



## DUSSINDALE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 1ST



Together on a voyage of discovery...  
raising standards and safeguarding children

### Thank you

Thank you to parents and carers for all the support they are giving pupils during remote learning, it is much appreciated. I have enjoyed attending some of their class Zoom sessions over the last fortnight. It is always lovely when they share their achievements.

### Assembly Theme - Reflecting on Mental Health

This week Miss Dorling will be launching Dussindale's mental health week focus with an assembly. During the week pupils will be encouraged by their teachers to think about how they can look after themselves during this challenging period when schools are operating differently. Children are asked to 'Dress To Express Themselves' on Friday 5th February and should email photos of this to the class email account or school office (office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk).



### Remote Learning Survey



As we enter the fifth week of the half term, whilst recognising remote learning will be here until at least the 8th March, we are keen to hear how parents and carers are finding it. Please complete the survey by posting this link into your browser: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MSKbVs29g90DN6afzJ8WZrPvijR4jdLXFkeaD8MLL2o>

The survey will close at 3.30 pm on Friday 5th February.

### Staffing Changes

Following their resignations we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Gregory on 12th February and Miss Myga on the 30th April. I am sure you will join us in wishing them continued success in their new ventures. Miss Banham has kindly agreed to stay on to the end of the academic year to provide continuity for pupils in Columbus class.



### Sainsbury's My School Fund



Sainsbury's has introduced 'My School Fund' an exciting new initiative that combines the spending power of parents and carers to help boost the school budget. By registering for the free scheme online, parents and carers will be able to earn cashback on their spend—1% to the school and 2% to the individual. To register please paste into your browser: <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/parent-home>

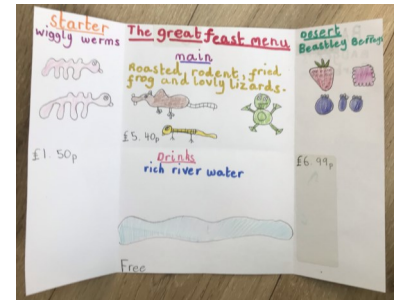
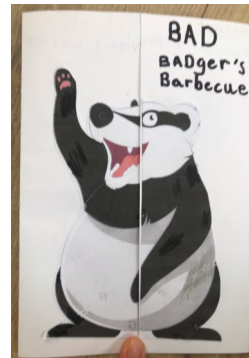
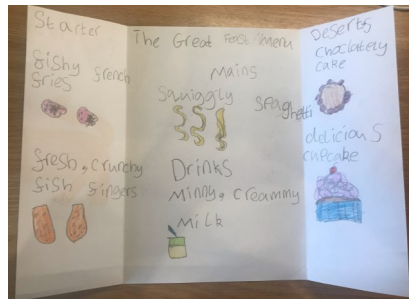
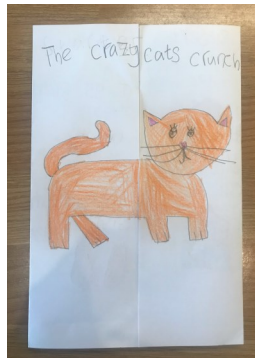
# Good news

Here are some examples of the great remote learning pupils have been taking part in over the last week.



Inspired by their Talk for Writing focus using Handa's Surprise', **Year 1** furthered their learning by making sketches of the story, African patterns using different types of lines and creating Maasai necklaces.

**Year 2** studied the text 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and finished the story by creating their own 'Great Feast' Menu, using alliterative animals of their

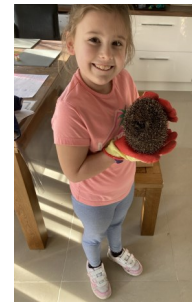


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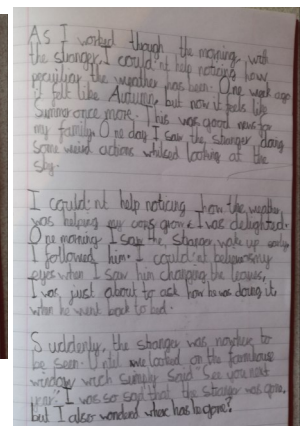
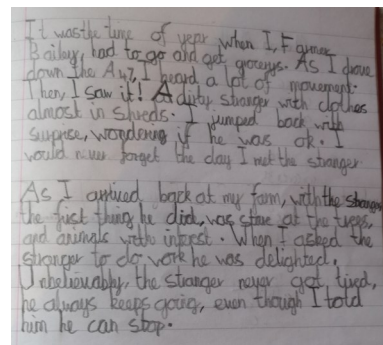
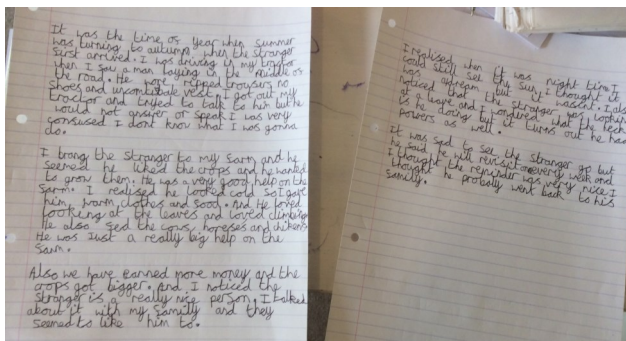
own to cater for.

**Year 3** have been learning about tooth decay by experimenting in Science and Imogen became a hedgehog foster carer.



**Year 4** have enjoyed more baking with Miss Giles.

**Year 6** have also been working hard in Talk



for Writing. Here are examples of their innovated writing.

If you have a piece of good news or work about a pupils which you would like to share with the school community via the school newsletter, Facebook, or website, please send it to : [officeoffice-ds@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:officeoffice-ds@yare-edu.org.uk).

## Reminders

### Dussindale Music Video

If you would like to take part in the Dussindale Music Video, to bring happiness and joy to our community, then please choose one of the following songs to dance, jump around, do cartwheels to, in your living room (...kitchen/garden etc.):

- \* High Hopes - Panic! At the Disco
- \* Can't stop the Feeling - Justin Timberlake

Please film videos in landscape and email to [office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk) by Wednesday 3rd February 2021.



### Mental Health Week

This year's theme is 'Express Yourself'. We are encouraging children (and adults) to explore the different ways they can express themselves through activities they enjoy and that benefit their mental health. Children might choose to express themselves through art, drama, dance, sport, cooking, writing, music etc. Please send pictures of children expressing themselves through art, drama, dance, sport, cooking, writing, music etc to the class or office email ([office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk)).

### Kindness and Positivity Messages for the School Grounds



Pupils are invited to write/draw messages of kindness and positivity to family and friends which can be laminated and hung from trees in the school grounds. If your child has a message, it can be written and left on the table in the school entrance when you are out for daily exercise or sent using the email: [office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk)

## Diary Dates



Monday 1st — Sunday 7th February 2021 — Mental Health Week

Wednesday 3rd February — Last day for submitting music videos

Friday 5th February — 'Dress to Express' wear your favourite (non uniform) clothes

— Leave a positive message to a friend or family member in the front entrance for hanging on a tree in the grounds

Friday 12th February — Last day of half term

Monday 15th — Friday 19th February — Half term, school closed

Monday 22nd February — School term starts

Tuesday 23rd February — PTFA meeting 6 pm on Zoom

Friday 26th February — NSPCC Maths Day — dress as your favourite number

Thursday 4th March — World Book Day

Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th March — Parents evening on Zoom

Friday 26th March — Last day of term

Monday 29th March — Friday 9th April — Easter holidays, school closed

Monday 12th April — School term starts