



DPS News

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"If everything was perfect, you would never learn and you would never grow." – Beyoncé

7th July, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception children, their parents and our new Nursery parents to school this week. The children settled quickly into playing in their new Reception classes – with no tears – whilst Mrs Hall and I were able to chat to their parents over a coffee. It is always really exciting to have new cohorts of children coming to join our community! Whilst we have been doing that, we have also been focused on sorting out our Open Events for the Reception 2024 intake – so please do direct anyone you know to our website for further information.

Our teachers in years 2-6 were also delighted to meet their new classes this week. Thank you for being so positive in the way you have promoted class mixing with your children this year – it really does make a difference, with children telling us that they are really looking forward to meeting new people and extending their friendship groups.

Our children have continued to impress in their maths challenges this week. Our Quiz Club Maths Team managed a very impressive 15th place in the final of the competition. Given that the competition was entered by thousands of teams from across the country, this is a really impressive result. Congratulations to Sanvi, Mihran, Arjun, Khyati. We also must congratulate Akshara, who made it through to the UKMT Junior Mathematical Olympiad. This is a follow on round to the Junior Maths Challenge consisting of 16 problems, some of which require full written solutions.



Akshara was one of only 1,200 qualifying students to take part (and the field includes students in years 6, 7 and 8), and despite this strong field, Akshara achieved a merit – this is an amazing achievement as it means her score was in the top 65% of students internationally. Well done Akshara.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Cathy Bell
Headteacher



DPS Eco

Eco News!

Continuing on from the whole school assembly about the Countryside Code, Eco Club looked at what the Countryside Code is and how you can enjoy the countryside while keeping it safe and healthy. The children created their own posters to promote the countryside code and will be entering them into a competition.

For more information contact: <http://www.countryside-code.org.uk>

You could take part too. To enter, submit your design with your name, age and school name to: help@picture-news.co.uk

You can also find out more at: <http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk> and <http://www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk>

Don't forget about our new textiles bank. Get sorting and get donating.

Watch this space for our crisp bag recycling and our battery recycling coming soon.

Wardrobes full of unused clothing?

Want to help raise some money for the school?

Dorchester Primary are now offering an easy way for you to regularly keep on top of your wardrobes. We now have our own permanent clothing recycling bank which is now placed outside the school office. We are taking donations of **good quality clothing**. The bank will be emptied every 2 weeks and the school will get money for the clothing donated. Just bring your donations in a bag and drop into the clothing bank at school drop off or collection times.

We accept the following:

YES PLEASE TO:

- All men's, ladies and children's clothing including plain school uniform
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags, bags, ties and belts
- Bed clothes, towels, soft toys

NO THANK YOU TO:

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets & Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing
- Workwear
- Shredded or mutilated textile material
- Textile offcuts, yarns or threaded material



The Countryside Code

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures

Enjoy, be safe



The Countryside Code Competition

We've teamed up with Natural England (and Shaun the Sheep!) to launch a special poster competition.

Design a poster to promote the Countryside Code featuring Shaun the Sheep and friends.

Things you might want to include:

- What is the Countryside Code?
- Top tips and advice for when you're outdoors.
- Can you create a new character to make friends with Shaun?

Closing date: Friday 14th July, 12pm
Winners announced on Thursday 20th July and will be contacted by email.

Age-related prizes available and winners of the competition will receive a Picture News goody bag, certificate and will have their poster featured on all the Countryside Code's official media channels.

To enter, submit your design with your name, age and school name to: help@picture-news.co.uk



With very special guest judge Marian Spain, Chief Executive, Natural England.





Junior Duke



Congratulations to all Junior Duke participants this year who have worked so hard on their various different home challenges. It was a shame that the captain of the Sutton United Ladies football team was unable to attend due to a last minute cancellation, however, we did not let this ruin the spirit of the day! It was so lovely to hear so many children speak in front of all the other Dukes, and their parents/carers, and hear just how much every had persevered throughout the awards this year. All the children and adults then had a fantastic time browsing through each others booklets and sharing in everyone's successes. Thanks to all adults in school and out for all your support on the day, and over the year for the children, we are hugely appreciative.

