

Dunchurch CofE Infant School and Nursery

Forgiveness ... Honesty ... Kindness ... Patience ... Respect

Friday, 24 March 2023



A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Families,

What started off as a peculiar week, with many children off with chicken pox and other illnesses, has picked up and it has been great to welcome children back (albeit a little spottier in some cases!)

We have just one week left and are very much looking forward to celebrating this important time in the Christian calendar, as we build up to Easter. As part of our collective worship, we welcome Reverend Pat to school on Thursday afternoon for a special Easter service.

Elsewhere around school, Year 1 are looking forward to their trip to Warwick Castle, something I know will really get their imagination going and be a great way to engage with their topic learning. We have rearranged the postponed trip for Year 2 for Wednesday 26th April.

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the DMAT meeting. We will circulate their presentation about the trust in the coming days.

Finally, we wish to inform you that Mrs McConnell, our brilliant teaching assistant, mid-day supervisor, cover teacher and PTA staff member, is leaving us next Friday, after 16 years at the school. We would like to thank her for her passion and commitment to the pupils, their families and her colleagues and wish her well as she moves on to a new adventure, away from education. Please do take the opportunity to say goodbye before next week.

Wishing you all and enjoyable weekend,

Best wishes,
Mr Andrews

Collective Worship

The children have been practising really hard this week for our Easter service on Thursday 30th March in the afternoon at school. They have been learning the song 'Sing out an Easter song' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YwIX49ie0E>

This week the children have been practising Kindness and showing this in class and on the playground.



Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Addison B

Red Room

Lunchtime

Brooklyn F

Blue Room

Lunchtime

Petru D

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Harley D

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Milo P

Little Owls

Lunchtime

Esme R

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Esme R

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

George K

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Elijah M

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Seb J

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Graham Z

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Martin K

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Sia C

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Tinashe M

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Harry B

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NURSERY

Another busy week in Nursery! Children in Pre-School have started to make marks to represent their name, copying some letters from their name cards and ensuring they have a firm comfortable grip. They are continuing to strengthen this through regular Dough Disco and mark-making opportunities both inside and out. They have also embraced Spring this week! They are expanding their vocabulary and describing what they observe. They have created some fantastic paintings of animals, flowers, and natural scenes. Outside, the children have loved accessing the construction area, building with massive wooden blocks, and using building site props to aid their imaginative play.

In Rainbow Room, the children have been developing their understanding of 'who', 'what', and 'where' questions. They listened and responded appropriately and asked each other questions using the correct terminology. They have loved painting large sticks for a display, using their gross motor and fine motor skills to control both the stick and the paintbrush. The children have also engaged in lots of small-world imaginative play, specifically, with a certain range of rescuing pups!

Have a lovely weekend all, see you next week for the last week of the Spring Term!



RECEPTION

We have continued with our Jigsaw PSED topic of 'Healthy Me', this time looking at bedtime routines and the importance of getting enough sleep. We read Peace at Last about Mr Bear not getting enough sleep and how he felt. The children have had opportunities to pack a healthy lunch box in the Investigation area as well as select healthy food in the role play kitchen. There was a pair of giant teeth in the sink and the children worked hard to 'clean' the teeth with real toothpaste and tooth brushes.

Dinosaurs have been very popular in the small world area. The children have shared their knowledge about dinosaurs as well as making up their own dinosaur stories. We have found out more information from books about dinosaurs including that a T-Rex's teeth are the same size as a banana and that a Triceratops was as tall as the classroom.

The children have enjoyed playing Hit the Button game on the IWB and have had many tries to improve their number bonds knowledge. It has been great to see their perseverance and determination to better their scores. We have also learnt about 3D shapes in maths including the names of a sphere, cuboid, cube, cylinder and cone. We have spotted these shapes in everyday objects. We have continued to re-cap Phase 3 in phonics with emphasis on longer words that need chunking up as well as words ending in 'ing'.



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YEAR 1

As mathematicians this week, we have explored measure, in particular height and length. We have been exploring and problem solving using non-standard units of measure followed by using rulers and standard units.

