



The Drake News

13TH DECEMBER 2024

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

Bowled Over!



A huge well done to Arday Class who last Friday competed against other schools in an annual bowling event. Their collaboration and persistence earnt them silver medals and a trophy for second place.



Well done!

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Hadid with 99.33%

Lantern Making



We have been working hard on making our individual and huge scale whole school lanterns. Thank you to Willow Phoenix and all parents that attended the workshops. Please join us on Thursday at 4.30 in a lantern parade and to sing in the woods!

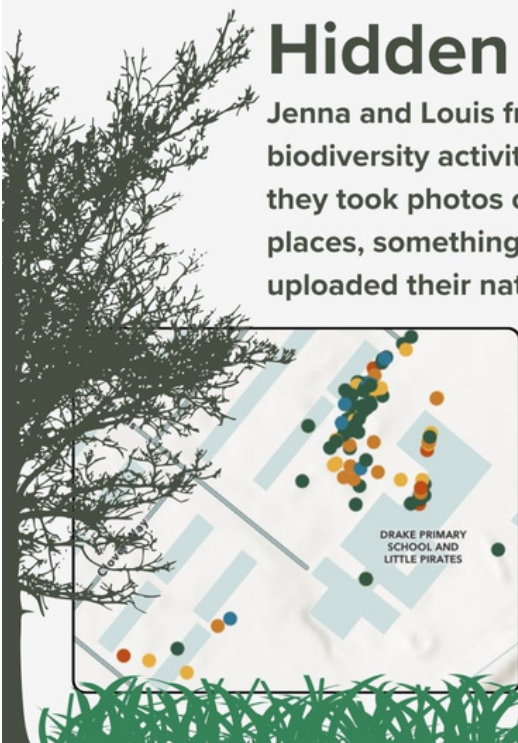
PANTOMIME FUN!



We had a wonderful time last week at the Pantomime Aladdin. The show was incredible and for many children it was their first experience of a live performance at a theatre. We joined in the singing and dancing, boo'd, hissed and cheered. Hopefully the children have told you all about it at home. Between Drake and Wicklewold we took over 550 children. It was a very special opportunity for us to come together as a community and make memories that will last until long after our Drake children leave.

Hidden Nature Challenge

Jenna and Louis from 'National Education Nature Park' visited Drake to run a biodiversity activity. Year 3 took part in the 'Hidden Nature Challenge' where they took photos of repeating patterns in nature, plants in unexpected places, something new to them and the smallest signs of nature. They uploaded their nature photos to a national map to help track biodiversity.





Clubs Next Term!

Rugby
Cheerleading
Coding
Dungeons & Dragons
Music Tech & Song writing
Karate
Gardening
Choir & Boomwhacker
Roald Dahl
Mindfulness Colouring
Cookery
Book Folding
Girls Football



Christmas Dinners!



We had a wonderful time at our Christmas dinners this week. We enjoyed a home cooked roast dinner with gingerbread and lots of singing and fun! A big thank you to all our lunch staff.



Drake Radio



"Jack and Oliver reveal the next installment of their spooky saga, 'The Spider on the Bed'."

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/the-spider-on-the-bed-chapter-2>

Trip to St Cuthbert's church

Year 3 visited the St Cuthbert's church to help answer our RE question: 'How do Christians celebrate advent and Christmas?' We learnt about advent, the Christingle service and why Christmas is so important to Christians.

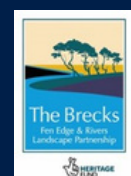


Carol singing in the woods

Drake Primary School
warmly invites all families to
join us for lantern lit festive singing
in Sir Frederick's Wood
followed by hot chocolate
in the school hall.

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- 4:30 – meet at classroom doors to collect lanterns
- 4:40 – lantern parade across to the woods
- 4:45 – carol singing in the woods
- 5:15 – hot chocolate served in the school hall





Parents Partners Workshops



For the parents of pupils with special educational needs.

Drake Primary School would like to welcome you to attend termly workshops on a range of topics and strategies that support our neurodivergent learners.

Our workshops will include 45 minutes of delivery on a chosen topic, followed by 15 minutes of time to speak to and share experiences with other parents and ask the supporting professionals and additional questions you may have.

Workshops will be delivered by our Specialist Teachers, Mrs Saleh and Mrs Grainger, with support from The Pastoral Team and external agencies.

Our first workshop

Topic: Autism

Date: Monday 20th January at 2pm

We will take inspiration from the Autism Education Trust training to deliver a session about autism. The session will focus on debunking myths, understanding differences and strategies that can be used to support our autistic pupils to thrive and develop a positive autistic identity.

Please email office@drake.norfolk.sch.uk to confirm your attendance to allow us to prepare adequately for the workshop.



Autism

Parents as Partners Workshop

Drake Primary School would like to invite you to attend our Spring Term Parents as Partners workshop on the topic of Autism.



When? Monday 20th January 2025 at 2pm



Who? Mrs Grainger and Mrs Saleh

What? Delivery: We will take inspiration from the Autism Education Trust training to deliver a session about autism. We will focus on debunking myths, understanding individual differences and strategies that can be used to support our autistic pupils to thrive and develop a positive autistic identity. **Community:** Following the delivery of the session, you will have the chance to discuss your experiences with other parents and ask the professionals any questions you may have.



How? Please email office@drake.norfolk.sch.uk to confirm your attendance in order for us to prepare for the session.



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Charles Burrell Centre,
Staniforth Road, IP24 3LH

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Festive Holiday Fun