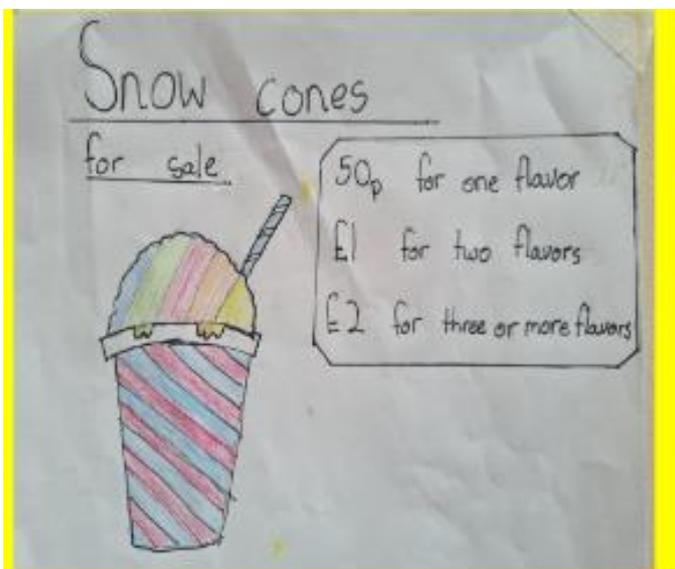
There is still time to receive your certificate and badge so keep at it to get 7 out of the 10 challenges completed! AND...we still have the award for 'Most Outstanding Duke' to announce in assembly next week, this will go to the Duke who has completed all 10 challenges and who has shown the most effort and diligence with their booklet write up and presentation. Watch this space – this award is a BIG deal!



Buzz Club

Buzz Club Market

The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 Buzz Club hosted a very successful Market Day on Thursday as the culmination of their project on Enterprise. The children learned a lot about: entrepreneurship, budgeting, supply and demand, marketing and sales. Every group made their business loan back and all the stalls combined managed to make an incredible profit of nearly £300. This will go to Buzz Club resources. Thank you to all of their enthusiastic customers.





FODS

Year 6 Performance



The Year 6s showed their star performances at their show on Tuesday. We are grateful for our volunteers who helped to sell refreshments during the interval and for everyone who bought food and drinks. **£228** in takings were made that evening.



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 10th 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

How do we keep safe at the seaside?

This week in Nursery we have been thinking about different things that we may do in the Summer holidays. We have learning all about the seaside and the different activities that we can do there. We all decided that it is fun to play with the sand and we did a science experiment to make our own sand for inside. We mixed flour with baby oil and it turned into a mouldable 'sand' that we used to make different sea creatures. We also learnt how to keep safe at the seaside; we know that we shouldn't go near the sea without a grown up and if we see someone struggling in the water we should call 999 to get the coast guard. We also learnt that the sun can be dangerous for our skin. We learnt that we need to slip, slap, slop: slip on a t-shirt to cover our bodies, slap on a hat and slop on some sun cream to protect our skin. We have also enjoyed making pretend icecream and ice lollies to keep us cool in the hot weather.

How have seaside holidays changed?

This week in English we have been learning to write in first person and have been using different sentence types. We have been using The Lighthouse Keeper's Cat as stimuli and are getting ready to write our own star writes on it, pretending to be the cat.

In Maths, we have been working with numbers to 100, partitioning numbers into tens and ones and finding numbers on a number line.

In History, we have been looking at how seaside holidays have changed and in RE we learnt why colours are important to Hindus.

What can you tell your grown-ups about your new classroom and new teachers?

This week, the children have been looking ahead to Year 3. Not only have they spent time with their new classes, they have also spent time in their new rooms with their new teachers. There has been a real buzz around the school as excitement for the new year builds. We do also know that this transition time can be tricky for some, as change can often be scary/ overwhelming. We have spent lots of time talking positively about both the year we have had together and the new year ahead, and hope that this reflects the feeling that is coming home to you at the end of the day. In English, the children have been reading The Paperbag Princess. They have worked on how to effectively describe the characters in the story, to build up to their Star Writes next week. In Maths, the children have learned more about how to partition numbers, to help them with the column method for addition. In PSHE, we quizzed the children on cycle safety, and the children impressed us on knowledge of their bikes and how to use them safely on and around roads. We were also very fortunate to be able to watch two performances this week; both the Year 6 production of Aladdin Trouble and the Year 3 music performance. The children came away from both performances singing along, and excited for it to be their turn next year!



Class Notes

What are imperial units of measure and can you remember how to convert between them?

On Wednesday, the children got to meet and spend time with their new mixed classes which they will be in from this September in Year 6, and it was a really successful and productive morning!

This week in Year 5 in Maths, we have been learning about imperial units of measure and how to convert them to the more contemporary metric units. In English, we have been continuing to read the Girl of Ink and Stars, and have been having loads of fun practising using personification to enhance our descriptions. In Art, the children have been using a range of mixed media to produce collages on the theme of space. In Geography, the children learned all about the different global time zones, and how to work out for example the time in Australia compared to the time in the UK. In Science, they learnt about the movements of the Moon, Earth and Sun in comparison to one another.

