

Dunchurch CofE Infant School and Nursery

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Friday, 12 May 2023

Dear families,

Four weeks into the Summer term now and we've hit test 'season'.

We've been delighted with how the Year 6s have approached their SATs; a real positive manner and determination. A big thank you to all the staff who have supported the Year 6 team, and to the Year 6 team themselves. Thank you to the rest of the school for your patience and support with timetable changes etc.

Next week it is the Year 2's turn to start their papers. Mrs Owen, Miss Ansell and the team have been so impressed with their practise, and so we are looking forward to you all continuing as positively as you have been to this point.

Next week we face the prospect of a full 5 days! With no Bank Holidays, we hope that routines can return to normal a little more, as we have a strong push towards half term and preparing for Summer 2.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend,

Mr Andrews

Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Isla

Red Room

Lunchtime

Asees

Blue Room

Lunchtime

Theo

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Shadiar

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Joshua

Little Owls

Lunchtime

Henry

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Toby

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Nate

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Martha

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Alicia

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Mia

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Dmitry

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Dmitry

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Giovanna

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Evie

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week we have considered the values of compassion and kindness. We explored stories about the values and reflected upon how we can demonstrate these in our everyday lives.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

W/C: 12th June	Year 1 Phonics
Monday 19th June	School Sports morning
Wednesday 21st June	New to Reception meeting
Wednesday 21st June	Class photos
Monday 26th June	Teacher Training day: school closed
Wednesday 5th July	Warwickshire schools Induction Day
Tuesday 25th July	School and Nursery finish for summer

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NURSERY

This week in Pre-School the children have continued their maths learning around 2D & 3D shapes. They have hunted for them around the environment, and at home, and they have created structures and designed castles! The children's knowledge of shapes is really developing and they are using the correct mathematical terms to name them and describe them. Pre-School children have also created 'The King's Pants' after reading the story and discussing the Coronation celebrations. In the construction area and outside, the children have been consolidating their reading comprehension by acting out stories, discussing how stories are structured, and recalling what the different parts of a book are called.

In Rising 3's this week, the children were very excited to have a visit from some chicks! One of our parents was very kind and brought them in for the children to observe and discuss. Also this week, the children have been comparing shapes, noticing when they are similar or different. They have created arrangements with loose parts in the garden, commenting on the patterns they have made. During group time, the children loved playing the musical instruments and were skilled in playing quietly, slowly, loudly, or fast when asked to!



Reception

Another short but busy week.

We have continued to celebrate the King's Coronation. This has included reading the story of 'The King's Hats'. We enjoyed this rhyming book. The children had the opportunity to try on different hats in the role play area which was set up as a Coronation street party. The hats included – woolly, police, builder, party, crown and a top hat. We made and decorated origami hats at the creative table. This was very tricky and the children really persevered, well done. In the construction area the children have enjoyed making Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey out of wooden blocks and Lego. We also read the story of 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and this has helped us to start thinking about *First*, *Then* and *Next* stories. There was lots of engagement in the investigation area to find out more about magnets.

In maths we rotated shapes from a tangram. We also used a number line to count on. In phonics we have read a very long word – 'chimpanzee'! We needed to chunk it into 3 parts to read. We also started to look at compound words. New *Tricky Words* included – there, when, what and one.



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YEAR 1

Another week gone in the blink of an eye!

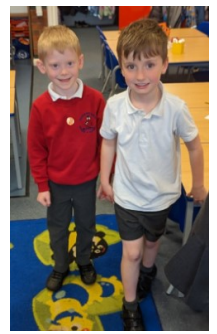
As mathematicians, we have been doubling numbers, spotting number patterns and exploring creating equal groups by grouping and sharing.

In English, we have continued adding to our Bean Diary to keep track of the growth and changes in our plant. We have also been enjoying the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk first through drama and ordering the story with a story map then retelling it by beginning writing our own narrative piece of writing.

As scientists, we have returned to last week's cress experiment, noting the results of each growing condition. Some of the results really surprised us! We have also been identifying and classifying a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, grouping them and discussing their diets.

In PSHE, we have continued focussing on 'Healthy Me'. Discussing household products (including medicines) how they can help us when we feel poorly and how to use them safely but also harmful if not used properly.

Have a wonderful weekend Year One!



YEAR 2

We have enjoyed another 4-day week but still managed to squeeze in lots of learning and fun!

As writers, the children have written a letter to King Charles to congratulate him on his coronation. They're hoping for a reply (as they've asked him lots of questions), but we have told them that even if he doesn't reply (King Charles is very busy) he will still love reading their fabulous writing!

As mathematicians, the children have completed their measurement topic and have been revising division and fractions. Their confidence has really grown this week- they're SO ready for SATs!

As scientists, the children have completed an experiment to test the absorbency of different paper towels. The children loved doing this and made some brilliant predictions.

We hope that everyone has a restful weekend. No worrying about next week please... you are all amazing and we're so proud of you all already!

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DIARY DATES

Monday 15th

Year 2 SATs

Tuesday 16th

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Wednesday 17th

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Thursday 18th

Year 2 SATs

Friday 19th

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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Collection from the
back of the Hall

Dunchurch Schools' Federation have the following vacancies:-

Finance/Administrative Assistant - Dunchurch Infant School

wmjobs.co.uk/job/158543/finance

32.5 hours per week, Monday - Friday, 8.15am - 3.45pm, 1 hour lunch break, term time only.

Scale F £11.59 - £12.46 per hour

Closing Date 15th May 2023

Administrative Assistant - Dunchurch Junior School

wmjobs.co.uk/job/160234/administrative-assistant

20 hours per week, Monday -Friday 8.30 - 12.30, term time only

Scale D £10.98 - £11.18 per hour

Closing date 24th May 2023

Midday Supervisor - Dunchurch Junior and Dunchurch Infant School

6.25/6.65 hours per week

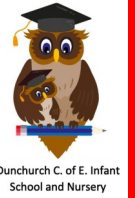
Scale B £10.59 - £10.78 per hour

If you are interested in any of the above roles, please contact Linda Beech for more information or the school office for an application form and job description.

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Local News



WE ARE BACK ! TJ SPORTS ACADEMY are running 3 days of Multisports and 1 day of Football fun during the half term holiday at Dunchurch Junior School. The Multisports is running on the 30th, 31st May and 1st June. The Football Fun day is on Friday 2nd June. Letters have already been handed out and the response has been amazing as always! Spaces are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis. If you have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to contact me at tjsportsacademy1@gmail.com or alternatively speak to myself (Mr James) around school.

Thanks again for all your continued support, see you all soon for a SPORTY half term.

Mr James and the TJ SPORTS ACADEMY team.

Local Family Fun Day



Do you want something to do with your little ones during the next half term?

Coventry and Warwickshire Mind have organised a Family Fun Day on Saturday 27th May 12pm – 4pm at Coventry Rugby Club (Butts Park Arena).

You'll find bouncy castles, a disco, crafts, face painting, and a chill-out zone and outdoor games such as tag rugby, penalty shoot-out and many more.

There are lots of activities that will keep your little ones entertained (and maybe you too)! You'll even get a packed lunch.

Tickets are £8 for adults and £7 for children (Car parking at the pay machine is not included).

All activities are included in the ticket price.

Proceeds go to the Children and Young People's services.

Tickets are available on this [link](#).