



# The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits



We had a fantastic time celebrating NSPCC Number Day across the school. The children looked brilliant taking part in Dress Up for Digits and threw themselves into a wide range of fun maths activities, including baking, running their own shops, planning gardens, and even creating some good-looking dinosaurs using multilink.



A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We have already raised over £120 for the NSPCC. If you haven't had the chance to donate yet, you still can here:

<http://charity.giftt.tech/drakeprimaryschool>

## Radio Drake



Podcasts are back!

'Helen and Natalia are on a mission to teach everyone Polish and Turkish. This week, they translate the numbers 1 - 5.'

Follow the link to listen -

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sQ6\\_6v5fTbKiE6jQYbWEdoCBHy3tRcST/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sQ6_6v5fTbKiE6jQYbWEdoCBHy3tRcST/view?usp=sharing)

## Parents' Evenings

Our spring term Parents' Evenings for Years 1-6 will take place on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th February, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. All appointments will be held in the main hall.

Booking opened on Saturday 7th at 10am and will close on Friday 20th at 6pm. To book, please log in to Arbor and look for 'Parent Consultations'.

Families with children in the SRB may book appointments with both the mainstream class teacher and the SRB teacher.

Please note that Reception will continue with their focus meetings and will not be taking part in these Parents' Evening sessions.

## Every Day Matters



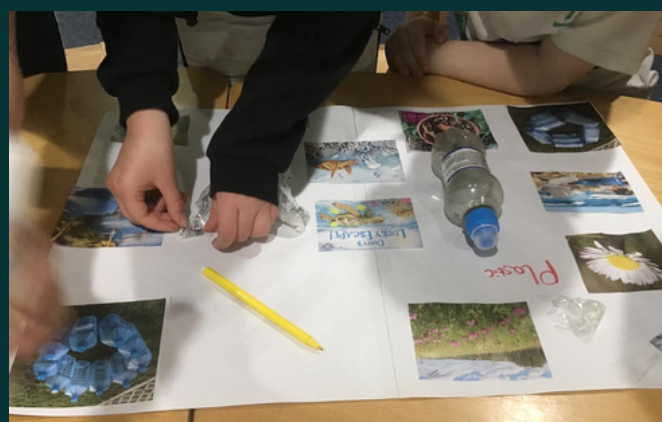
It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

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## Royal Norfolk Show Garden Competition



We are delighted to share that our school will be taking part in this year's Royal Norfolk Show Schools' Garden Competition.



Our Eco-Council have chosen a literary-themed garden, inspired by Duffy's Lucky Escape by author Ellie Jackson. This powerful story highlights the impact of plastic pollution on our oceans, and the children felt strongly that this was the perfect opportunity to raise awareness of how plastic affects both rivers and seas.

To bring their ideas to life, the Eco-Council have created a mood board capturing their vision for the garden. Their early designs show a thoughtful blend of creativity, environmental awareness, and a real passion for protecting our planet. We look forward to sharing their progress as the project grows.

## Year 2 Maths Café

Last week, our Year 2 pupils proudly hosted their very own Maths Café. The children loved showing their grown-ups how they use practical resources, problem-solving strategies and mathematical talk to deepen their understanding.



We would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended. Your enthusiasm, encouragement and ongoing support make such a difference to the children's confidence and enjoyment of maths. We hope you found the session useful and that it offered a helpful insight into the approaches we use in school.



## Year 6 Art – 'Year of the Tree' Zines

This week, Year 6 have been busy creating their own art zines as part of our Year of the Tree project. Using collage techniques, the children explored a theme of their choice linked to trees, nature and the environment.



Their zines are already showing a wonderful mix of imagination, thoughtful design and personal expression, and it has been fantastic to see how each child has interpreted the theme in their own unique way.



## Miss Driver Takes on the London Landmarks Half Marathon



We are proud to share that Miss Driver will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon this April in support of two charities very close to her family's heart.

Miss Driver is raising money for the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust and Anaphylaxis UK, both of which have provided vital support to her sons during challenging times.



Families who would like to support Miss Driver's fundraising efforts will find a QR code below. We know our whole school community will join us in wishing her the very best as she trains for this inspiring challenge.



## Year 4 Maths Café



On Tuesday, Year 4 welcomed parents to our Maths Café for an engaging session focused on multiplication and timetables. Together, we explored practical strategies for practising tables and used concrete resources to bring multiplication to life. We also showed creativity and determination while completing a symmetry challenge.



A big thank you to all the parents who attended and participated so enthusiastically. We really appreciate your support.

