



DUSSINDALE WEEKLY 28TH MARCH 2022



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

Greetings

As we fast approach the Easter break we are very proud of all that our school has achieved this half term. This week continues with Year 2 and Year 4 educational visits to Banham Zoo, our Easter decoration sale and the PTFA Easter Egg lottery and decorated egg competition. Our 'Hope' assembly theme will carry on and will start with the text 'It's okay to be Different'.



Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to parents and carers who completed the school parent survey this term. 99% of parents reported their children were happy and felt safe at Dussindale and that any concerns they had were dealt with properly. 97% said Dussindale had high expectations of pupils, including ensuring children behaved well. Positive comments included "There is strong and balanced leadership...a very good school, friendly professional staff, safe environment...weekly newsletters, seeing what fantastic work and fun each year group have been doing ... calendar and lunchtime menu reminders which are extremely helpful". Areas parents raised which the school will work on improving are: clubs available to pupils, more advanced notice of diary dates and better ways to order meals, consent for events and pay.



Outdoor Play and Learning

We are delighted to be extending the activities on offer to pupils during lunchtimes. In addition to the dance music we have introduced, we are looking forward to having the nature activity books generously donated by Mr Murray, available to children. To further extend the range of activities available, we are asking for donations for any old, clean net or chiffon curtains for den building and also a range of dressing up clothes. We would be grateful if these donated items could be sent in via the class teacher labelled: For attention of Mrs Bailey – OPAL. Thank you.



Young Voices

As you will be aware Year 6 have been invited to take part in Young Voices, which has been rescheduled for Monday 23rd May. The t-shirts and torches have arrived and following recent information from Young Voices regarding tickets, **we would ask parents to contact the box office to confirm their tickets are valid for the new date.**



We plan to write to parents with final information about the event after the Easter break, including the possibility of being able to travel to the O2, for a small cost, on one of the two coaches from school.

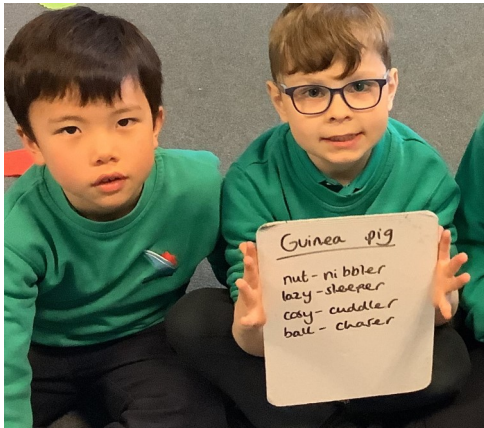
Vacancy for Bank Cleaning and Midday Supervisor Staff

Dussindale Primary School is looking to recruit Bank Cleaning and Midday Supervisor Staff to cover staff absences. If you would be interested in applying please collect an application form and job description from the school office, completing and returning it as soon as possible.

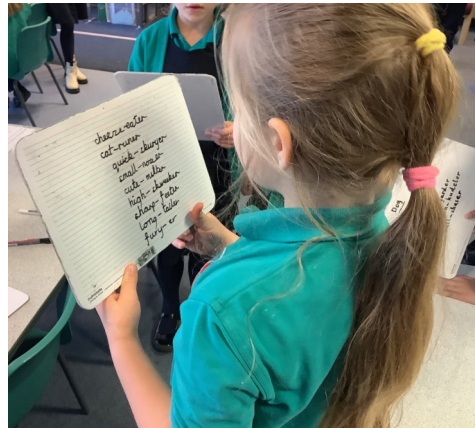


Remarkable Learning

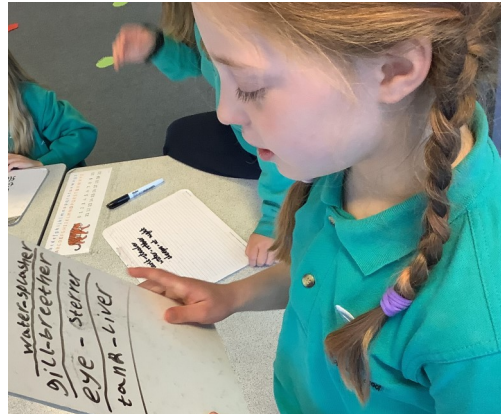
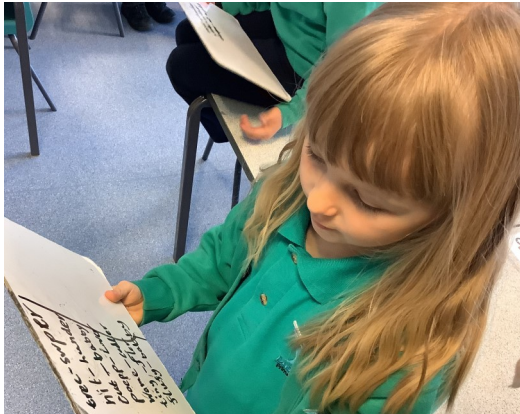
Reception enjoyed the hatching of their first ducklings.



Guinea pig
nut-nibbler
lazy-sleeper
cozy-cuddler
ball-chaser



During Talk for Writing, Year 2 learnt about Kennings; listening and guessing some, then making up their own about animals.



