Potato Wedges	MSC Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Veggie Chilli with Rice	Mexican Bean Roll with Rice	Crunchy Top Veg Bake with Roast New Potatoes	Rice BBQ or Lemon & Herb Quorn Fillets with Potato Wedges or Rice	Cheese Quiche with Chips
Vegetables	Carrots Green Beans	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Sweetcorn Roasted Tomatoes	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Raspberry Jelly with Peaches Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Banana Sponge with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

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

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.

*Please note- no GAMMON on Wednesday it will be turkey for one week only.

Please note that there will be a new 3 Week Menu starting in April when we come back after the half term holidays.

* HALAL OPTION AVAILABLE

27th March	Year 3 / 4 Racketpack Festival
28th March	Gym and Dance Festival @ Sutton High
30th March	Last day of term for Nursery A and B netball vs St Cecilia's at Dorchester – 3.30pm start Year 4 Spring Performance 6.30pm
31st March	LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 Term – school finishes at 1.30pm
3rd April – 14th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
17th April	First day of Summer 1 Term
26th May	Last day of Summer 1 before Half term
29th May – 2nd June	HALF TERM
Monday 5th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6th June	First day of Summer 2 term
Wednesday 19th	Last day of term for Nursery
Thursday 20th	Last day of term
Friday 21st July	INSET Day



HOLIDAY CLUB IN APRIL 2023

The holiday club will run each day from Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April inclusive. There will be a range of outdoor and indoor play, spring 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)

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/club/?pid=64&catid=2>

The Willow Club our Wrap Around Care Provision, which includes Breakfast Club, Morning Club, After School Club and Holiday Club.

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

(<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=The+Willow+Club+Wrap%2Daround+Care&pid=64&action=saved>) to book.

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.