

# Drake Primary School Newsletter



5th January 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Spring Term, we hope you all had a nice break and family time over Christmas.

We have started back well and the children are settled into their classes once again and already working hard. This week we began looking at the focus value for this half term, Aspiration. The children have learned about what it means and considered their own aspirations, both short and long term. Across school we have seen aspiration balloons, dreams jars and letters to our future selves. Each class has considered their class namesake and what aspirations they have/had. We have also linked Values day to our RE curriculum so the children have considered aspirations through the religion that they are studying this term.

This week, we joined with Little Pirates to celebrate their 20th Anniversary at this site. This is a huge achievement and we know that Little Pirates is the starting point for many of our children at Drake, so you will join us in congratulating them. Karen and Susan have been an integral part of the nursery and joined the children and staff in a 'dress smart to celebrate' day.



Year 5 Dance for English

## 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  
Kahlo**

**100%**

**Congratulations!**



## Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Reception: Mollie, Hallie

Year 1: George Re, George Ra

Year 2: Harlo, Samuel

Year 3: Virujan, Isabella, Ace, Amelia L

Year 4: Leo, reuben, Teddie M

Year 5: Ida, Mason, Emily Lizzy,

Year 6: Jack, Maya

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

## Parent Assemblies and Cafes

In Spring Term, each class will have an assembly and a café. These have been split across the two half terms.

	Spring 1	Spring 2
Reception	Café: 18th January	Class assembly: 14th March
Year 1	Café: 8th February	Year group assembly: 5th March
Year 2	Café: 1st February	Year group assembly: 25th March
Year 3	Hadid assembly: 16th January Kamkwamba assembly: 23rd January	Café: 29th February
Year 4	Turing assembly: 13th February Maathai assembly: 15th February	Café: 21st March
Year 5	Café: 11th January	Curie: 12th March Tereshkova: 19th March
Year 6	King: 30th January Kahlo: 6th February	Café 7th March
SRB		Café: date to be confirmed

## Prefect Update

Happy new year everybody! This week was the first week back and it was full of aspiration. Every class has been learning about how their class figure has become an important part of history achieving their hopes and dreams. In this week's Friday assembly we got to watch an amazing video of most of the staff performing with very unique dance moves. Today we learnt about Epiphany in assembly and how important it is.

One of our year 6 classes has been learning about an artist called Lubaina Himid that made 3D painting using different media leading to year 6 making their own 3D models of a lighthouse on cardboard.



## 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's award is to:

**Turing**

## Daily run

To support Mental and physical health and well-being, children run every day. KS2 have a weekly distance competition.

This week's award is to:

**KS1: Earhart**  
**KS2: Curie**

# Curriculum Update: PE/Swimming/Forest School

A new term means a change for days for PE etc. Please see the school overview below.

Reception	PE: Monday Woodland Wanderers: Andersen Tuesday, Attenborough Thursday
Year 1	PE: Friday Forest School: every Tuesday
Year 2	PE: Tuesday Forest School: Thursday (classes alternate weeks)
Year 3	Swimming: Monday
Year 4	Swimming: Tuesday
Year 5	PE: Monday Forest School: Friday (classes alternate weeks)
Year 6	PE Tuesday

## 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:

**Interview with Mr Adair about Sports Council**  
<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/sports-council-interview-with-mr-adair-1>

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.

**Next Event: Valentine Disco - 14th February**

More details to follow soon

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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

15th January: Zones of Regulation Café for parents 2-3 or 5-6 (email office to book)

16th Feb: Last day of Half term

1st March: National offer day for Secondary School places

4th—8th March: Wold Book Week

11th—15th March: British Science Week

26th March: INSET day - school closed

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

16th April: National offer day for Primary School places