

Dunchurch Infant School

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Friday, 17 June 2022

A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Families,

As we end the week with scorching temperatures, we can reflect on yet another busy week.

This week has provided a great example of what our two schools are able to provide the children, with a significant focus on the wider opportunities beyond the classroom, supporting the learning within it.

Year 2 were fortunate enough to experience Coombe Abbey as part of their work around wildlife and habitats. These outdoor opportunities will be promoted even further with the exciting opening of The Haven on the junior school site. The area will certainly provide opportunity for further exploration.

At the junior school, all those in attendance were able to experience a wonderful Music Concert on Wednesday evening. With nearly 50 pupils taking part, it was a fantastic opportunity to listen to our music ambassadors and those taking part in school led music lessons, perform a range of songs. All in all, it was a brilliant 90 minutes, showcasing the pupils' talents. Thank you to all in attendance and to Mrs Fairbrother for bringing it all together.

Looking ahead, with trips to York (Year 4), Draycote (all of DBJS), Great Fire of London visitors (year 1) and other activities, we have a great deal for the children (and staff) to get excited about!

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend. Happy Father's Day to all those able to celebrate on Sunday.

**Best wishes,
Mr Andrews**

Assemblies and Worship

Assemblies and Collective Worship

This half term we are learning about The Miracles of Jesus. These include:

- Jesus meets a Roman Soldier
- Jesus calms the Storm
- Jesus feeds 5000 people
- Jesus walks on water
- Jesus and the enormous catch of fish

We will be welcoming Reverend Pat, Steve (St. Peter's Church) and Chris (School Governor) in to help lead worship this half term linked to our school values.

Year 2 have worked hard and made this beautiful display in the hall



Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Ida N

Red Room

Lunchtime

Isla CS

Blue Room

Lunchtime

Amelie A

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Charles G

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Ema K

Little Owls

Lunchtime

Luke H

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Ollie K

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Aurelia M

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Aurelia M &

Shrenika V

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Sophia B

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Amelia H

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Keira S

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Alisa G

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Sebastian M

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Max R

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NURSERY

**Wednesday 20th July Nursery Leavers assembly - Preschool children Parents invited AM -
more details to follow**

This week the children in Pre-School have been learning about mini beasts, what they are, their names, their features, etc. They have been on bug hunts around the garden, used their fine motor strength to punch holes in leaves, as well as practising their counting with 1:1 correspondence using ladybirds and spots. They have loved learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, and all rooms have taken delivery of some caterpillars, so that they can watch the process happen, discussing and recording it, and seeing if we can grow our very own butterflies! Pre-School have also started to experiment with colour mixing for their wonderful creations!

In Rainbow room, the children have continued their learning around planting and growing by practising the planting process in their exploration tray.

In the garden the children have continued planting their sunflowers from home, and our garden is looking lovely! We will be measuring them as they grow, and documenting their development!

Have a lovely sunny weekend!



RECEPTION

This week's Traditional Tale has been Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. We have had fun retelling the story and using different voices for the bears. We learnt a Goldilocks and the 3 Bears song and used the musical instruments to tap out the rhythm. We were able to link the actions of Goldilocks to behaviour and talked about what she could do to make the bears feel happy.

The children have worked hard in the construction and creative areas to make new chairs and beds for Goldilocks. They all enjoyed using the new pipettes in the water and moving the marbles on numbers in the fine motor area. As part of our Understanding the World we all went on a walk around the school grounds to find out about our school environment.

In maths we have worked on taking away using concrete and abstract methods. In phonics we have continued to look at words containing adjacent consonants as well as working on reading some words automatically.



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YEAR 1

We have continued to explore and deepen our knowledge on the Great Fire of London in Literacy - the children have been thinking of interesting adjectives they could use to describe what it may have been like. We then went on to use the conjunction 'and' to join two sentences together and ended up with some fantastic descriptive work.

In Topic this week we spent time following instructions to create our Father's Day cards, we evaluated these and thought about what went well or what we would do next time to make them even better!

Maths, we continued working with numbers to 100- this time ordering them, comparing them and recognising one more and one less. We have been so impressed with how confident the children have been using larger numbers this week. LOTS of children have been accessing challenge work which shows that their mathematical confidence is increasing alongside their knowledge ☺

Well done to the children on continuing to work hard and apply themselves even though the classrooms have been SO hot! You have been fantastic this week.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful week! We had a brilliant time at Coombe Abbey hunting for insects in the woodland, meadow and pond habitats. In Literacy, we are writing a leaflet to persuade others to come to Coombe Abbey.

