

Dunchurch CofE Infant School and Nursery

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Friday, 28 April 2023

A message from Mr Andrews

Dear families,

Another week has passed and we now find ourselves at the start of the Bank Holiday 'season'.

It has been another productive week in school. Year 2 experienced a trip to the Gurdwara and were commended for their excellent behaviour and attention. Year 1 have been working hard on their new topic and, despite the weather, reception and nursery continue to get 'stuck in' with the outdoor learning, using their amazing outdoor areas.

From a staff update, today is the last day for both our lead lunch supervisor/Owls play leader, Mrs Burdett, and Mrs Nicholls from reception. Mrs Burdett has been at the school for 15 years, and has worked tirelessly to ensure that lunchtimes and play activities add positively to the children's experiences. Mrs Nicholls will be very familiar to you all, playing an important part as 'front of house', and has worked relentlessly with pupils, families and staff to ensure we are well supported with communication and administration. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to communicate your best wishes with them also.

Both staff members will be very much missed, but we wish them well for the future and look forward to catching up with them in the coming weeks.

To confirm, next week's strike day will not impact the infant school. We will be closed for Bank Holiday on **Monday 1st May** but fully open again on **Tuesday 2nd**.

Wishing you all an enjoyable, extended weekend.

Mr Andrews

Collective Worship

This week we have explored the story of St George, and the meaning behind the story of being courageous, facing our fears and standing up for what we believe in.

We have also explored our values of generosity and respect, considering how we can live out these values in our every day lives.

Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Wren W

Red Room

Lunchtime

Seth T

Blue Room

Lunchtime

Frankie

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Milo P

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Darcy A

Little Owls

Lunchtime

Amelie A

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Matilda A

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Zarah T

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Nate L

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Delilah J

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Freddie c

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Whole Class

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Joshua R

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Daya R

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Johan B

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NURSERY

This week in Pre-school, the children have continued their learning around healthy lifestyles. They have created healthy lunch boxes and had discussions about why foods are healthy or not. The children have also started learning about growing. During group time they have planted cress and beans as a group and have been observing them all week to note and talk about the changes. The children have also had lots of fun measuring their feet using cubes and then representing the amounts with marks. They compared the sizes of their feet with others' and used language of size to describe their findings.

In Rising 3's, one of the children visited the dentist and so the children have been discussing how to keep their teeth clean. They explored our big teeth with shaving foam and practiced cleaning them with toothbrushes. This also prompted lots of doctor and dentist imaginative play! They have loved using the doctor's kits to treat each other! Outside, all the children have been using scissors to cut natural resources, developing the skills needed to use scissors effectively.



RECEPTION

The weather has turned colder but we have continued to learn about the season of spring. This week we have read the story of 'Little Bear's Spring'. The children enjoyed retelling the story in the small world area as well as making up their own stories. We challenged the children to make a nest using different materials in the Investigation Area, we wanted the nest to hold an egg (plastic!). We have seen lots of excellent ideas and perseverance. We went on a walk in the school grounds to look for signs of spring and found some blossom, catkins, daisies, dandelions and heard lots of birds singing. The children have worked hard at the creative table to make a blossom tree. Different processes included – using pastels to draw the trunk and scrunched up tissue paper for the blossom. In maths we have continued to learn the numbers to 20. We have worked on recognising and ordering the numbers as well as knowing when a number is missing from a sequence. You could help your child at home by writing the numbers on post-it notes and sticking them up the stairs so the children have to look and say each number as they climb the stairs. Hide a number and see if they can identify the missing number.

In phonics we have continued with Phase 4, this week looking at CVCC words (consonant vowel consonant consonant). New Tricky Words have included – come, some, do and love (great excitement for love, the children were already familiar with this word!).

Please can you make sure that you send back in your child's PE kits.



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YEAR 1

In the blink of an eye, our second week of this term is over already!

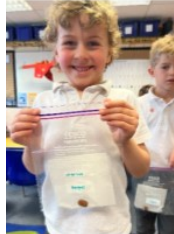
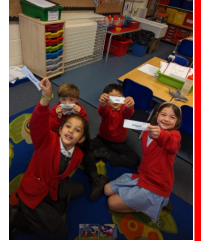
As mathematicians this week, we have been skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and spotting patterns. We then went onto exploring equal groups.

