



The Drake News

29TH NOVEMBER 2024

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

Music Assembly



This week we held a wonderful music assembly to showcase the hard work and talents of our pianists in school. A huge well done to our musicians. We know what dedication it takes to learn an instrument and how you have to overcome making mistakes by being persistent. Thank you for being so courageous playing in front of the whole school, we loved it!

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Hadid and Curie with 96.6%



Christmas has arrived at Drake!



On Friday we enjoyed an Art and DT day making Christmas decorations and cards. This year our decorations had a theme of 'By the Light of the Silvery Moon'. We will be donating a few from each class for the 25th Annual Christmas Tree Festival at the Methodist Church in Thetford. If you fancy taking a look, our tree will be on display from Friday 13th December.

Drake Radio



This week's podcast:

"Chloe and Jack join Olivia from Art Council to talk all things drawing technique!"

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/art-show-episode-1>

DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Is your child starting school in September 2025?
Were you unable to attend our Open Evening?
Drake Primary School are offering tours of our EYFS

Monday 9th December

9:45 am

Monday 17th December

2.15 pm

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO BOOK A TOUR

office@drake.norfolk.sch.uk

To find out more call 01842 762055



County Cross Country!



A huge well done to all our children that represented Drake at the cross country county finals. We are so proud of you for getting selected and giving your best efforts in all the races. We know how incredibly tough it was.

A special mention to Amanda who won her race making her a county champion - wow! We are super proud!

Stand Up for Diversity

This week Mrs Booth, our Arts Enrichment Lead, was invited to talk at a 'Stand Up for Diversity' event organised by the Essex Cultural Diversity Project. She talked about Drake's passion for creating a place where differences and diversity are valued and how an important part of this work is in helping children to explore and understand their own identities - as it is through understanding who we are that we can begin to appreciate and value differences with other people.

Mrs Booth showcased our 2022 art project inspired by Angelica Dass's Humanae project. This featured in the Times Educational Supplement and was documented by a film crew from the Arts Council England. If you haven't seen it before, you can watch a video of the art trail on our school website:

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/art-trail-2022>

To read Mrs Booth's feature in the TES, follow this link -

<https://www.tes.com/magazine/sponsored/artsmark/how-use-arts-tackle-racism-school>



Sustainability!

Mapping Biodiversity



This week we had a visitor in, Jenna Gilmour, from **National Education Nature Park**. Jenna helped us map the habitats and microhabitats in the grounds. Now we have a baseline map, we can measure and track the biodiversity across the school site.

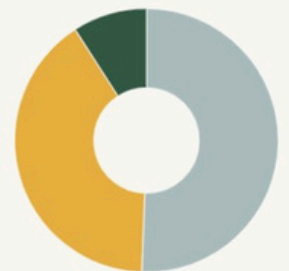
This project links to our BioBlitz- each year group has a specific area of our school grounds. Children identify plant, insect and fungi species that live in our school over the seasons.



National Education Nature Park and Climate Action Awards



Habitat group by area



(click to filter)

Total Area

3,170,988sq.m

Nature Park sites 1