



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Good Luck

As our Year 6 children begin their SATs next week, we want to wish every single one of them the very best of luck. You have worked incredibly hard all year, shown real determination and resilience, and we could not be more proud of everything you have achieved.

Remember, these tests do not define you. You are creative, kind, curious and capable, and you have already shown us what you can do. Walk into each test with confidence, do your best, and know that we believe in you.

Well done for all your hard work, Year 6, you've got this!

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Kahlo & King with 99.6%

Learning Comes to Life on Year 1's Zoo Adventure



I enjoyed the baby animals in the farm barn - Isla

I enjoyed the giraffes. I loved their long necks - Aiden



I enjoyed the spider monkey talk learning about the different spider monkeys - Roman



I enjoyed the flamingoes. It was so cool watching the lady feed them their pellets - Freya



On Tuesday 5th May, Year 1 enjoyed a trip as part of our Summer Term 2 topic animals including humans in Science. At the zoo, the children enjoyed observing the different animals discussing what they eat, the habitat they live in and whether the animals were herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. They also enjoyed a flamingo talk, spider monkey talk and vulture talk before having fun on the play park with their peers before we got back on the coach. It was certainly a fun day enjoyed by all and the children represented the school amazingly.



Radio Drake



As part of the #iwill movement, Sully, Alfie, Paige, Olive, Isabella and Samuel joined students from Thetford Academy to share their ideas with the government about the future of Thetford. This week's podcast brings together conversations and reflections from the day.

To listen, follow the below link -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VadGFjBJghEJzoKVFIjrTQMC6WPWzpO/view?usp=sharing>



'Year of the Tree' Art



Year 4 and 5 have been combining their art and technology skills to create striking digital portraits of trees for our Year of the Tree project. Using iPads, the children explored colour, texture and form, taking inspiration from the digital artwork of David Hockney. They experimented with layering, shading and bold brushstrokes to capture the character of their chosen tree, producing thoughtful and imaginative pieces that showcase both their creativity and growing confidence with digital media. Here are some of their wonderful creations.



Happy 100th Birthday David!



We have had the BEST time celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday! We are so proud to have one of our Reception classes named after this wonderful person, who has made such an incredible impact on our planet and the wonderful animals that share it with us. Today, we came dressed as explorers, went on an animal hunt in Sophia's garden, made our very own binoculars to help us spot the hidden creatures, wrote birthday cards to Sir David Attenborough, and came together for a picnic lunch with wonderful donations from parents that made our picnic in Sophia's Garden possible.

We have had such an incredible day!



Food

Summer Festival

Games

Music

Thursday 16th July

Performances

Stitching Summer: Creating Our Year of the Tree Mural



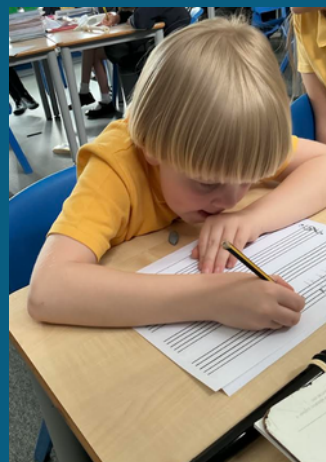
This half term sewing club have been focusing on creating the leaves and flowers for the Summer section of our Year of the Tree mural. The children chose their fabrics, cut out the petals and sewed it together. We can't wait to bring the years sewing together for the end mural later in the term.



Year 4 Compose Their Own Music



In Music this term, Year 4 have been exploring how to compose their own pieces of music using rhythm and melody. The children have also been developing their recorder skills, practising notes and performing simple tunes with increasing confidence.



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No Mow May is one of the easiest ways to help the environment – letting wildflowers like daisies, dandelions and clovers grow while supporting bees and butterflies.

No lawn is too small. Even the tiniest wild patch can provide vital food for insects and give wildlife the best start to summer.

Pledge to join and **get your FREE No Mow May Guide** for top tips and tricks and the wildflowers and pollinators to keep an eye out for!

It's super simple: sign up, stop mowing, sit back and let it grow!