In English, we have been using our research to plan then write our own non-chronological report about castles and their features. We have also been working together to choreograph and perform our own performance poetry about dragons.

As Scientists, we have been identifying materials and exploring their properties. We then tested materials suitability for a rope to help us escape a tower from a castle by experimenting with what happens when we stretch them. We found that stretchy putty might not be the safest material to choose!

Not many more sleep until Warwick Castle! Have a wonderful weekend everyone!



YEAR 2

Another busy but productive week in year 2 this week!

The children couldn't believe it when they received a letter from Farmer Boggis... He demanded that the children help him to catch Fantastic Mr Fox! He asked the children to create a WANTED poster to help catch him. The children thought it was hilarious that the farmers thought that they were helping them when really they were helping Fantastic Mr Fox escape from his wicked plans! They all felt very sneaky and have really enjoyed their English lessons this week.

On Tuesday, we celebrated World Poetry Day and performed poems about animals. Some of the children were even brave enough to read them out in assembly!

As scientists, we have continued learning about different habitats and looked at different food chains.

As mathematicians, we have been comparing different money amounts to decide whether amounts are greater than, less than or equal to one another.

We hope that everyone has a lovely weekend. Only one week to go until the Easter holidays!



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DIARY DATES

Monday 27th

Tuesday 28th

Wednesday 29th

Thursday 30th

Friday 31st

**PTA Easter
events after
school**

Martial Arts

Collection from the
back of the Hall

Spanish Club

Collection from the
back of the Hall

Performing Arts

Collection from Yr1
doors

Football

Collection from the
back of the Hall

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VACANCIES

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

PLAYWORKER Infant School- Monday - Friday 3.15pm - 4.45pm, term time £10.98 - £11.18 per hour, plus holiday pay. (7.5 hours per week)

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

We are looking for Midday Supervisors to join our hard working lunchtime teams.

Hourly rate £10.60 - £10.79, plus holiday pay, plus Local Government Pension Scheme

Hours - Infant School -11.50am - 1.10pm Monday to Friday, term time only

Hours - Nursery -11.30am - 12.30 pm Monday to Friday, term time only

Start date - ASAP

If you are interested, please email office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk or pop into the school office for an application pack.

Paw-some Easter

Saturday 1-15 April 2023

A fun-packed Easter programme inspired by dogs. Get creative in our workshops making animal origami, clay creatures, pom-pom pets, and have a go at drawing with a 3D pen! Plus don't miss our family yoga session and fantastic theatre shows.

Plus...

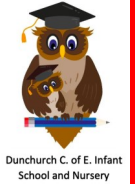
Enjoy a FREE hunt around the building to find all the hidden Easter baby animals. — <https://www.ragm.co.uk/easterfun>

Allsorts Easter issue magazine link— https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_MARMAY23



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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27th March	SATs meeting for Parents/Carers 9am in school hall
Tuesday 28th March	Yr1 trip to Warwick Castle
Friday 31st March	PTA Easter events
Friday 31st March	School and Nursery finish for Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	School and Nursery reopens
Wednesday 26th April	Yr2 Gurdwara trip (rearranged)
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday (school & nursery closed)
Month of May	Year 2 SATs
Monday 8th May	King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday (school & nursery closed)
W/C: 12th June	Year 1 Phonics
Wednesday 21st June	Class photos
Monday 26th June	Teacher Training day
Wednesday 5th July	Warwickshire schools Induction day
Tuesday 25th July	School and Nursery finish for Summer

OWLS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AND NURSERY PLACES

Summer term Owls & WOOSH Club sessions are now available to book on the Magic Booking system.

If you have any problems booking these, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We only have 40 daily places available for our Before & After School Club. Due to an increase of children attending Owls this school year, we are currently very busy on most days & we may not be able to accommodate your request if last minute bookings are trying to be made.

If you require places on a regular basis (weekly) and for the next term, it would be advisable to book in advance. If there are no spaces available, Magic Booking will not allow you to book and we cannot override the system to accommodate your child.

Please do not assume your child will be able to attend owls without prior agreement.