

DUSSINDALE NEWS



Week beginning: Monday 4th December 2023

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Welcome

Welcome to December! Thank you to our wonderful pianists, who performed to an audience on Friday afternoon; you were amazing and showed such confidence! We are delighted that our first Bag 2 School collection raised £160 Thank you! We look forward to organising another collection in April 2024! This week our voice squad choir will be visiting a local care home, some of our Year 6 children will begin their Bikeability Level 2 training and we have a Pantomime coming to school on Wednesday! We also have our House Cross Country event as well as the Santa Dash on Friday. In this week's assembly we will be thinking about friendship. Through the story of Pip the Egg, we learn how friendships can sometimes be difficult and how good friends will always be there for one another.

Recognition Wall

Congratulations to Elsie, who achieved a bronze medal in her swimming club championship and also qualified for the county championships in the new year. We look forward to hearing how you get on.



Well done to Brooke and Keira who completed their first ever 2K park run last week. Brooke finished in 11.16 minutes and Keira finished in 11.42 minutes.

Inspired by learning the running stitch in her D and T lesson, Maria continued to practice at home making the most amazing sea horse! Fabulous!



Arbor for future payments

Following the success of booking Parent Teacher consultations on our Arbor Parent Portal, we are working with the Finance team at Broad Horizons Education Trust to begin booking clubs, trips and lunches via the Arbor Parent Portal app. The plan is to use Arbor for clubs and trips from the 1st January 2024 with lunches transferring across after February half term. Whilst we recognise this is a further change for parents we believe Arbor will be more user friendly and accurate.



Together on a voyage of discovery...

Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

Christmas Events



Jazzy Jars Be a Star and donate a gift



Our School Council is looking for Jazzy Jar donations to raise funds for the Salvation Army's "Be a Star" appeal. All funds raised will go towards purchasing presents for children who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning.

How to make a Jazzy Jar

1. Take a clean, empty jar of any size.
2. Decorate the jar and lid anyway you like.
3. Fill the jar with some sweets.
4. Bring the jar to school on Monday 11th December

There will be prizes for the best decorated jar in EYFS and KS1, Years 3/4 as well as Years 5 and 6.

Please remember we are a nut-free school

Jazzy Jars will be sold on Wednesday 13th December at our Christmas Celebration



Christmas LUNCH

Thursday 19th December 2023

Christmas Lunch
Roast Chicken with Sticky Chipolata, Roasties, Christmas Vegetable Medley & Gravy

Or

Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry
with Roasties, Christmas Vegetable Medley & Gravy

and

Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens



You Are Invited To

Christmas Entertainment

WEDNESDAY 13TH DEC AT 3.30PM

SINGING, MUSIC
REFRESHMENTS,
MINCE PIES AND CAKES
ON BEHALF OF THE PTFA
IN THE SCHOOL HALL



THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL

An Invitation to
Broad Horizons Education Trust

Carol Service

Please click [HERE](#) or SCAN the QR Code to book your free reservation



Norwich Cathedral
Tuesday 12 December 2023
at 7.30pm
Please be seated by 7.15pm

BROAD HORIZONS EDUCATION TRUST



PRIVATE PEACEFUL

BY MICHAEL MORPURGO
ADAPTED BY SIMON READE

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER &
THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

SOUTH SITE HALL

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS



Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who came along to the Parent Forum on Wednesday. We discussed the results of the pupil survey and home learning. The minutes from the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.dussindaleprimary.co.uk/parents/parents-forum/>

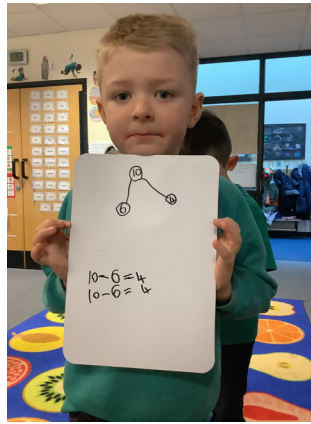


This year we will be participating in the annual Santa Dash in school! The children will 'dash' with their friends, classmates and teachers at various times during the day. Children can come into school wearing a Christmas Jumper and/or Christmas Accessories. As this is not a non-uniform day so children should still be wearing uniform trousers/skirts and appropriate footwear.

