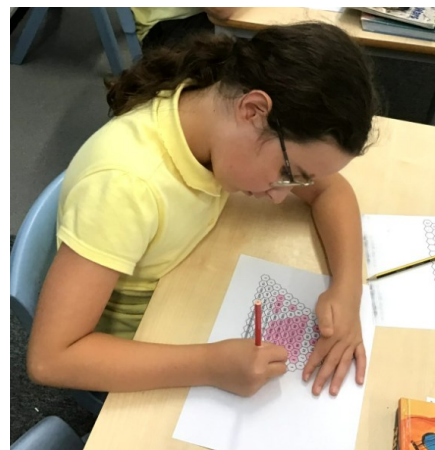


Drake Primary School Newsletter

28th June 2024



Year 5 Maths Workshops

Dear Families,

What a busy week for everyone! We have had sports day, the Royal Norfolk Show, other outings and lots of projects going on.

On Wednesday, some Eco Councillors visited Howards Plant Nurseries. They visited the potting shed, where they planted seeds and potted up vegetables. They explored the propagation greenhouse with its raised beds, solar panels and misting systems. Next, they visited the fern tunnel, where they learnt about biological controls and recyclable pots.



This week, Year 4 have completed their DT project with a celebration feast. The children worked collaboratively to design and cook a healthy meal. They then met together to share and tasted each dish—everything was delicious!

Year 5 have enjoyed a Maths enrichment afternoon delivered by a maths specialist from Sir Issac Newton Sixth Form. The session began with a simple game of heads or tails, before the children moved onto learning about Pascal's triangle. The session finished with an introduction to fractals!

We recently sent out a ParentHub about wraparound care requirements. Please can you complete this short survey by Friday 12th July. This will help us to review our current provision forms.office.com/e/fSNAjGmFDG

Every Day Matters

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

The class with highest attendance this week is

Attenborough
100%



Congratulations!

Whole school attendance is
92.87%

Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Reception: Darcey, Quinn, Matilda, Ivy, Edith-Rose, Marin, Henry G, River

Year 1: Jensen, Poppy, Charlie, Rosie, Albert, George, Olivia, Piper

Year 2: Noah, Bella, Samuel, Delia, Milena, Natasa, Emelie

Year 3: Petra, Max, Danny, Freddie, Elizabeth, Nayana, Oscar, LC

Year 4: Jack, Ben, Charley, Sonny, Jacob, Faustina, Katrina, Jane, Leya-Mae, Spencer M

Year 5: Lizzy, Damian, Bailee, Alicia, Dolcey, Sophia, Brendan, Maja

Year 6: Ekaterina, Lucas, Sophia, Nathan, Alfie C, Cooper

These pupils have demonstrated our school values and learning behaviours, well done.

Assemblies and Cafes

It was a pleasure to have families of Thunberg class (SRB) join us on Wednesday 26th June for our parent cafe. The children thoroughly enjoy the engaging activities we carry out within our Attention Autism intervention and it was a delight to have some of our families to come in to join us and witness this intervention taking place. We feel extremely passionate about teaching children within the SRB in a highly motivating way that will not only build on their individual attention and listening skills but will also develop their understanding within their foundation subjects. The children learnt valuable information surrounding hygiene and why it is important we manage our own self-care. We hope the parents enjoyed our event as much as we did!



Prefect Update

A lot of things have happened this week from the awesome and fun year 6 prom to preparing for the upcoming France trip. There have been some great things going on in school.

In Year 2, their focus story is 'The owl who is afraid of the dark'. They also have a box moth and also got certificates in swimming.

Choir and year 6 went to the awesome Royal Norfolk show.

Year 3 is soon to do a Hansel and Gretel event in Frederick woods so they have been practising lots.

Reception also did finger painting after the police showed up for an assembly and in maths they have been learning patterns.

We also had a sports day which was fun.

That's all for this week folks see you next week.

