

Drake Primary School Newsletter



17th May 2024



Year 4 Art

Dear Families,

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils this week who have made us all incredibly proud. See more about them later in this newsletter.

Despite it being such an important and busy week in school, we have still been working hard and enjoying extra opportunities. Year 5 reached a pivotal moment where they were able to celebrate the unveiling of the book they helped produce "The Book of Thetford". The children have worked hard on this project and should be incredibly proud of the work they have produced. The children were able to celebrate their achievements by attending a book launch at the Carnegie Rooms where they had the opportunity to see the book in print for the first time, meet other children who worked on the book and also have the chance to get their books signed by the Mayor of Thetford! All the children took home a copy of The Book of Thetford so we hope you enjoy reading it - don't forget to write it in your reading diaries!



Every Day Matters

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

The class with highest attendance this week is

**Attenborough,
Tabei, Maathai,
King**

99 %



Congratulations!
Whole school attendance is
95.16%

Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Reception: Quinn, Evie, Cienna, Oliver S, Amelia M, Malakai, Ava-Rose, Teddy, Molly

Year 1: Enzo, Eleanor, Winnie, Conroy, Xavier, Ralph, Finley, Naomi

Year 2: Szymon, Aiden, George, Aryan, Charlie E, Charlie D, Millie, Natalia

Year 3: Danny, Amelia L., Sam, Francesca, Freddie, Anabelle, Eloise

Year 4: Teddy S, Ryan, Leo, Jacob, Florence, Reuben, Phillip, Maddie, Leya-Mae

Year 5: Ellie, Connie, Ella, Leo, Amelija, Jack K, Isabella

Year 6: Jack, Millie, Martha, Gerda, Max, Ree, Victoria

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

Year 6 Breakfast

This week, The Year 6 pupils sat their SATs assessments. This includes strict test conditions for assessments in Vocabulary, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling,; Reading; Arithmetic; Mathematical Reasoning. In total the children have sat 6 different assessment papers. We are incredibly proud of the perseverance and resilience that the children have demonstrated this year along with their commitment to improving their skills. Every child has done their best and this all we can ask for. The Year 6 team have worked incredibly hard to support the pupils. It's a big team effort, pupils and staff together and they have all made us proud!

In preparation for their tests, staff and children joined together daily for a cooked breakfast. Thank you to all of the kitchen staff for providing this special treat which ensured that the children were well fed and prepared for their assessments.



Prefect Update

Well...what a week. We had to do our SATs this week and we were feeling a little nervous. We had SATs pencil cases for the tests that our teachers made for us. The kitchen staff made us all breakfast on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We had eggs, bacon, sausages, beans and toast; some children even made a loaded breakfast sandwich. The SPAG paper was ok. The reading paper was difficult. Some of the maths papers were ok and others were really hard. To give us a boost on Tuesday, our leavers hoodies were delivered. There were a range of colours and some people even had their names written on the back. Some were quite big on us but they should last us a long time. We have had lots of well-being time this week, and we really enjoyed playing Y6 hide and seek around the school. Class reward was this Friday and we have started to practice our end-of-year play (sorry to Y2 when we needed the hall when they were in there). We have been down to reception to see the growing baby chicks. They are getting quite big now.



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 239 children read more than 7 times and achieved their gold star.

This week's award is to:

Kamkwamba and Turing

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: Merian
KS2: Kamkwamba

School Update: The Arts

The arts, as always, has been embedded at the centre of life at Drake this term.

- * Our youngest pupils have completed their Alice in Wonderland dance project with the Royal Opera House which was a total triumph!
- * Year 5's Book of Thetford was launched this week. Their project is a wonderful insight into how children view our town.
- * All pupils are busy preparing for our Summer Concert Programme that starts soon, including Year 3 who will be performing the opera 'Hansel and Gretel' in Frederick's Woods.
- * Two pupils from each class will be working with an artist in the next month to create a sculpture out of waste materials from a local business. These will become part of a sculpture trail through Thetford.
- * Straight after half term we'll be holding our annual Arts Week where pupils will have an opportunity to try out a wide range of arts activities from drama to sewing, poetry to digital music. All pupils will also be exploring their identities through poetry and visual art. You'll be able to see their work showcased at the end of term at our Summer Festival.
- * We'll also be showcasing all our amazing arts projects at the Royal Norfolk Show in June. This year we will have our own tent where we'll be displaying art work from all our pupils. Our Year 6s will also be there performing with our Musician's In Residences.

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 video: This is a video from arts week last year, a great chance to re-visit before this year's arts week
[Rubbish art project](#)

All podcasts are available on the [video centre](#)

MALLARDS

Mallards are currently working on the Year 6 Prom night and the Summer Fayre.

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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

20th— 24th May: Walk to School Week

22nd May: National Numeracy Day

22nd May: Class Photos

24th May: End of Half Term, school closes at 3pm

3rd June: School reopens

3rd - 7th June: Arts Week

3rd - 14th June: Year 4 Multiplications check

10th—14th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening



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 Coffee Drop In



 **Norfolk** County Council

Join us at Thetford Library for friendly chat and advice regarding life with a vision impairment.

Sessions are Monthly - 2pm - 3:30pm

Upcoming Sessions:

- Wednesday 24th April 2pm - 3:30pm
- Wednesday 22nd May 2pm - 3:30pm
- Wednesday 26th June 2pm - 3:30pm



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