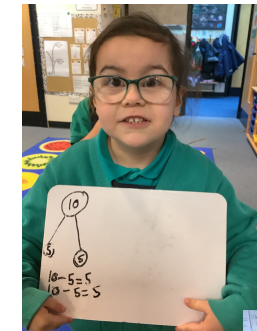
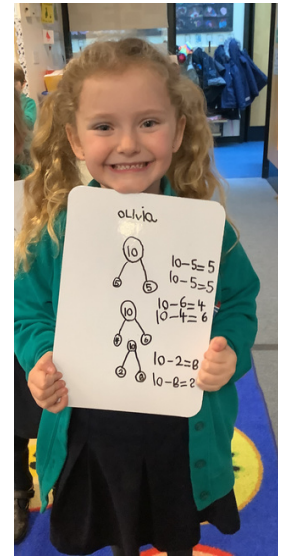
FANTASTIC LEARNING



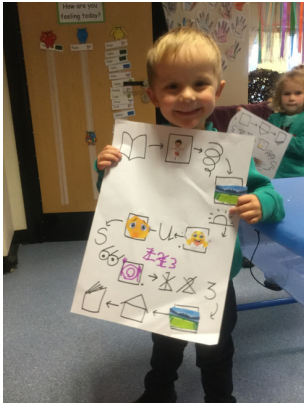
Year 2 completed their Design Technology pouches, showing great sewing skills. They look wonderful!



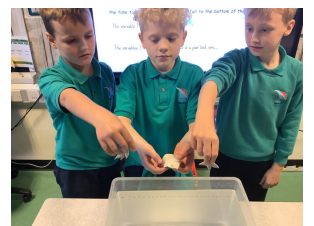
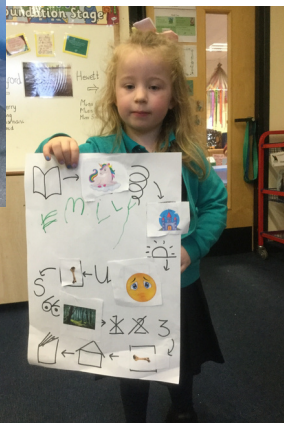
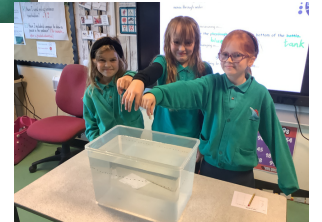
Year 1 have learnt how to use the part-whole model to show their subtraction facts.



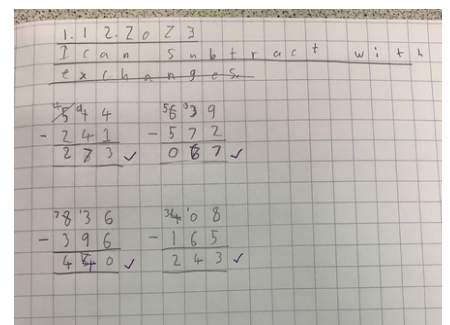
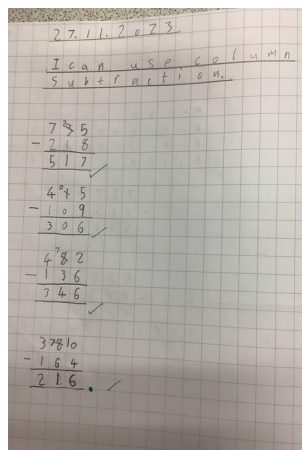
Year 5 have been investigating how the shape of an object affects how quickly it travels through water.



A group of children enjoyed their Pentathlon experience- they were certainly happy with their medals!



EYFS enjoyed an environmental shape hunt this week. They also enjoyed creating their own 'S' stories.



Year 3 have learnt to exchange when subtracting three digit numbers.

REMINDERS

School Lunches

Please order (or cancel) your child's school lunch, via **Parent Portal** by **8am** on the day.

Menus for the three weeks are available on the school website : [Autumn 2 menu](#)

Please note week beginning 4th December is Week 2 of the menu.