Reading

It is important that children read every day. On a Monday, reading diaries are checked and teachers award gold stars for children who have read more than 7 times.

This week 195 children read more than 7 times and achieved their gold star.

This week's award is to:

Turing and Maathai

Daily run

To support Mental and physical health and well-being, children run every day. KS2 have a weekly distance competition.

This week's award is to:

KS1: Rashford

KS2: Hadid

School Update: Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children at their sports day. It was a fantastic day and the children really enjoyed demonstrating their different sport skills.



Feature Podcast

Our children contribute to school life and the children's learning through our Drake Radio. You can listen live [here](#).

Have a listen to a feature podcast: [The Royal Norfolk Show](#)

All podcasts are available on the [video centre section of the school website](#).

Dates for your Diary

All scheduled events for classes/year groups are included in year group newsletters and added to the [year group pages](#).

We aim to provide as much notice as possible for school events, but there are sometimes opportunities that arrive at short notice. As new whole school events are created, we will list them here and then add them to the [school website calendar](#) for future reference.

Summer Term dates

w/c 8th July: Transition Week

18th July: Summer fayre

19th July: End of term — finish 1pm

Autumn Term dates

2/3 September - INSET day, school closed for children

4th September: Return to school - whole school trip to High Lodge

MALLARDS

Prom Night for Year 6



mallards9lrv@nsix.org.uk

Royal Norfolk Show

This week was the Royal Norfolk Show which is held annually in Norwich.

We were extremely proud to take part with a showcasing of many aspects of life at Drake. Additionally, our partnership with the Local Cultural Educational Partnership gave an further opportunity to share our work and provisions such as Radio Drake, within a large exhibition tent focused on the arts featuring our work along with the work of other schools in the partnership. We shared our 2023 Rubbish Art exhibition, river trail, sculpture trail, Book of Thetford, willow weaving, lantern projects and much more.

Our Year 6 cohort gave 2 incredible performances ; one in the main arena and another on the Norfolk School Stage. For both performances children showcased their musical talents by playing a variety of instruments. Our choir performed within the tent and for visitors of the show; members of the public stopped to listen and told us how lovely the singing was—well done choir! The string ensemble had the opportunity to play for Lady Dannatt during her visit and the feedback was glowing. Lady Dannatt was very impressed with our violinists and so were the members of the public who stopped and took the time to listen.

Gardening Club presented their 'well-being' garden to the Norfolk Show judges. They researched bee friendly plants and over the past few months have grown plants to attract pollinators. Thank you to Mrs Booth who supported the children willow weaving a magnificent obelisk as the centre piece to the garden. Gardening Club were clear and confident when presenting to the judges and they achieved a Silver Gilt Award! Well done!

We were thrilled to have an official presentation of our Artsmark Platinum Award which was awarded to us by the Lord—Lieutenant for Norfolk—The Lady Dannatt. The children were able to meet the Lord—Lieutenant and share with her all of our exciting projects that we have completed to help achieve our prestigious award. This visit also provided the radio councillors with the opportunity to interview Lady Dannatt, keep an eye out for this interview on Radio Drake.





Drake Primary School proudly presents

SUMMER CONCERTS 2024

Reception - Friday 5th July at 2:45

Year 1 - Tuesday 2nd July at 2:45

Year 2 - Wednesday 19th June at 2:45

Year 3 - Wednesday 3rd July at 2:30

Year 4 - Thursday 11th July at 2:45

Year 5 - Thursday 4th July at 2:45

Year 6 - Thursday 20th June at 2:30

Rocksteady pupils - Wednesday 17th July at 10:00

Choir - Wednesday 10th July at 3:45

Whole school choir - Thursday 18th July at 12:00



Thetford Town Council



Sunday 30 June

10 AM - 3 PM
(sellers from 9 am)

MARKET PLACE

GARAGE SALE

All welcome, come along and sell
the things you don't need anymore!

Pitches £4 on the day



book a space venues@thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

or ring 01842 754247