In Maths the children have been learning how to create tally charts and showing understanding of using these.

During topic the children have been creating more algorithms to program computer games, learning about the Hindu Gods and starting to play the ukulele.

The children have loved music!



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School Information

Please remember we are a 'NUT FREE' school and nursery and includes food that may contain nuts or nut seeds like chocolate spread, pesto and other items, thank you.

SCHOOL BOOK BAGS - Please can your child's book bag be brought into school everyday containing their library and reading books, thank you.

DIARY DATES

Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st

Wednesday 22nd

Thursday 23rd

Friday 24th

Yr1 visit from One
Day Creative on
the 'Great Fire of
London'

Whole school
and Nursery
Class photos

Martial Arts

Collection from the
back of the Hall

Spanish Club

Collection from the
back of the Hall

Performing Arts

Collection from School
office

Football

Collection from the
back of the Hall

Violin lessons

12.50pm - 2.50pm

Football

Collection from the
back of the Hall

Performing Arts

Collection from the
back of the Hall

OWLS club and Nursery

Please **DO NOT** allow your children to play / use the outside equipment when you are dropping off or collecting from Owls and/or Nursery.

The play equipment is for nursery children only and has been set up ready for the day and also at times the equipment may be roped off due to broken items.

THE HAVEN PROJECT

We are delighted to announce that Timotay have completed their Haven project at the Junior school today, and the fenced area around the Haven project has now been removed from site.

We ask that all adults and children avoid visiting the Haven area of the school until a full health and a safety risk assessment is completed in due course. The children have been informed to continue to play away from the area until they have been invited in.

Thank you for your support and kind regards,

Year 2 children joining the Junior school in September

An email was sent out last Friday to parents of children who are starting at the Junior School in September (and who have accepted their place). This contained email welcome information, the Junior school data collection sheet and links to online consent forms. A reminder that the deadline for submitting these forms for parents who have not done so already is Monday 20th June. If you did not receive the email please contact Dunchurch Junior School via office@dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk.

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th June	Yr1 in school visit on topic Great Fire of London
Wednesday 22nd June	Class Photographs
Sunday 26th June	11.30am Walking Float, Dunchurch Festival - Theme is Harry Potter
Monday 27th June	Teacher Training Day—LAST ONE THIS YEAR
Tuesday 28th June	Tawny Owls visit Junior school - 1.30pm to 3pm (children only)
Tuesday 28th June	New to Reception evening in School Hall - 5.30pm to 6.30pm—letters to follow
Wednesday 29th June	Spectacled Owls visit Junior school - 1.30pm to 3pm (children only)
Friday 1st July	Year 2&3 Teddy Bears Picnic and Sports afternoon at Juniors - more details to follow
Tuesday 5th July	Celebration of Church School Status with visit from Bishop Christopher - more details to follow
Wednesday 6th July	Warwickshire Induction Day
Tuesday 12th July	Sports Day for school children - 9.30am to 11.30am - Junior school field. Parents invited to watch. Letter to follow with colour t-shirt for each child.
Monday 18th July	Year 2 Maypole dancing for Rugby in Bloom - details to follow
Monday 18th July	Open Evening for all parents and carers from 5.30pm
Tuesday 19th July	Year 2 performance - 9.30am and 2pm - 2 adults per child - letter to follow
Monday 18th July	Nursery Leavers assembly - Preschool children Parents invited AM - more details to follow
Wednesday 20th July	Year 2 Maypole Dance and food - 5pm to 6.30pm. 2 adults per child - more details to follow.
Thursday 21st July	SCHOOL & NURSERY—finish for Summer Holidays at normal school time

Dunchurch Fete Sunday 26th June—Theme HARRY POTTER

We are very excited to be supporting this event again. We would like children and families from both schools to join the walking procession. Mrs. Miller will be joining this event.

The theme for the parade is "70 years of achievements" Our schools have chosen "Harry Potter" as our theme and children and adults are asked to dress up to join the parade.

The parade assembles at 11.30 on the black path opposite the far entrance to the Dun Cow car park. We will be going up the pathway to the village hall this year rather than closing the road. The parade then enters the sports field and into the arena for the fancy dress judging where prizes/certificates are given.

Please put this date on your calendar and I look forward to seeing all the wonderful characters. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

