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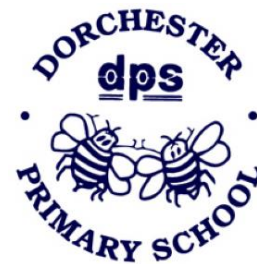
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 30 – 12th May 2023

Message from Mr Mills

Another short week is coming to an end and it has been an incredibly busy one for our year 6 children. They have completed their KS2 SAT Tests and have blown us away with their **resilience** and **self-belief**! No matter what the results come back as in July, we know they have worked exceptionally hard over the last few months and shown real commitment to their learning – WELL DONE ALL OF OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN!

The hard work doesn't stop there though, as they now begin rehearsals for their KS2 production, as well as continuing their learning in all subjects.

Our extra-curricular clubs continue to be popular and it is great to see so many children attending in their own time. The clubs we have offered this term have been as a result of our pupil survey – it is what our children requested.

Thank you for the kind comments about the improvements to our KS2 playground – it certainly is more vibrant, and there is still more to come over half-term.

Our year 5 boys took part in a 5-a-side competition last night and although I wasn't able to attend myself, Mrs Horsham and Mrs Watson tell me that they were brilliant ambassadors and showed all of our values!

Next week, our year 2 children take part in their SAT Tests and I am sure they too will show just how brilliant they are.

Finally, towards the end of next week, we will be carrying out teacher interviews to cover the maternity leaves of Mrs Hamer and Mrs Fisher. We have a strong field of candidates wanting to join our team and we'll let you know when we have finalised appointments.

Have a great weekend!

Stuart Mills

Key Reminders

Up and coming events

Last week, we sent out a list of all of the key dates for this term, including sports afternoons and trips.



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Hopefully, this will allow you to make plans in advance if you wish to come and support us at any of the events – especially the summer fair, which was a huge success last year.

If you haven't received a copy, you can find all of our events on our website here: <https://dorchesterprimary.org.uk/calendar/> or alternatively, pop into the office and request a hard copy.

Attendance

Whole-school weekly attendance	93.8% - well below our target of 96%
Class with the best attendance	6LT and 6MP with 100% 😊
<i>Please ensure your child is at school on time, every day. If you are having any difficulties with getting your child to school, please contact our attendance officers: Mrs Gasparelli or Mrs Steer.</i>	

Upcoming events for the next two weeks


Monday 15 th May	KS1 SATS week
<i>All of our key dates for this term are on our website here:</i> https://dorchesterprimary.org.uk/calendar/	

Messages

PE Kit

We made the decision during COVID to allow children to come to school in their PE kit and remain in it for the rest of the day, to reduce lost time for changing. However, we have seen many children coming in inappropriate clothing, including low-cut tops, hot pants, football shirts and crocs / heeled shoes. As a reminder, our uniform policy details the acceptable clothing for PE, which includes dark shorts or jogging bottoms, a white or blue t-shirt and suitable footwear. Please support us by ensuring your child comes to school in appropriate clothing. Where we feel that clothing is not suitable, we will request that they change into the correct kit, either by ringing you to bring some in, or providing them with it for the day. Thanks for your support!

What's been happening in school this week?

EYFS	Year 1/2
<p>In reception, in Phonics, we are continuing to use the 'chunking' method to read longer words, for example, 'zooming, farming, carpark' etc and we are becoming more and more fluent!</p>  <p>In Maths, we have been using positional language to complete spacial awareness challenges.</p> <p>In Literacy, we have been continuing to learn all about our core story Jack and the Beanstalk and we have sequenced the story using story maps and role play. We</p>	<p>In writing this week children in Year 1 and 2 have finished off writing their own setting description based on our core text 'The Last Wolf'. They have used some really effective vocabulary to create their own scary setting.</p> <p>In phonics year 1 have been re-capping previously taught phonemes/ graphemes in preparation for the phonics screening check.</p> <p>In maths Year 1 have been counting in twos, fives and tens.</p> <p>Year 2 have just started a new unit on statistics and have been learning how to interpret information using tally charts, tables and block diagrams.</p> <p>In art the children have been practising their</p>



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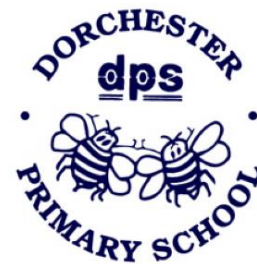
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<p>have also completed some fantastic independent writing!</p> <p>During continuous provision, we have completed observational paintings and drawings of flowers and we have impressed the teachers with how detailed they are! We have also spent lots of time outside in the sunshine caring for our new garden area. We are also loving our enhanced water and construction areas!</p>	<p>sculpting skills using different tools and techniques using play doh in preparation for their final creation to create a clay tile.</p>
Year 3/4	Year 5
<p>This week Year 3/4 have been painting their coil pottery inspired by Magedelene Adundo.</p> <p>We have also started our new writing unit – a science fiction narrative based on the Iron Man.</p> <p>In reading we are continuing to work on our inference skills from the book Beetle Boy. In science we have learned about vertebrates and invertebrates.</p>	<p>This week Year 5 have been learning about 3D shapes – what they are called, how they look as nets and how they can be put together to make the shapes themselves.</p> <p>The children have continued their excellent inference work during Reading and have become obsessed with the text, 'The Haunting of Aveline Jones'.</p> <p>In History, the children have begun to look at Mayan writing and even started to write their own names in the text.</p> <p>We would like to express how proud we are of the entire Year 5 cohort for handling being together as well as they have done this week.</p>
Year 6	Hive



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As you know, this week has been SATs week!

The children have worked through approximately 5 hours' worth of tests and have done an incredible job; we could not be prouder of their hard-work, dedication and perseverance. Well done, Year 6!



This week in The Hive we have been growing our now cress; we used cotton, water and cress seeds. The children loved making these and we will send them home once they have a grown a little bit.

In maths we have been exploring numbers by using the 'our sensory fishing' game. The children have been working hard on tracing over different shapes and naming them.

In phonics we have been focusing on the grapheme 'a', the new words we have learnt are 'apple', 'ant' and 'arrow'.

Speech and language have also been in this week to assess the children's communication skills - they were very proud of all the children and how much progress they have made.

Next Week's Menu

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza with potato wedges	All Day Breakfast	Various pasta bakes	Chicken Dinner with potatoes and vegetables	Fish Friday with chips and peas/beans
Homemade Margherita Pizza (V)	As above with vegetarian sausage (V)	Beans on Toast (V)	Quorn fillet (V)	Vegetable nuggets (V)
Plus, a selection of sandwiches (ham, cheese or tuna) and jacket potatoes (tuna, cheese or beans)				