Rabbits
grass-pooper
high-hopper
cozy-cuddler
leek-muncher
furry-freeder
grey-schwecker
big-wiskers

Year 5 enjoying a range of science experiments with Year 7 Thorpe St. Andrew's pupils.



Supporting your child with their homework

Set a good example by letting your children see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book. By doing this children will be more motivated to do their homework as they follow their parents example.



Pupil Asset Update

Following the introduction of the two-step payment authentication we are aware parents are experiencing difficulty when trying to pay instalments towards the Year 6 residential. Pupil Asset have said:



"Please accept our apologies for this. Our technical team is currently investigating reports of parents receiving error codes when Stripe are processing payments which we believe are related to the second factor authentication. We hope to have this resolved asap and will send notification as soon as this is resolved"

Parents are reminded if they experience any difficulties with Pupil Asset, they should email the school office, with their child's name and problem so a member of the team can report it to the company and assist with a resolution. We apologise for the inconvenience and hope the issues will be resolved in the near future.

Reminders

School Lunches

Please order your child's school lunch, via Pupil Asset, a week in advance. Choices are:

Week beginning 18th April 2022 (ordered on Pupil Asset by 28th March 2022)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
School closed for holiday		Roast Turkey & Gravy Roasted Mixed Pepper Frittata Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Parsnips Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Sausage Roll, with Herby Diced Potatoes Chinese Style Noodles Baked Beans Ice Cream with a Lemon & Poppy Seed Biscuit	Fish Fingers & Chips Vegetable Fingers & Chips Baked Beans or Garden Peas Fruity Friday – Fresh Fruit Platter, Fruit Yoghurt or Fruit Jelly

Week beginning 25th April 2022 (ordered on Pupil Asset by 18th April 2022)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade Margherita Pizza Homemade Mixed Pepper Pizza Baked Beans or Sweetcorn Home Baked Cookie with an Orange Quarter	Chicken goujons with skin on wedges Quorn goujons with skin on wedges Baton Carrots Oaty Fruit Crunch with Custard	Roast Gammon & Gravy Baked Vegetable Wellington & Gravy Roast Potatoes & Roasted Vegetable Medley Strawberry Ice Cream with Watermelon Triangle	Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake with Garlic Bread Green Beans & Sweetcorn Carrot Cake	Baked Fish & Chips Veggie Hot Dog & Chips Baked Beans or Garden Peas Fruity Friday – Fresh Fruit Platter, Fruit Yoghurt or Fruit Jelly

Available daily: Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise • Sandwich or Roll with Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayonnaise or Egg Mayonnaise • Freshly made Salads • Home Baked Bread • Fresh Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt

COVID-19 update

We are aware that some children feeling unwell with symptoms such as sickness, headaches or dizziness have gone on to test positive for COVID-19. Whilst we recognise these symptoms may not be typical of COVID-19, we would encourage parents and carers to use LFDs. Public Health advise adults and children who test positive for COVID-19 to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

Easter decorations for sale

As you will be aware, pupils are busy designing and making exciting Easter decorations

for a School Design and Technology project. Parents and carers will be able to buy these decorations for 50p each from the school site after school on Thursday 31st March. All money will go to the PFTA.

Danny Wallace Author Visit

We are delighted to be welcoming the author and broadcaster Danny Wallace, to talk to years 3,4 and 5 on Wednesday 30th March, about his hilarious books. There will be an opportunity for children in these classes to purchase a book and have it signed by Danny during the afternoon. **We would also like to invite parents into the hall at the end of the school day to buy books and meet the author with their child.** Books are priced at £6.99 and £7.99 and children may also use their £1 World Book Day token towards the cost.

PTFA Easter Events

Easter colouring competition, 50p to enter, fixed to the entry. Either print and decorate an A4 egg template or hand draw a single egg then decorate. Entries must have child's name and class on and should be returned to the school office by 3.30 pm on Tuesday 29th March 2022.

With approximately 150 prizes available to win, the Easter Egg Lottery will be drawn daily this week.

School Streets Stewards

Dussindale Primary School requires the help of the community to create a rota of volunteer stewards for School Streets.

The stewards will:

- Close the road safely, by positioning signs and barriers
- Stay visible, alert and safe near the barriers
- Divert through traffic, explaining the closure, suggest alternative routes
- Safely move the barriers to allow exempted traffic through
- Reopen and put the signs and barriers away

To find out more or sign up email : schoolstreets@norfolk.gov.uk

B.R.I.D.G.E – Building Resilience, Independence, Direction, Guidance, Empowerment

On Thursday 31st March between 4–6 pm, there is opportunity for parents and carers to meet in the school hall for a cuppa, biscuits and a chat with partner agencies who can sup-

Diary Dates

Monday 28th March—Friday 1st April—PTFA Easter Egg lottery

Tuesday 29th March — PTFA Easter Egg colouring competition closes

Tuesday 29th March — Year 4 to Banham Zoo

Wednesday 30th March — Danny Wallace author visit, books to buy in the hall after school

Thursday 31st March — Year 2 to Banham Zoo

Thursday 31st March — Buy an Easter decoration after school

Friday 1st April — Special Easter lunch

Friday 1st April — End of term

Monday 4th —Tuesday 19th April — School closed for Easter holidays

Wednesday 20th April — Summer Term begins

Wednesday 27th April — Key Stage 2 Football tournament

Wednesday 27th April — Year 1 locality walk

