



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

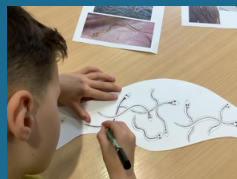
Radio Drake



This week's podcast -

Deighton explores all things silver screen in his new podcast: Moviestar. In this episode, he reviews Ratatouille, discusses upcoming events in the MCU and asks Mr Fox to unpack his favourite-ever film.

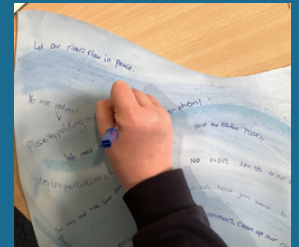
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River of Hope



Year 5 are participating in a project called 'River of Hope'. During the project they have worked with an artist and taken part in a conservation workshop. Through art, the children have learned about the importance of rivers and the diverse plant and animal life that are crucial for our eco system.



Year 5 focussed on the conservation of eels. They have told the eel's survival story through their sketches, collage, paintings and hidden messages. Our artwork has been photographed and will be made into a flag for the Norfolk and Norwich Festival.

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Tereshkova with 99.11%

WELL DONE!

GOAL



Great job

On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 took part in a tournament at Thetford Academy. Both teams played exceptional work showing really high quality teamwork. The year 6 team went through each game without a defeat. Year 5 played fantastic football throughout the whole tournament winning each game. Both years 5 and 6 showed really good technical and tactical skills.

Drake's Andrew has got Talent!



Three budding guitarists including Drake Primary's own Andrew, represented Fenland at a concert given in Cambridge last weekend by the county's finest young classical musicians.

Andrew is a student of Coldham-based guitar teacher Tom Bryans, pictured in the photo above. Andrew joined the Cambridgeshire Community Music Festival to perform classical guitar numbers.

He performed in the Lightfoot Room of Old Divinity School, playing Lagrima by Francisco Terrega.

Tom said: "It was a wonderful weekend full of Cambridgeshire's finest young classical musicians. All three performances were exquisite."

Well done Andrew. We couldn't be prouder!



New Uniform!



We are excited to announce that our uniform is now available with our new logo.

There is no pressure to buy uniform, we want you to keep wearing and passing down your current uniform. However anything new you buy from now on will have our updated logo.

Below is the link for our suppliers -

<https://myclothing.com/collections/drake-primary-school-6524>

Sustainability in Education



The Executive Headteacher and Chair of Governors took part in climate action workshops at the Sustainability in Education Conference in Suffolk. Included in the workshops were carbon awareness training, community climate action and creating a united voice for sustainability in schools. As part of the training, our school was selected as a case study to share our Climate Action Plan journey.



Royal Norfolk Show Garden



Gardening club are busy creating a literary garden based on 'The Secret Sky Garden.'



Planting seeds

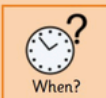




World Autism Acceptance Month



Thetford Spectrum Colour Walk



Thursday 24th April starting at 3:30pm. The route will take about an hour to walk and you can join or depart at any time.



Thetford. The route will be confirmed and shared on a map prior to the event.



Drake Primary School, Thetford Schools and any members of our local community who would like to advocate for autistic voices!



Mirroring the National Autistic Society's Spectrum Colour walk in London, but in Thetford! Please join us with inclusion pledge posters on a walk through Thetford. Together we can make every step count to create a society that works for autistic people.



Voluntary donations towards a swing for our playground would be very welcome!

World Autism Acceptance Month

This week in school we marked the beginning of World Autism Acceptance Month through our in class assemblies. We learned that autism is a difference in how our brains work and celebrated this difference, discussing how neurodivergent brains contribute to our vibrant school community. In addition to this, we looked at scenarios to facilitate discussions about what we can do to support our autistic pupils within school, building on our culture of autism advocacy.

We are planning a 'Thetford Spectrum Colour Walk' event for our local community. This event will mirror the National Autistic Society's Spectrum Colour walk in London, but in Thetford. The event will consist of approximately a 1-hour walk. Please join us in rainbow colours and with inclusion pledge posters on a walk through Thetford. We aim to not only raise awareness and acceptance, but to celebrate our autistic community. Together we can make every step count to create a society that works for autistic people.

Our Autism Specialist Resource Base (SRB) completes an annual art project to celebrate World Autism Acceptance Month. Our SRB pupils have been working relentlessly on updating their identity portraits through a range of mediums; including photography, painting and chalk. This year, the children have also written identity poems to display alongside their artwork, which will all be installed in the specialist classrooms for SRB families to view during our event on Wednesday 30th April at 2pm.

Big Walk and Wheel!



Over the past two weeks, we have been taking part in a challenge called the Big Walk and Wheel!

We have been tracking who walks, cycles and scoots to school. We made a total of 1871 active journeys over the past two weeks- well done everybody! More people travelling actively for short, everyday journeys - such as to and from school - means less traffic on the roads, easing congestion and reducing pollution. Walking, cycling or scooting to school also improves health and wellbeing.

The most active year group were year 2, with a total of 383 active journeys to and from school- fantastic!



Art Cafés



As part of Thetford Power Shift's 'Colours of Thetford', we will be carrying out an art project inspired by the photographer Angelica Dass and her Humanae work.

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.

The first part of the project involves you as parents and carers. We invite you to join your child at an art café to find out more about the project and create the first process of their portrait.

Reception - Tuesday 13th May 2.15 pm
Year 1 - Friday 14th May 2.15 pm
Year 2 - Thursday 8th May 2.15 pm
Year 3 - Tuesday 29th April 9.00 am
Year 4 - Tuesday 6th May 9.00 am
Year 5 - Thursday 1st May 9.00 am
Year 6 - Thursday 22nd May 9.00 am

We look forward to seeing you!



Easter Life Trail

Join us for fun and adventure

19th April 2025
1pm-3pm

Start @ The Thomas Paine Statue
(The only gold guy in town)
Kings St, Thetford

Complete the fun puzzles, games and quizzes on the trail with your child and get a free Easter egg.