Christmas lunch is Tuesday 19th December(chicken, chipolata, roasties, vegetable medley and gravy, followed by rice krispie snow ball)

Wednesday 20th December will then be a menu change to fish fingers and chips.

Parents /carers should please ensure they log back into the Parent portal to check their child/ren has the meal they would like to avoid any last minute disappointment.

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 be aware that when children reach 9 unauthorised sessions within a six week period, schools are now required to issue a fixed penalty notice. If you are worried about your child's attendance Just One Norfolk have some useful advice: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance>
Please do not use Class Dojo for reporting absences as the Admin team do not have access to it.

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

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.

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!

Bikeability Level 2

Most Year 6 children will be completing their Level 2 Bikeability Training around Dussindale's roads over the next two weeks. Please could we ask that prior to the training, parents check that your child's bike is roadworthy, the tyres are pumped up, there are two working brakes and that the helmet fits them. Pupils should also wear clothing for the weather conditions on the day. We are unable to provide children with bikes or bike helmets.

Help with Living costs - Winter 2023/24

Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials.

Daily Healthy Snack

Although Reception, Years 1 and 2 have the choice of free fruit/vegetables daily, they can also bring in fruit/vegetables only to eat from home to eat if they wish. Pupils in Years 3-6 can purchase a healthy snack for themselves from the Snack Trolley for 50p, or alternatively bring in a healthy snack to eat from home.

Dyslexia Awareness Training

Tues 6 Feb 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	Technology Focus (secondary age) – The workshop will explore technology useful for supporting a dyslexic young person with reading, writing, spelling and maths at high school.	£10 per person
Weds 27 Mar 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	Making Learning Stick (all ages) - The workshop will explore what working memory is, as well as many ways for you to support your child with working memory skills to help increase their confidence and ability when reading, writing, doing arithmetic or studying for exams.	£10 per person
Thurs 2 May 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	Supporting Maths Difficulties (all ages) - The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing maths and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person
Tues 18 Jun 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	Reading/Spelling Strategies (primary age) – The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing reading and spelling, and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person

To book your place please click [here](#)

Please contact Laura Bates for further information or to book a place at:
dosadmin@taverhamhigh.org or telephone 01603 860505 ex 239



nansa
sleep service

Nansa's Sleep Service aims to be there for families whose children have SEND and experience ongoing sleep difficulties

Sleep Helpline
01603 728673
Open every Monday (term time only)
10am - 3pm

- ★ If you need advice or guidance on sleep, Nansa's Sleep Practitioners are just a phone call away.
- ★ Offer strategies that are practical and will aid sleep

★ The Sleep Helpline will be running alongside the Nansa Sleep Clinic. For more information, visit our website: www.nansa.org.uk

Norfolk and Waveney
Clinical Commissioning Group

@NansaNorfolk www.nansa.org.uk



Norfolk Athletics Club

Please click this link for a list of [Athletics Clubs in Norfolk](#).

DIARY DATES

Monday 4th December - 9am SENCO Coffee morning for parents
Tuesday 5th December - KS2 House Cross Country Event
Wednesday 6th December - Year 6 bikeability group 1 (AM)
Wednesday 6th December - Visiting pantomime
Wednesday 6th December - Voice Squad to the High School
Wednesday 6th December - Year 6 Gilwell Park residential meeting
Thursday 7th December - Year 6 bikeability group 1 (AM)
Thursday 7th December - EYFS and KS1 House Cross Country Event
Friday 8th December - Year 6 bikeability group 4 (AM)
Friday 8th December - Santa Dash
Monday 11th December - Year 6 bikeability group 2 (AM)
Tuesday 12th December - Year 6 bikeability group 2 (AM)
Thursday 12th December - Voice Squad rehearsal at Cathedral
Tuesday 12th December - 7.30 pm Voice Squad sing at Cathedral
Wednesday 13th December - Year 6 bikeability group 3(AM)
Wednesday 13th December - 3.30 pm Christmas Entertainment
Thursday 14th December - Year 6 bikeability group 3(AM)
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(AM)
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 - School Closed - 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
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
Friday 15th March - Comic Relief tbc