

DUSSINDALE NEWS

Week beginning: Monday 16th October 2023



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Greetings

As we enter the last week of this half term we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support since returning in September. This week continues to be a busy one with Parent Teacher consultation evenings Monday and Wednesday, Year 3 to gymnastics event at Norwich Gymnastics Club, Year 5 and 6 NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops and parents 'Come and Read session'. Our assemblies continue with a responsibility theme, this week we will begin with a focus on behaving responsibly. Finally, we would like to wish all of the Dussindale Community a happy and safe half term, and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 30th October.

Recogniton Wall

Be Responsible

Thank you to the children that have volunteered in many ways this week for our school community. From helping to litter pick, tidying the play equipment shed and helping the Reception children at lunchtime you've all done a fabulous job!



Come and Read Session

On Friday 20th October we are inviting parents/carers in all year groups to come along to our first "Come and read" session. Parents and Carers are invited in to school from 8.50am until 9.20 am to share a book with their child/children in their classroom.

We look forward to seeing you.



Speak Out Stay Safe

All of our classes have had their Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly and follow up lesson. The children learnt about the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if they feel unsafe or worried.

This week Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in a special workshop run by members of the NSPCC team at the beginning of the week.



Sports Clubs

We would like to remind parents and carers that children should continue to come to school in their PE kit if they are attending an After School Sports Club. We are aware of some mixed communication last week and wish to apologise for the confusion.



Together on a voyage of discovery...

Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

Aspens Catering

As you will be aware Aspens has been awarded the catering contract for the majority of the Broad Horizons Education Trust schools, including Dussindale, from the 30th October 2023. The cost of meals will be £2.50 and must be ordered via Parent Portal. Full menus for the term ahead are on the website: [Menus](#) and will be available on the Parent Portal shortly. Please note week beginning 30th October is 'week 3'.

Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Forum last week. It was lovely to see some new faces. During the meeting, we discussed any issues from specific year groups, the new school's behaviour policy and Class Dojo. Key issues addressed in this meeting were:

- *Consistency in notification of events on Tapestry and Class Dojo*
- *Explaining the points system on Class Dojo with parents*
- *Clarify what to do if your child is unwell and cannot attend school*

The Parent Forum were in agreement that they were enjoying the use of Class Dojo to stay connected with what is happening in their child's class but would like classes to be more consistent. Parents also liked it when teachers added upcoming events on Class Dojo.

Reception classes will now have a weekly newsletter added to Tapestry. In Years 1-6, year groups will add upcoming events to their class page. Classes post on Class Story once a week, unless there are special events to add.

There was some confusion around the points system on Class Dojo, as parents can only see the points each week, which gives the impression that children don't accumulate dojo points.

On the free version of the app, parents can only see weekly points. On the class teacher's screen they can see their total points! Children see this screen each day so they know how dojos they have!

As we went through the steps in the school behaviour policy-REMINDER-CAUTION-CONSEQUENCE, the group felt that parents should be made aware of when they are notified.

Parents are notified by their child's class teacher if their child has received a consequence that day. Parents won't get notified if their child receives a reminder or caution.

Parent Teacher Friends Association

Cauliflower Cards

Please ensure your child has returned their Christmas Card design to the school office if you wish to purchase Christmas Cards

AGM

The PTFA AGM will take place at 3.30 pm on Thursday 19th October. We look forward to seeing you there.

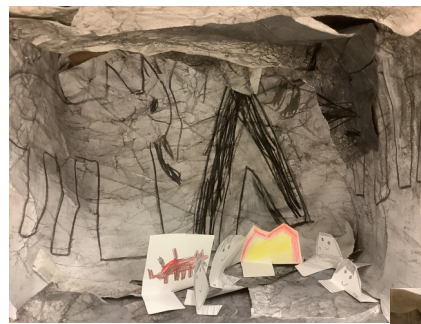
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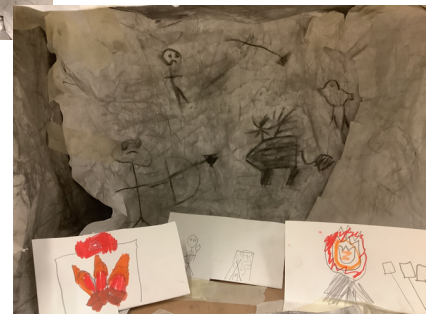
Reception enjoyed making their fruit kebabs.



Year 5 loved the Planetarium visit on Wednesday as part of their science unit on Earth and Space.



Year 3 children worked in small groups to create some Cave Art. This supported their learning in history on the Stone Age.



Year 1 are becoming experts at their letter formation.



Year 2 have been experimenting with metallic wax crayons and inks to create some super leaf art work.

