



# The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

# Good Luck!

Wishing all Year 6 children good luck with SATs next week!

They have worked incredibly hard all year and we are very proud of them. Our whole school community are behind our Year 6 and cheering them on.

We look forward to seeing our Year 6's for a cooked breakfast on Monday.

# YOU GOT THIS!

## Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Hadid!



### VE Day 80!



Thank you for helping us to commemorate VE Day. We started the day with an assembly to learn about why we celebrate VE Day and observed a two minute silence to remember all of those lost in World War 2.



At lunchtime we created a street party atmosphere with decorations and 1940s music. A big thank you to Mrs Valentine and her lunch team.



## Art Café's

At our parent café's we started work on creating portraits inspired by the work of the photographer Angelica Dass, a Brazilian artist. We looked at Angelica's pictures and used the primary colours to mix skin tones. Thank you to all the families who came along to support with the first stage of our project.



I really enjoyed exploring and mixing the different skin tones -  
Rose

I liked making different colours of skin just by mixing red, yellow blue and white paint - Delia

Every child in the school will complete a self-portrait during our Arts week in June. These will then be combined with portraits from other schools to create a pop up gallery at the Royal Norfolk Show, then in Thetford Town Centre.



## Budding Gymnasts



A group of Year 1 and 2 children were lucky enough to attend a taster day to introduce them to the sport of gymnastics. They were able to try out different gymnastic skills and specialist facilities as well as receiving training from gymnastic coaches. They shared their experience with their classes and we hope this will encourage more of our children at Drake to give a new sport a try.

# GREEN SCHOOLS PROJECT

## Green Schools Project Update

Eco Council are taking part in the Green Schools Project. They have completed the 'Investigate' and 'Act' stage. They investigated what human activities produce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. They are designing a project to reduce Drake's carbon footprint.

### Why do we need to reduce our carbon footprint?

Cai- "So we produce less carbon dioxide."  
Natasia- "So our planet doesn't get too hot."  
Cooper- "To look after our environment, we need to care for our world. We need to use less plastic."  
Isla- "To make the 'blanket' lighter." (The blanket of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere).

### What can we do to reduce our carbon footprint?

Isla - "Learn more about climate change and raise awareness. Respect our world."  
Natasia- "Get better at recycling and rescuing and repairing."  
Cooper- "Eat all of the food on our plate and throw away less food."  
Jensen- "Turn off lights and devices."  
Paige- "Reduce the amount of people who travel by car- try car sharing or walking."  
David- "Try and inspire people to help us."



This week's podcast -

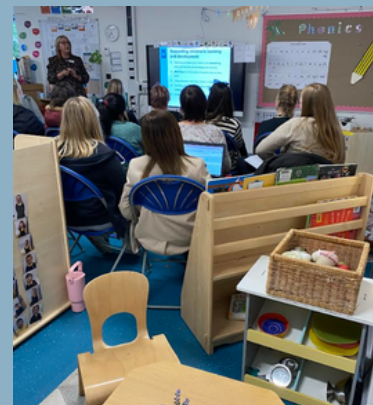
Noah and Ben read the first terrifying installment of their story, 'Shadow's Heart'

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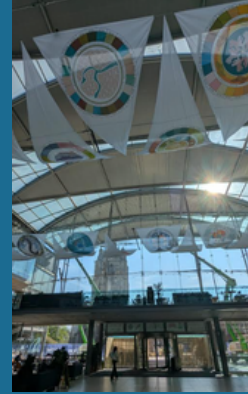
At Drake we are proud to be an Early Excellence partner school hosting events and sharing good practice in our area.

This week we hosted training for early years practitioners focussed on strengthening language. Not only do our staff and children benefit from high quality CPD, but are strengthening networks with other schools.





We are thrilled to announce that Year 5's artwork is on exhibition in The Forum, Norwich! The exhibition brings together the work of over 600 children and young people from 16 schools across Norfolk in a celebration of the importance and value of the region's unique waterways.



River of Hope is an arts-based learning project that uses environmental themes and creative arts practice to help young people express their concerns about the climate crisis. Under the guidance of artist Ali Atkins and supported by river visits with the Norfolk Rivers Trust and Norfolk Wildlife Trust, pupils have created original artworks, inspired by local rivers, in the form of boating sails.



If you would like to see our sail on display, the exhibition is on till Sunday 25th May at The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich. Follow to link to find out more -

[https://nnfestival.org.uk/whats-on/river-of-hope/?](https://nnfestival.org.uk/whats-on/river-of-hope/?utm_campaign=2053549_FCC%20May%20newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Norfolk%20%26%20Norwich%20festival&utm_i=5HR0,180J1,2XJGCF,50HCO,1)

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Art

Food

Stalls

Music

Performances

Save the Date

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**Summer Festival!**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**