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Newsletter 8 – Summer term

Friday 17th June 2022

A message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

What glorious weather we are having at the moment! At this time of year please make sure your child comes to school wearing sun cream and bring a hat in with them. This week our year 2 children spent the day in London seeing the sights and enjoying a lovely riverboat cruise on the Thames. I was fortunate enough to go with them and had such a great day - the children's behaviour was exemplary as always and were a credit to our school - a huge thank you to the parent helpers who came with us.

It was lovely to see so many families at our new reception parents meeting last night - our new head boys, girls and prefects were also amazing representing our school for the first time! If you were unable to make it, we will send your information pack home with your child for you to read through.

Next week is National Sports Week and we are very excited to get back to having our annual sports days. Emails have been sent out this week containing all of the details - please take time to read them - we hope to see lots of you there!

Have a lovely weekend,

Denise Burgess Headteacher

National Online Safety this week:

What parents need to know about Twitch (see poster attached to email).

Many people have never even heard of it – but for gamers, Twitch is *big*. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide brings trusted adults the essential information on Twitch.

If you haven't signed up to National Online Safety already, please take advantage of this brilliant resource by following the link HERE

This week's letters home

KS2 Sports Day

Y5/6 - selected - Girls Football

Y3/4 - selected - Mixed Tennis

Y6 - selected - Rounders

Y5 - selected - Rounders

ALL - Uniform Policy

Y5 – Y6 Hilltops Trip Meeting

Y5 & 6 - Rainforest Cafe

Diary Dates

National Sports Week – 20th – 24th June

Wednesday 22nd June

Reception, year 1 and year 2 Sports day

Nursery Sports day

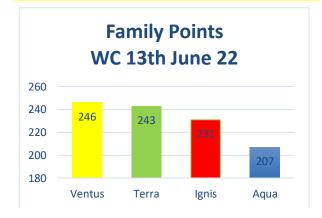
Thursday 23rd June

Year 3-6 Sports day at the Athletics stadium

Thank you

We'd like to say another thank you for the continued gifts of lego sets for our Lego-based therapy. We really appreciate it!

If you have any unwanted, full Lego sets that you would like to donate, please drop in to the school office.







Drum roll please...

Our star of the week awards is an opportunity for our teachers to give great praise to the children who show hard work, determination and enthusiasm amongst other things, to the children who really stand out that week. Values awards are also given out each week to children who show us how they live by the Great Denham Primary values.

Read on below to see who got the awards this week.

WC 13th June



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS												
Little Stars	Sam	Pavo	Eric		Pegasus	Hirah		Vela	Rowan			
Cassiopeia	Emily-Rose	Cygnus	Catherine		Eridanus	Marwa		Lyra	Tommy			
Tucana	Jaida	Volans	Elliana		Andromeda	Tahlia		Phoenix	Lucy			
Orion	Maya	Delphinus	Paloma		Auriga	Abid		Circinus	Yusuf			
Aquila	Mia	Serpens	Edie		Perseus	Bilal						





VALUES AWARDS												
Little Stars	Sebbie	Pavo	Parker	Pegasus	Alex	Vela	Charlie					
Cassiopeia	Rex	Cygnus	Vihaan	Eridanus	Sam	Lyra	Mije					
Tucana	Jack	Volans	Freya R	Andromeda	Eleni	Phoenix	Noah					
Orion	Lottie	Delphinus	Kai	Auriga	Tyler	Circinus	Lena					
Aquila	Soraya	Serpens	Robert	Perseus	Anise							







YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 1

The Year 1 children absolutely loved hosting their Platinum Jubilee Tea Party at the beginning of this half term. They enjoyed eating the delicious cake they made and performing their songs and poem. The children showed so much courage and made us all so proud!

The Year 1 children have been receiving postcards from Paddington Bear who has been on a trip around the United Kingdom. We have been learning which countries make up the UK and learning some key vocabulary to describe features of the environment.

Year 1 have enjoyed watching their flowers and vegetables grow and have taken great care of them. Last week, some children picked, washed and tasted some of their home-grown vegetables.







SPORTS UPDATE

Events next week:

Tuesday 21st June 4-6pm - Year 5&6 Athletics league

Wednesday 22nd June 3:15-4:15pm - Year 4&5 Netball training

Thursday 23rd June 4-6pm - Year 3&4 Tennis Tournament

Friday 24th June 1-4pm - Year 6 Rounders Tournament at Westfield

School Sport

Year 5&6 Quadkids athletics

8 children competed in this highly competitive and exciting fixture, all competing in the same four events. The events were; 75m, 600m, standing long jump and howler. Our children put in an exceptional performance, which saw them finish in 1st place out of all the schools competing in the afternoon. Congratulations to the squad for finishing in 4th place overall out of 36 tems- what an achievement!

Team: Alice, Anaya, Charlie, Deborah, Zuwena, Thomas, Tobi & Yusuf

KS1 Multi-sports festival

30 of our year 1 and 2 children took part in a n exciting festival thisweke organised by the school sports partnership. Some enjoyed playing rounders and cricket matches against other schools, whilst one group enjoyed various athletics activities. The children were a credit to our school and it was lovely to see them having so much fun, well done!





Year 5&6 Athletics league

Our squad put in another fantastic amount of effort in this week's league. The talent and ability from our athletes has been very impressive, well done to you all but particularly Tobi, Alice, Deborah and the girls relay team for earning 1st places. We look forward to see what next week brings.















National Sports Week - 20th - 24th June

We have lots of exciting activities planned for our children to enjoy next week. Please remember your child must wear PE kit to school daily. Please note the important dates for parents/ carers below:

Wednesday

9-10am - Reception, year 1 and year 2 Sports day

2-3pm - Nursery Sports day

Thursday

10-2pm - Year 3-6 Sports day at the Athletics stadium.

**Parents/ carers - you are invited to attend as little or as much of the day as you wish.







School mobile library

This week we were lucky to have a visit from the mobile library. The children explored the wide range of books and learnt about the perks of membership. Each child has been given a membership application form. If you would like your child to become a member, complete the membership form and simply hand it into the mobile library on its next visit. The mobile library visits Great Denham Community Centre fortnightly on Saturdays at 2:20pm. The next visit is on 25th June.

The full timetable can be found here:

https://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/webingres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.beds libraries/mobile timetable jun aug.pdf

If you do visit the library, feel free to upload some pictures to Seesaw to share with your child's class.

Many thanks,

Mr Hay







London Marathon 2022

London marathon training 2022 is well underway for Mrs Swanepoel and myself! We are currently trying to adjust to the 5:30am early morning runs to avoid the heat! Follow our journey on twitter @maketimeforLeo1 as we train and raise money for Muscular Dystrophy UK. A couple of parents have mentioned they would like to sponsor us, which is so kind, the link to our Just Giving page is

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/deniseandchelsea







Year 2 London Trip

