What was your favourite moment from 'Aladdin Trouble'?

It has been such an exciting week! Our performances of our end-of-year production, 'Aladdin Trouble' went better than we ever have imagined. Our first show to the rest of the school was heart-warming, as they clearly enjoyed the humour and the slapstick comedy that the Year 6 children performed so well. Our final performance on Tuesday evening, to a packed audience of family and friends was incredible. The children dug deep and found something 'extra' to give and the show was the best ever. All were exhausted but elated - so were the staff involved too! We are so proud of all the children achieved and the amazing team work they all showed. Another key event this week for the majority of Year 6 have been High School Induction days. It was lovely to hear all about their day spent at their new school and to dig a little deeper into how to make the best possible start, in various PSHE transition lessons that we have been completing this week.



Safeguarding

Supporting Children's Safety

BE SUN SMART



Put on a Shirt



Put on Sunscreen



Wear a Hat



Wear Sunglasses



Stay in the Shade



**SHARE THE SUN SAFE STORY
WITH YOUR CHILD**

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 values for the school this half term are **creativity** and **togetherness**:

Together we can face any challenges as deep as the ocean and as high as the sky.

— Sonia Gandhi —

***Please note- no PORK or BEEF on Wednesday it will always be CHICKEN**

Sutton Spring/ Summer Menu 2023		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 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	NEW Sweet Potato & Spinach Pan 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	NEW Syrup Snap Biscuit with Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly with Peaches	Freshly Fruit Salad	Iced Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie with Yoghurt
WEEK TWO 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	NEW BEET Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Broccoli Roasted Tomatoes	Peas Carrots	Cabbage Green Beans	Broccoli Carrots	Sweetcorn Baked Beans
	Dessert	Summer Lemon Cake	NEW Cornflake Tart	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Peach Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread with Yoghurt
WEEK THREE 1 May 22 May 19 June 10 July 11 September 2 October	Option one	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	*Spaghetti Bolognaise	*Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Yamas! NEW *Greek Chicken Pita with Seasoned Wedges	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	Vegan Quorn with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	or NEW Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Seasoned Wedges	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Carrots Green Beans	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Cauliflower Carrots	Roasted Peppers Green Beans	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Peaches with Ice Cream	Carrot & Courgette Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce
MENU KEY Added Plant Power Wholemeal Vegan Chef's Special * Halal Alternative Available						
Available Daily: - Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised), freshly baked bread, organic yogurt, a selection of fruit and salads.						
Allergy Information 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.						
						 catering feeding the imagination



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.

SUTTON ECOLOGY CENTRE SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



POND DAY

24 & 25 JULY

Can you find the minibeasts lurking in the depths of our ponds? Includes pond dipping, games and a craft.
Suggested suitability: 5-11yrs

FLOWER FAIRIES

31 JULY
& 1 AUGUST

Find Cicely Mary Barker's enchanting 'Flower Fairies' illustrations and poems as you discover the flowers and trees they belong to.
Suggested Suitability: 3yrs+

BEETLES, BUGS AND BUTTERFLIES

21 & 22
AUGUST

What are they? Where are they? And what do they eat? Hunt for them in the meadow and make a minibeast to take home.
Suggested suitability: 5-11yrs

All activities are outdoors. You must accompany your child.

See Eventbrite for costs.

Booking essential
suttonbiodiversity.eventbrite.com

for info email
biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk



For Parents - Apps to Help Kids Get Active

In this beautiful weather we're having and with the summer break just around the corner it's important that we all get outside and soak up the goodness. This can be difficult for parents whose children seem super-glued to their devices so Internet Matters have put together a useful advice page with a list of different apps for children of all ages to get them motivated. You can find the advice page [HERE](#).

DPS Diary

10th – 14th July	Year 6 Residential
10th July	Reception Junior Duke Winners Party 2.15 – 3pm
11th July	SATS Results Published Drama Tree Performance 10.05-10.20
13th July	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day 9.15am-12pm
14th July	Reception and KS1 Sports Day Reception- 9.15-10.15am Years 1/2– 10.30am-12pm
17th July	Talent Show 1.30pm
18th July	9-10am Music Recital Talent Show 1.30-3pm Nursery Come and Play 3.45-5.45pm
Wednesday 19th July	Last day of term for Nursery Platinum Reading Breakfast
Thursday 20th July	--- Last day of term --- Year 6 Water Fight! Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am
Friday 21st July	--- INSET Day ---
	SUMMER BREAK
4th September	INSET DAY
5th September	First day back for children of Autumn 1 term