

Drake Primary School

Newsletter

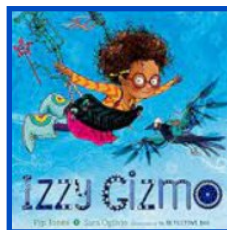
13th October 2023



Collage in Reception

Dear Families,

It has been a busy week in school. Year 2 visited the Carnegie Rooms to watch a show called Izzy Gizmo which is based on a book by Pip Jones and tells the story of a young girl who likes to invent and she uses her STEAM skills to help an injured bird fly. We think you would like the story too, maybe you should read it, and record it in your reading diary!



School Council met this week to start planning some fundraising for Children in Need which is on November 17th. The theme is 'Spotacular and challenge yourself' and the council have been thinking of some interesting challenges that can take place on the day. They would like all children to dress in spotty or brightly coloured clothing on the day too. Children in Need raises money for a range of charities and acknowledges that times are challenging for many families. Families affected by mental health and the cost of living crisis are included in the charities supported by this event. Please remember that all donations for these events are voluntary. With this in mind, we would like to thank children and families for their donations for the Thetford foodbank this week. We know that many families will be grateful to receive this support. If you want to know more about the Thetford Foodbank, to give or get help, you can view their website <https://thetford.foodbank.org.uk/>

This week, leaders continued to observe maths lessons and have been observing children during their play and lunch times. Children are well supported in their play activities and the equipment and resources provided mean that they use their time to engage purposefully and cooperatively. One of our midday supervisors described the inclusion of music and listening to our pupils presenting the 'Live at Lunch' radio show as 'transformational' as it enhances the relationships and attitudes of the pupils. Also this week, Mrs Mulford and Miss Theobald joined Rashford class as they learned how to skip in PE. It was tricky, but the children persevered and knew that they could draw on the support of teachers and their peers.

Every Day Matters

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

The class with the highest attendance this week are

Andersen

100 %



Congratulations!
Whole school attendance
this week: 96.9%

Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Reception: Cassius J, Edith-Rose, Cienna, Charlie, Matilda, Ivy, Quinn

Year 1: Molly, Evelyn, Matilde, Berwin, George Re, Athena, Finley, Jensen, Sofia

Year 2: Cai, Christian, Vanessa, Noah, Freddie, Olivia, Oliver T

Year 3: Ruth, Della, Freya, George F, Benjamin, Jaxon, Aaraa, Bentley

Year 4: Sophie, Miley, Amanda, Paige, Noah B, Teddy S, Thomas

Year 5: Aimee, Deighton, George, Nathan, Darragh, Jack K, Hope, Isabella

Year 6: Nathan, Dylan, Kiera, Alfie C, Caleb, Ree, Evanas, Lucas.

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

Assemblies and Cafes

Turing welcomed their families to their class assembly this week, the children shared their learning about Alan Turing, their class name. They discussed their recent trip to Norwich Castle for the topic of Anglo Saxons and sharing part of their suspense stories. That they have written in English lessons.



On Thursday, Year 1 enjoyed their Parent Cafe. During the cafe, we talked about what maths looks like in Year 1 at Drake such as the curriculum and learning opportunities we provide in maths lessons for the children. The children and their families enjoyed getting involved in a game of Bingo using the concrete resources to work out the answers to the questions. We then ended the cafe by discussing supporting maths at home and joining in with some maths songs.



Next Week: Monday 16th October —Arday class cafe
Tuesday 17th October —Year 3 assembly
Wednesday 18th October—Thunberg class cafe
Thursday 19th October —Reception Cafe

Prefect Update

This week we had our harvest assembly; two visitors came into school and played games with us. The children donated food for Thetford food bank. Their donations were very generous. We also sang harvest songs like 'Thank you Lord' and 'Thank your Lucky Stars'.



The Year ones had a parent cafe and Turing had a class assembly.

Year 6, Year 5 and Year 2 have been making their Christmas cards and Year 6 have been doing their sewing.

The peer mentors have been hosting a teddy bear tombola.

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 213 children read more than 7 times and achieved their gold star.

This week's award is to:

Maathai

Daily run

To support mental and physical health and well-being, children run every day.

This week's award is to:

KS1: Merian

KS2: Hadid

Curriculum update: School Values

Our school values are fundamental to the work that takes place at Drake. It is important to us that our whole school community including staff, children and families, demonstrate and live by these values as they help us to work hard and be responsible for ourselves, but to also support others with empathy, understanding, acceptance and forgiveness.

Our values form part of our learning with each half term focussing on a particular area. However, we regularly review all values and consider how they relate to one another within various situations and opportunities. Our curriculum offers the opportunity to explore the lives of others, past and present, and further discuss how our values are represented nationally and globally, within any community and throughout various religious groups. Inclusivity and a celebration of diversity is at the heart of all we do with identity and migration as themes interwoven into our whole school curriculum.



More information about what these values mean can be found on our website

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/school-values/>

Feature Podcast

Our children contribute to school life and learning through our Drake Radio.

Listen to our Feature Podcast: **Learn about our radio station by Mr Fox and Tony**

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/radio-drake-2023-24-introduction-tony-and-mr-fox>

Remember that you can listen to our radio play throughout the day here.

<https://player.broadcast.radio/?autoplay=1&stationId=730>

MALLARDS

**Next event: Halloween Disco
30th October—Dressing up encouraged**

Rec/1/2—4pm—5pm £3
3/4/5/6—5:30pm—7pm £3.50

mallards9lrv@nsix.org.uk



Dates for your Diary

All scheduled events are included in class newsletters and added to the school website calendar.

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/diary/grid/2023/01/>

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

Autumn Term dates

20th October: Last day of Half Term

30th October: Autumn 2 begins

13-17th November—Antibullying Week

17th November—Children in Need

20th December: Last day of term, school closes at 1pm

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Open events



Is your child starting a school in Reception in September 2024?

To find out more about our

- mission, vision and aims
- commitment to every child
- bespoke curriculum and exciting, innovative enrichment opportunities

We would like to invite you to attend an informative tour around the school.

Tours

Wednesday 18th October	1:30 - 2:30
Wednesday 1st November	9:30 - 10:30
Thursday 2nd November	9:30 - 10:30 or 1:30 - 2:30
Monday 6th November	4:45 - 5:45

You can also explore our school website <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk>
and keep up to date through—Key information—Admissions

We look forward to meeting you.

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please email the school office with the date and time of the session you would like to join.

office@drake.norfolk.sch.uk