EXCELLENCE RESPECT COURAGE DETERMINATION FRIENDSHIP EQUALITY

Newsletter 9 - Summer term

Friday 24th June 2022

A message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow what a week it has been! National Sports week has been nothing but fun for the children - a huge thank you to Mrs Hardy and Mr Thompson for organising so many great experiences for our children; highlights include our whole school warm up on Monday and watching the team work and friendship shown during the skateboarding sessions!

As for the Sports days - it was just wonderful to be back having them and seeing the children together again! Yesterday's KS2 sports day at the Athletics stadium was so well organised and such a great atmosphere as the children competed in their families. We saw some amazing running in the races with outstanding performances from Tobi and Anaya in Year 6, Deborah in Year 5 and Lulu, Year 4 and Sumayyah in Year 3! A huge well done to everyone and to Terra family for winning!

KS1/EYFS also saw lots of great team work and well done to Ventus family for winning! A real highlight was Nursery sports day too which was just so lovely to watch.

I am sure you noticed how short we are on space and really missing having a school field - please let me reassure you we haven't forgotten about this and are still doing our best to move things forward with the council and the land owners regarding the land next to the school which is allocated for our school field.

Have a lovely weekend,

Denise Burgess Headteacher

National Online Safety this week:

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

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week brings you the need-to-know basics of professional esports.

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

Reception & Y1 – Scootability

Reception – Fab Finish

Y1- Wixams Retirement Village Visit

Y2 - iPad information

Y3 - Sing On Concert

Y6 – Leavers Party

Y6 – Leavers Assembly

BC / ASC Booking

Please note that booking for Breakfast club and afterschool club for the new term will open at **6pm on Friday 1st July**

Vacancies

We have a new vacancy for one or two lunchtime supervisors from September 2022. If you are interested or know anyone that is please take a look at our current vacancies HERE









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 20th June



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS												
Little Stars	Jack	Pavo	Amelie		Pegasus	Max R		Vela	Fabien			
Cassiopeia	Aisha	Cygnus	Bella		Eridanus	Will		Lyra	Aisha			
Tucana	Finn	Volans	Aleya		Andromeda	Amy		Phoenix	Summer- Star			
Orion	Krzysztof	Delphinus	Izabelle		Auriga	Kawthar		Circinus	Ola			
Aquila	Emilia	Serpens	Amy		Perseus	Aaima						





VALUES AWARDS											
Little Stars	Henry	Pavo	Arley	Pegasus	Niamh	Vela	Evelyn				
Cassiopeia	Austin	Cygnus	Aurelia	Eridanus	Jonah	Lyra	Florian				
Tucana	Freya	Volans	Victoria	Andromeda	Evie	Phoenix	Zuwena				
Orion	Elijah	Delphinus	Marlo	Auriga	Chanel	Circinus	Ethan				
Aquila	Nahum	Serpens	Isa	Perseus	George						



Cash prize winners

A big well done also goes out to Joseph in Y3 for his work in maths and to Max in Y3 for English. Enjoy your cash prize!







YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 2

Wow what a busy month year 2 have had! Starting off with our wonderful Jubilee tea party before half term where our amazing ladies in the kitchen cooked us up a feast fit for the Queen herself. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Queen and created the most amazing oil pastel portraits of her too. We then created commemorative clay tiles for us to keep to always remember the Platinum Jubilee.

Last week saw us go to London. We were so lucky to have the sun shining and enjoyed a beautiful trip down the Thames on a riverboat cruise. We saw so many landmarks and this has aided us in our writing this week, which is all linked to our Fabulous Finish exhibition. We also are super lucky this half term to be doing some forest school with Mrs Eaton. Last week some of us enjoyed going pond dipping; we even found some newts and we were even able to hold them. With only a month left we still have so much to learn and can't wait to share it with you all in our Fabulous Finish in a few weeks' time!















SPORTS UPDATE

School Sport

Wow, what an incredibly exciting National School Sports Week we have had at Great Denham and one we won't forget! The week has been jam packed with; learning new tricks, competitions, school sport fixtures and ENJOYMENT!

Our children have showed so much enthusiasm, courage and determination throughout the whole week and should be proud of their efforts and achievements. Here's a roundup of NSSW 2022...

Skateboarding & Tennis

We kick started the week with Year 2 - 6 who enjoyed sessions with Team Rubicon, learning how to skateboard. This took a huge amount of teamwork and courage, and we hope some of our children are inspired to continue developing these skills.

Year 1 enjoyed tennis sessions with Riverside tennis club, who was impressed with our children's skill and effort.

Sports days

Nursery- our children enjoyed a sports day theme of down on the farm, completing lots of events that earned them a gold medal.

Reception & KS1 - well done to our children for completing all 9 events and earning points for their family.

KS2- congratulations to our children for competing in their family and in front of so many spectators. The energy and atmosphere in the stadium was electric and everyone performed so well.

Sports day Results:

Reception & KS1 - 1st Ventus

Year 3&4 - 1st Ventus

Year 5&6 - 1st Terra

Daily challenges v Westfield

All classes competed in daily challenges against Westfield Primary. Our children were determined to do their best and we are very happy to announce that we **WON** 125 - 112 points.

Year 5&6 Girls Football Euro 2022 festival

We took 14 players along to this football festival, where all schools were mixed up and played together in a team for the first time. Teams were given a country in the Euros and awarded points based on the school sports values. Well done to Amelia 's team who finished 1st overall.















Picnic in the playground

We are very excited to be welcoming back what used to be our annual picnic in the playground this year! As per the diary dates it will take place on **Wednesday 20th July at 2pm**. Due to the size of our school now the event will take place in our car park and parents are invited to come and hear the whole school sing a few songs (this includes nursery too). Once the performance has finished children will return to class and you can collect them and we invite you to bring a picnic and share it on our school grounds with your child and their friends. We hope this will be nice opportunity for families to socialise after a difficult couple of years and we also hope you will come along and hear the children sing! There will be some chairs in the playground for parents to sit on but we urge you to bring along a camping chair if you have one or a blanket.



