REMINDERS

School Lunches

Please order (or cancel) your child's school lunch, via **Parent Portal by 8am** on the day.
Week Beginning 16th October 2023 (Week 1 menu)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita Pizza	Chicken Pasta Bake	Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding, roast potatoes and gravy	Hot Dog	Battered fish and chips
Mixed Pepper Pizza	Quorn Pasta Bake	Quorn roast	Veggie Hot Dog	Quorn Fajita
Wedges	Garlic bread	Peas	Herb diced potato	Peas
Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots	Sweetcord	Beans or Peas
A selection of desserts	A selection of desserts	A selection of desserts	A selection of desserts	A selection of desserts

Also available each day:

Jacket potatoes available each day: cheese, beans or tuna mayo served with fresh salad and homemade bread
½ baguette available each day either filled with cheese, ham or tuna mayo

School Day

The site opens at 8.30am and the doors at 8.40 am. The gates close at 8.50 am as this is registration. In the afternoon the gates open at 3.10 pm ready for Reception to be collected at 3.15 pm and Year 1-6 at 3.20 pm.

School Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear a jade sweatshirt with the school logo, jade green polo shirt, navy trousers, shorts or skirt with green, navy or white tights or socks and plain black, flat shoes with a good sole grip. Green and white gingham dresses are also permitted. Your child's teacher will confirm when the class are learning PE and on these days children are expected to attend in a white t-shirt, black shorts, dark colour trainers and or black, navy or grey tracksuit. Please note all clothing must be plain with no logos.

Lost Property

Please name all items of clothing so it can be returned to pupils. Unnamed items will be kept in the office for a fortnight for collection.

Attendance

If your child is absent please ensure you let the office know by either leaving a message on the school answer phone 01603 436180 or email office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk.

Please note, the administrative team cannot see messages left on Dojo so they will contact parents and carers if children are absent.

Clubs

Please note there is NO Film Club with Miss Cook this Wednesday due to Parent Teacher Consultations.

Benjamin DAB - Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast club sessions run from 7:30am to 8:40am and cost £6. A choice of cereals and toast are available. After school sessions run from 3:20pm to 6:00pm and cost £12. All children are provided with a school snack pack. Sessions are operated by school staff and will usually take place in the hall. Sessions are filling fast, with some already being full up. For any enquiries, please email benjamindab@yare-edu.org.uk

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White Rose App

Within school, we use White Rose Maths and they have released a free app called '1-Minute Maths' to help children to practise at home. The app is aimed at children in Reception and Key Stage 1 so if you have children in those year groups please download the app and encourage your child to have a go!

Parking

Can we please remind parents to use Sainsbury's Car Park and walk through to the Vane Close school gate to keep our pupils safe and ensure they respect local residents.

Parent/Carer bystander awareness / CPR training with the East Anglia Air Ambulance Community Team

We are working with the East Anglia Air Ambulance Community Team to provide bystander awareness / CPR training to offer a training for parents from 9:00 - 10:00 on Friday 10th NoWvember in the school hall. You can register for a place using this link: [Link to book a place at training](#)

Head Lice

We would like to remind parents to thoroughly comb through their children's hair and ensure long hair is tied up.

Broadland Family and Community Connections Facebook Page

If you are on Facebook- the Broadland Family and Community Connections page is worth a look. There are suggestions of local groups, events and advice for parents living in the Broadland area.

On this page, there is a recent post by The Early Childhood and Family Service, who are organising free dental screening appointments for children under 5 years old. The link to the form can be viewed on their Facebook Page.



DIARY DATES

Monday 16th October - Year 3 to gymnastics event
Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October - Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 17th October - Year 5 Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop
Wednesday 18th October - Year 6 Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop
Friday 20th October - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October - Half term
Monday 30th October - Aspens new lunch menu launched
Monday 30th October - Year 6 NHS Screening
Thursday 9th November Year 5 Viking day
Friday 10th November - Remembrance Assembly
Monday 13th - Friday 15th November - Anti-bullying week
Monday 13th November - Odd socks day
Friday 17th November - Children in Need
Week beginning 20th November - Family Learning
Monday 4th December - 9am SENCO Coffee morning for parents
Wednesday 6th December - Year 6 bikeability group 1 (tbc)
Thursday 7th December - Year 6 bikeability group 1 (tbc)
Friday 8th December - Year 6 bikeability group 4 (tbc)
Monday 11th December - Year 6 bikeability group 2 (tbc)
Tuesday 12th December - Year 6 bikeability group 2 (tbc)
Tuesday 12th December - 7.30 pm Voice Squad sing at Cathedral
Wednesday 13th December - Year 6 bikeability group 3(tbc)
Thursday 14th December - Year 6 bikeability group 3(tbc)
Thursday 14th December - 2 pm Year R Nativity
Friday 15th December - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children
Friday 15th December - Year 6 bikeability group 4(tbc)
Friday 15th December - 2 pm Year 1/2 Christmas Celebration
Monday 18th December - 2 pm Year 3/4 Christmas Celebration
Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19th December - 2 pm Year 5/6 Christmas Celebration
Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term
Thursday 21st December to Tuesday 2nd January - Christmas holiday
Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - INSET day school closed
Week beginning 22nd January - Maths Family Learning sessions
Monday 29th January - Voice Squad to Young Voices O2
Monday 5th to Friday 9th February - Mental Health week
Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th February - Parent Teacher Consultation Evening
Friday 16th February - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half term