In English, we have written our own sets of instructions (being bossy is our favourite) and planted our very own beanstalks, watch out Giant we are coming for your gold!

As Scientists, we have been naming the different parts of a plant and learning about each of the parts functions. We have also been out classifying trees into deciduous and evergreen categories.

In ICT, we continued our learning about algorithms. The algorithm was presented as a key/paint-by-numbers. We remembered the importance of the order of the steps because an algorithm is a set of instructions completed in an ordered way. We talked though the algorithm with a partner and then completed the task to create a beautifully coloured bird.

Enjoy your long weekend Year One, see you Tuesday!



YEAR 2

As we come to the end of another busy week, the teachers only have one thing to say... WOW year 2! Your behaviour this week has been EXEMPLARY!

On Wednesday, the year 2 children and staff visited the Gurdwara in Leamington and what an experience it was! The children showed great respect when entering the Gurdwara and removed their shoes and covered up their hair as requested. We were taken on a tour and the children were amazed by the size of the building and how beautiful the rooms were decorated. A few tummies also rumbled when the smell of cooking reached our noses... it smelt delicious!

The children sat and listened to a talk about Sikhism brilliantly and put their hands up to ask insightful questions. The tour was finished off with a drink and a biscuit (much to the children's delight!) and we then hopped back on the bus to come back to school in time for lunch. The year 2 staff all commented on how well the children had behaved inside the Gurdwara so we rewarded them with an extended playtime- "this is the best day of my life!" said Aiza!

As writers, the children have been writing setting descriptions to describe the rainforest in 'Grandad's Island' and as mathematicians, the children have been measuring items in cm and m. In the afternoons, we have continued with our 'Taking Care' project. If you are not sure what this is you can find out more information on the school website- <https://www.dunchurchinfantschoolandnursery.co.uk/our-curriculum/protective-behaviours>

We look forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday- we hope that everyone enjoys the bank holiday weekend.



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DIARY DATES

Monday 1st

Tuesday 2nd

Wednesday 3rd

Thursday 4th

Friday 5th

**School Closed for
May Bank Holiday**

**King Charles III
Coronation
Celebration Day**

Spanish Club

Collection from the back
of the Hall

Performing Arts

Collection from Yr1 doors

Football

Collection from the back
of the Hall

Football

Collection from the back
of the Hall

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

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1st May

May Bank Holiday (school & nursery closed)

Friday 5th May

King's Coronation day

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

Friday 1st & Monday 4th September

Teacher Training days

Tuesday 5th September

School & Nursery opens

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SUMMER 1 CURRICULUM SHEETS

Please find the website links below for each year group.

<https://dunchurchinfant.sites.schooljotter2.com/about-our-learning/year-2>

<https://dunchurchinfant.sites.schooljotter2.com/about-our-learning/year-1>

<https://dunchurchinfant.sites.schooljotter2.com/about-our-learning/reception>

Local News

Rugby Art Galley and Museum are having their Night at the Museum on 26th May. They also have some exciting half term holiday activities on offer too.

For more information, please follow the below links.

www.ragm.co.uk/holiday-activities

www.ragm.co.uk/nightatyourmuseum

Night at the Museum
OCEAN ADVENTURE
With Ocho the Octopus!

MAIN ENTRANCE
Facepainting
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust
Rugby Phoenix Ukulele Band

LIBRARY
Activity Room
Chill Out Zone - featuring a movie, soft seating, and low lighting

Let's Make Room
Crab-solutely Clawsome colouring in with Marine Conservation Society

Children's Library
Pirate Poetry

RUGBY
Art Gallery & Museum

FIRST FLOOR
Local History Gallery
Perilous pirates and magical mermaids photobooth

Floor One Gallery
Sea-riously Spectacular Neon Coral Reef

SECOND FLOOR
Activity Space
Under the Sea Sensory Play

Art Room
Make your own submarine with Warwick University

www.ragm.co.uk/nightatyourmuseum

RUGBY
Art Gallery & Museum

Holiday Fun 27 May - 3 June 2023

Find out more at www.ragm.co.uk

FREE activities: Plant pot hunt, Neon coral reef & Saturday storytelling.

Bookable workshops: Den building, Nature weaving & printing, & Concertina landscapes.

