



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Ready for Action!



Check out our girls football team. This week they received their new football training tops sporting our new logo! They look absolutely fantastic and have been wearing them with pride. They can't wait to show them off at their next football fixture. A huge thank you to Mr. Overman and the team at Location Location who very kindly sponsored and provided our kit for us. Thank you!

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Andersen with 96.64%



Parents Evenings



Tuesday 4th March, Wednesday 5th March,
Thursday 6th March

This term's parents evenings will again be held in the main hall. Please book a time with your class teacher using Compass. Bookings will go live on Monday 10th February. We look forward to seeing you to update you on your child's progress.



As well as preparing for their online safety assembly and working to learn how to effectively use Google's Chrome OS, Councillors have been exploring new technology that could support our Computing curriculum in EYFS and KS1. They have been trying an alternative programmable robot called a Tale-Bot Pro and were very impressed with it. Unlike our current Beebots, it can show what commands have been programmed in, make sound recordings and even draw pictures!

Radio Drake



This week Daniel and Roman explore which Pokémon types are weak and strong against others.

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/the-pokestop-with-daniel-episode-5-weaknesses-and->



Assessment Week



Children at Drake across all year groups have worked incredibly hard this week during our assessment week. Regular assessments are important to not only be able to measure and report on your child's progress, but to assess where the gaps are to inform teaching and planning for the remaining term.

There has been a wonderful calm atmosphere in school and as always we were impressed with the determination and hard work of our children.

A huge well done, we look forward to sharing and celebrating their hard work at parents evening.

Jump In!

Over the last few weeks our Reception and Year 1 classes have been participating in 'Jump In' sessions with Springs Dance Company. The sessions bring books to life through movement and sound. This week we visited the library to take part in a workshop and next week we will watch a show we helped to create.



I liked doing the trail in the library. If it was an X you had to jump and if it was a wiggly line you had to follow it.



We enjoyed reading our books and exploring in the library

I really liked doing the trail. I liked going round the library and following the tape. We got to choose really good books

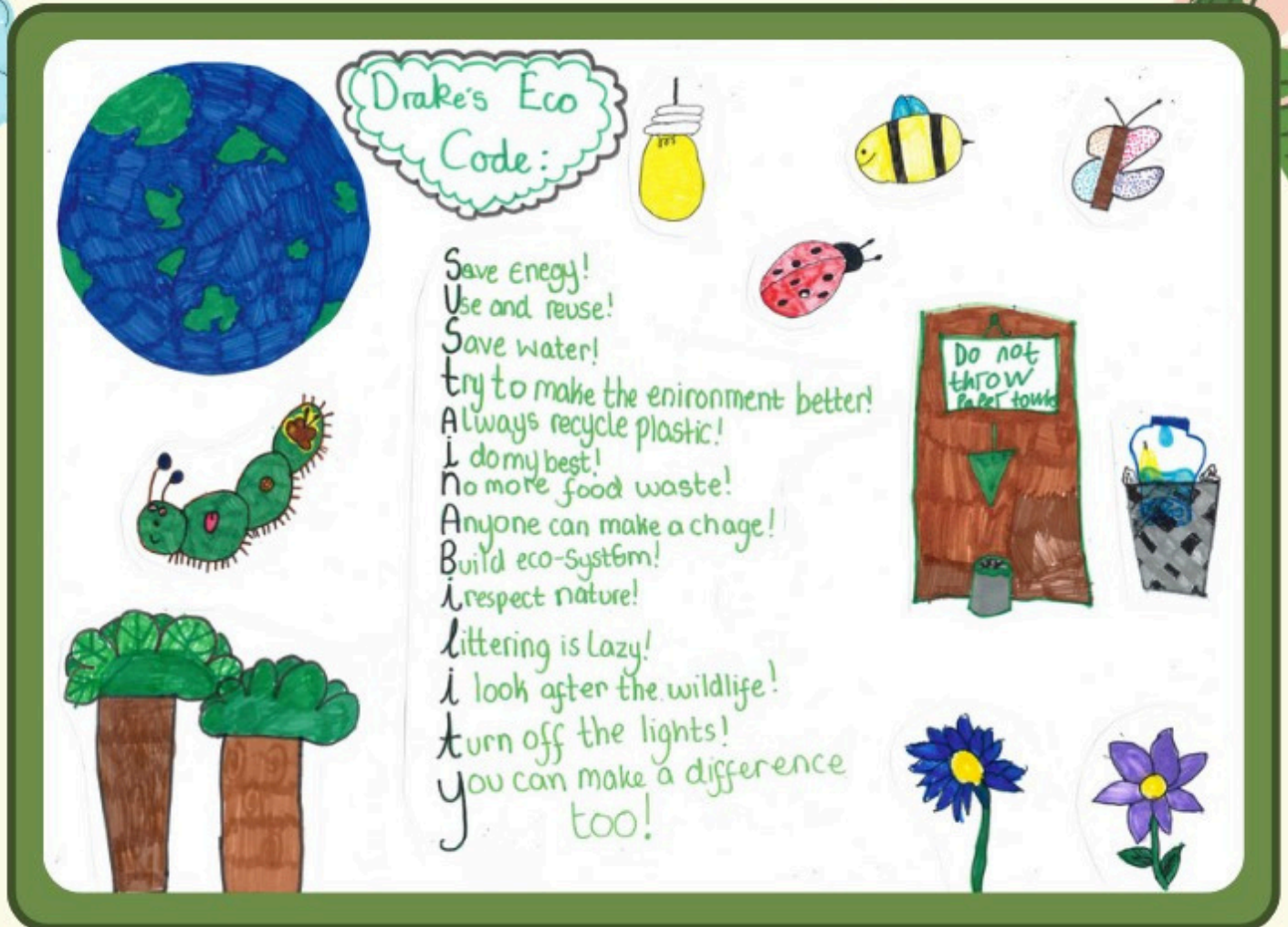


Springs Dance Company are performing at Thetford library on Saturday 15th February. The show is completely free and aimed at children aged 3-6. Follow the link for more information and to book -

https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/index.php?option=com_civicrm&task=civicrm/event/info&Itemid=117&reset=1&id=393

ECO CODE

Our Eco Code is a whole school pledge to protect our planet, created by the eco council.
It reflects the projects in our Action Plan, focusing on Biodiversity, Waste and Energy.



Reading Competition



Maybe you like to read under a tree, in a den, upside down or in the bath? We would love to see your favourite reading spot. Send us a photo of you reading in your favourite place and tell us what you are reading. A prize for the winning entry.

Send your photos to -

office@drake.norfolk.sch.uk

Entries close Friday 14th February




Dear parents/carers,

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 7 February 2025**.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that’s always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

 On average, a child contacts Childline every **45 seconds**

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, ‘can-do’ attitude towards it.

- We are taking on Buddy’s Key Challenge in our classes. Working to solve exciting maths puzzles in our classes, against the clock with Buddy, the *Speak out. Stay safe* mascot.
- We are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we’d love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Safe fundraising

- Donations will be via GiftT. A QR code will be shared closer to the event. Please donate and share with friends so we can support the NSPCC.

It all adds up

We’re really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Mr Hewitt

You can find out more about the NSPCC’s work at nspcc.org.uk

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety