



A message from the Head...

Dear Parents,

The week began with an exciting day of adventures for our year 3/4 children who took part in various outdoor activities to launch their new project. As well as this, our nursery children have enjoyed the arrival of some very special eggs this week!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Great Denham who kindly paid for each class to have a Butterfly kit - the children are going to love watching their caterpillars turn into butterflies!

For our families who will be celebrating Eid in the coming days we wish you best wishes and happiness and hope you have an enjoyable time with your families. Please note children celebrating Eid are authorised one day's absence for celebrations.

Have a lovely long weekend

Denise Burgess
Headteacher

This week's letters home

Year 2 - Bikeability Level 1

Year 3 - Bikeability Level 2

Various - Singing letters

Year 2 – London Trip

All – Summer term project information & dates



Online Safety

National Online Safety this week:

What parents need to know about group chats (see poster attached to email).

Many people prefer group chats to wider social networking platforms, which involve a relentless stream of updates from our contacts – regardless of whether we actually *want* to know what they've been up to. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights what trusted adults need to be aware of.

If you haven't signed up to National Online Safety already, please take advantage of this brilliant resource by following the link [HERE](#)

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd May – BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 6th May – Wishbone Day –
Wear Yellow

Friday 6th May – Reception swimming Trip
(Cassiopeia)

Newsletter Content

Stars & Values of the week

Cash prize winners

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Sports update & events

Wishbone Day

Drum roll please.....

Our star of the week awards is an opportunity for our teachers to give great praise to the children who show hard work, determination and enthusiasm amongst other things, to the children who really stand out that week. Values awards are also given out each week to children who show us how they live by the Great Denham Primary values.

Read on below to see who got the awards this week.



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Little Stars	Riley	Pavo	Lauren	Pegasus	Hirah	Vela	Mollie
Cassiopeia	Araya	Cygnus	Thomas	Eridanus		Lyra	
Tucana	Marcus	Volans	Alaa	Andromeda	Xari	Phoenix	Amber
Orion	Penelope	Delphinus	Marlo	Auriga	Abid	Circinus	Sophie
Aquila	Jaziel	Serpens	Jodie	Perseus	Jacob		



VALUES AWARDS

Little Stars	Theo	Pavo	Lauren	Pegasus	Hirah	Vela	Mollie
Cassiopeia	Araya	Cygnus	Thomas	Eridanus		Lyra	
Tucana	Marcus	Volans	Alaa	Andromeda	Xari	Phoenix	Amber
Orion	Penelope	Delphinus	Marlo	Auriga	Abid	Circinus	Sophie
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Cash prize winners

A big well done also goes out to Sophie for her work in maths and to Matthew for English. Enjoy your cash prize!



YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 3

In year 3, we have kicked off this new term with a day-long Stunning Start which has enabled the children to become one of Robin Hood's outlaws for the day. They took part in lots of exciting workshops to immerse themselves in forest life such as archery, creating natural dyes and sketching out in nature.

The children also enjoyed solving riddles along the way to help Robin Hood and their fellow outlaws steal the Sheriff of Nottingham's gold in order to help the poor. As part of our stunning start, we have also taken part in a poetry workshop where the children have had the opportunity to listen, touch, smell and closely observe lots of different elements of the forest to aid in their writing in the coming weeks.

We have really enjoyed reading the first chapter of our key text 'Outlaw' by Michael Morpurgo. We can't wait to find out more about the mysterious skull and silver arrow head which was unearthed from beneath the roots of a huge oak tree during a storm.

Please look out for the Knowledge Organiser sheet which will be sent home this week and is on our website. Why not put this up on the fridge and talk to your child about the new knowledge that they are gaining throughout their learning journey this term? It really does help the knowledge to 'stick' when they are encouraged to share it with somebody else.



SPORTS UPDATE

Tuesday 3rd May

Year 5 & 6 Boys
Cricket league match
Westfield 4:00 -5:30pm

Thursday 5th May

Year 3 & 4
Multi-sports festival
(selected children)
Kempston Challenger
Academy 9:45-11:45am

Thursday 5th May

Year 6 Girls
Rounder's league match
Westfield 4:00-5:30pm

School Sport

Year 5 & 6 Boys Cricket team

Well done to our cricket teams who played in their first set of matches this week, they played some great shots and made some impressive catches. We're looking forward to next week's matches already

Year 6 Girls Rounder's team

The girls put in a superb effort during this match, fielding strongly throughout. Well done for your overall performance girls, despite losing, the smiles said it all!



Wishbone Day – Friday 6th May

Next Friday is Wishbone day and we are inviting children to wear something yellow. Wishbone day is about raising awareness of a condition called "Osteogenesis Imperfecta (Brittle bone disease)". Every year on the 6th May, people come together and celebrate Wishbone Day - an international awareness-raising day for Osteogenesis Imperfecta (Brittle bone disease).

Raising awareness is crucial as it helps to raise funds that are needed to support families living with OI and helps the Brittle Bone Society continue its vital work." This is a charity close to the schools' heart so we invite our children to wear yellow and if they would like to make a small donation they are very welcome (20p - £1 max) we would be very grateful!





Parent/ Carer Workshop

The First Steps to Supporting an Autistic Individual, and those Pursuing a Diagnosis

Monday 16th May 2022 | 6:30pm - 9pm

£5 per person

This will be a relaxed session, specifically for parents and carers of children who are undiagnosed, newly diagnosed, or going through the diagnostic process. The session will consist of a talk on Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), an opportunity to hear from and share with other parents and carers, and gain information about local support and services.

LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE

To book:

☎ 01234 214871

✉ enquiries@autismbeds.org



The training will be online, using Zoom. Once booked on, we will provide you with the details to join.



Parent/ Carer Workshop

Sensory Processing & Autism

Thursday 5th May 2022 | 9:30am - 12:30pm

£15 AB Members / £20 Non-AB Members

This workshop provides you with the opportunity to explore and understand:

- The impact of sensory processing differences on the lives of autistic individuals
- Resources and strategies to support health and wellbeing where there are sensory challenges
- When to ask for professional input

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