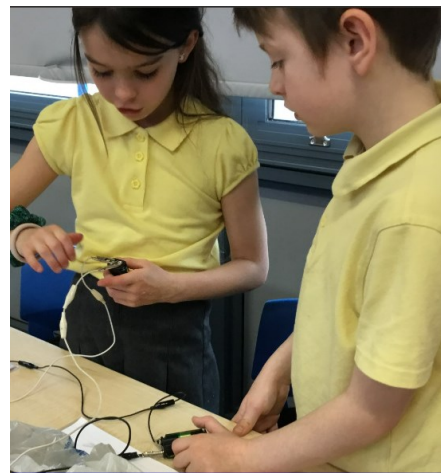


Drake Primary School Newsletter



15th March 2024



Year 4 making torches

Dear Families,

It has been a very eventful week at Drake with lots of science and music throughout the week. We started with an assembly about British Science week followed by a range of science related learning. More can be read about Science week in our Curriculum Update section and see photos on the final page of the newsletter. You can also listen to the feature podcast.

On Wednesday, Year 3 performed on stage at the Norfolk County Music Festival at the King's Centre in Norwich. Year 3 performed two songs- 'Candy Man' and 'Sing.' The judges congratulated them on their musicality, harmonies and stage presence. They achieved a 'Highly commended performance plus.' Well done Year 3 for your confidence performing in front of a large audience and a huge thank you to Mrs Carruthers for preparing the Year 3 choir amazingly well and conducting the choir.



Every Day Matters

It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

The classes with highest attendance this week are

**Andersen and
Maathai**

99 %

Congratulations!



**Whole school attendance is
96.83%**

Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Reception: Kuba, Amelia M, Oliver S, Edith-Rose, Bonnie, Cassius, Dylan, Vincent, Adeline, Quinn

Year 1: Cooper, Archibald, Mabel, George, Ralph, Kian, Lillie-Beau, Mason

Year 2: Emilie B, Rose, Zahra, Charlie, Benny, Charlie D, Samuel J, Joana, Tommy

Year 3: Logan, Isabella, Karina, Oscar, Georgia, Sam, Amelia L, Oscar, Jackson, Amelia Z

Year 4: Adna, Phillip, Amanda, Phillip, Ben, Oliver, Malaniia, Thomas, Teddy S

Year 5: Sophia, Jack B, Ruby, Kaelin, Isla, Gabriela, Indie, Deighton

Year 6: Nathan, Summer, Nathan, Emily, Abeer, Caleb, Skyla, Lucy, Sophia

These pupils have demonstrated our school values and learning behaviours, well done.

Parent Assemblies and Cafes

Tereshkova's class assembly was about their theme for this term, Beyond, and more specifically about space! The children were able to speak loudly and clearly to share some amazing facts about the planets in our solar system. As the class is named after a famous Soviet cosmonaut, they also shared some of Tereshkova's achievements in space.

One of our values this half term is courage. Tereshkova showed great courage to be the first woman in space, and this inspired the class to share sometimes when they have also shown courage. Finally, the class performed Spaceman by Sam Ryder.

Andersen Class shared their class Assembly on Thursday. They talked about what they have needed courage for, their recent visits to Ancient House, the Maths they have been learning and their STEM day activities. The children were confident, clearly spoken and loud. Well done to all of Andersen class.

**Next week: Tuesday Curie assembly in the main hall
Thursday Year 4 café in the main hall**

Prefect Update

This week, it has been science week and red nose day.

Year 5's have had their SAW day. Which stands for science, art and writing. A team of scientists, artists and writers came in to school to lead the activities.

For science week, people were tasked with making a poster based on science.

During the celebration assembly, the creators with the best posters were awarded a certificate. The assembly was also based on red nose day.

The year 3's went to King's House in Norwich at Norfolk County Music Festival to sing and the judges were very impressed.

Reading

It is important that children read every day. On a Monday, reading diaries are checked and teachers award gold stars for children who have read more than 7 times.

This week 257 children read more than 7 times and achieved their gold star.

This week's award is to:

Turing

Daily run

To support Mental and physical health and well-being, children run every day. We have a weekly distance competition.

This week's award is to:

KS1: Merian

KS2: Curie

Curriculum Update: British Science Week

On Tuesday, teachers ran exciting STEM workshops for British Science Week. In biology children explored the school grounds on a scavenger hunt and explored symmetry in nature. In physics children learnt about forces by creating a catapult, tested the buoyancy of tin foil boats, generated static electricity and tested air resistance with helicopter spinners. In chemistry children explored carbon dioxide bubbles in lava lamps, designed unique bubble pyramids and saw capillary action in 'rainbow walking water.' To test their engineering skills, children were challenged to build the tallest tower with spaghetti and marshmallows and build the furthest flying paper aeroplane. Reception have also been busy, building towers from newspaper and exploring pitch using water filled musical bottles!

On Thursday and Friday, Year 5 welcomed some visitors from the John Innes Centre to run their Science, Art, Writing (SAW) day, about antibiotic discovery. The practical session included growing useful bacteria from soil and purifying dyes by chromatography. The children also met the scientist's leafcutter ants and stick insects!

Feature Podcast

Our children contribute to school life and the children's learning through our Drake Radio. You can listen live [here](#).

Have a listen to a feature podcast: [Live at Lunch, Science Week](#)

All podcasts are available on the [video centre section of the school website](#).

MALLARDS

Our MALLARDS are busy planning events to take place for the rest of this academic year. We are growing and taking on new members to help us to fundraise and support the school.

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Dates for your Diary

All scheduled events for classes/year groups are included in year group newsletters and added to the [year group pages](#).

We aim to provide as much notice as possible for school events, but there are sometimes opportunities that arrive at short notice. As new whole school events are created, we will list them here and then add them to the [school website calendar](#) for future reference.

Spring Term dates

20th March: Prostrike event

26th March: INSET day - school closed

28th March: Last day of Term - 1pm finish

16th April: National offer day for Primary School places

British Science Week Photos

Have a look at our photos from our workshop day and SAW activities.

