

# DUSSINDALE NEWS



Week beginning: Monday 15th January 2024

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## Greetings

We hope you had a pleasant weekend with your families. We are looking forward to another busy week with the start of this half terms after school enrichment clubs, the Year 2 educational visit to the church on Wednesday and PTFA non- uniform day and rainbow raffle on Friday. Our assemblies continue with the resilience theme and begin with the story "The Koala Who Could".

### Be Responsible

Digital leaders showed responsibility as they planned the club they are running at lunchtimes this term.

### Be Resilient

Pupils demonstrated their resilience as they embarked on their new learning themes this term.

### Be Ready

It was a pleasure visiting classrooms and seeing pupils readily enjoying their learning.

### Be Respectful

Pupils have shown respect for new classroom resources that have been purchased.

## Thank You!

We were delighted that we raised £645.91 at our Macmillan Coffee Sessions last term. Thank you to all of those that donated cakes and/or money.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning 2023

This certificate is presented to  
**Dussindale Primary School**  
& friends

For your kind contribution of  
**£645.91**

To help support those affected by cancer. Thank you.

*Celine*

Celine & the Coffee Morning Team 11.04.2023

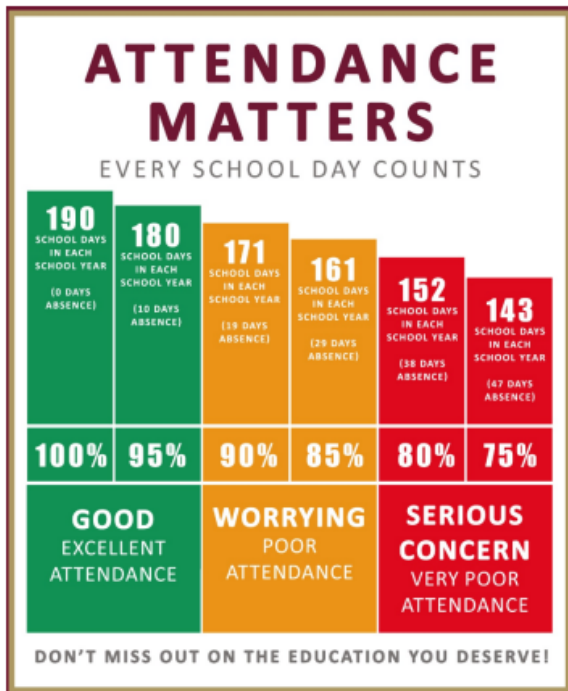
## Children's Mental Health Week - Parents Coffee Morning/Workshop

Would you like to find out more about how to help your child with worries/anxiety? Our Mental Health Support team will be running a Parents Coffee morning and anxiety workshop at 9am on Thursday 8th Feb in the school hall. Please come along and meet the team who will be happy to help and advise and also signpost you to further support for your child. If you have any questions please contact Miss Dorling our SENCO/Mental Health Lead using the email address: [send@dussindale.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:send@dussindale.norfolk.sch.uk)



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## Attendance



'Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in life. Being in school gives children the best chance to learn, make friends and get the most from their education.'

Flourish September 2023

If you are concerned about your child's attendance and the impact it is having on their learning, please contact your child's class teacher or the Deputy Head Mrs Bradley.

## Young Carer

Dussindale Primary School is committed to supporting all pupils including those pupils who are young carers. We will be raising awareness of young carers through assemblies this year. A young carer is a young person, under the age of 18, who has a caring responsibility. This is usually for a family member who has a disability, long-term illness, mental illness (including depression, anxieties) or drug/alcohol substance misuse.

If you feel your child meets the criteria for young carer support (such as homework clubs, after school clubs and support from young carer services), please contact Ms Bradley by emailing [office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk) All information shared will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

If you have informed us in the past that your child is a young carer, please can you inform us again to keep in line with record keeping.

Further information can be found on [Just One Norfolk](#)

## Staff Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Dawson to the role of Teaching Assistant in Year 5 and Mrs Chouliaras to the role Classroom Assistant in Year 1.

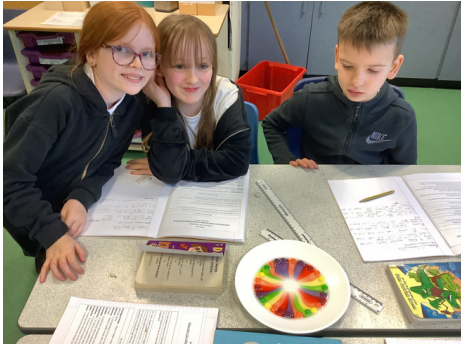
Congratulations Mrs Terry on her pregnancy. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her and her husband well on their journey to parenthood over the next few months.

Finally, we are thrilled to share that our Piano Teacher Mrs Edwards and her husband, welcomed their baby daughter, Charlotte on the 18th December 2023.



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# FANTASTIC LEARNING



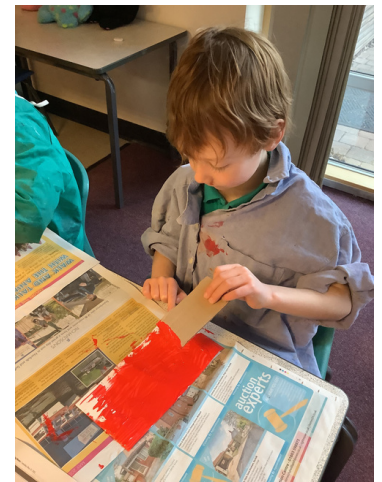
Year 5 completed the skittles experiment, observing and recording the changes.



Year 1 have been making potions for a fairy then writing the instructions on how to make their potion.



Year 2 learnt how to use new art techniques whilst explaining primary colours.



Year 3 enjoyed exploring magnets.



EYFS children experimented with mixing colours to see what tones they could make.



# REMINDERS

## **School Lunches**

Please order (or cancel) your child's school lunch, via Parent Portal by 8am on the day. If a lunch has not been ordered you may be phoned and asked to bring a packed lunch for them. Unfortunately, Aspens informed us at the end of the last day of term, that the revised/new menu will not be available until after February half term 2024.

## **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](mailto: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 refrain from using Class Dojo for reporting absences as the Office team do not have access to it and will call you if your child is not registered in class.**

## **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](mailto: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.

## Spare Clothes

As we head into the colder months we are need of some spare clothes to keep in our First Aid room. The items we need are girls/boys bottoms, tights, socks and pants for all year groups. Any spare items can be given to the office or passed on to a member of staff.

## Pupil Admission Number

We have been asked to make parents aware that we are currently consulting on a proposed change to our admission numbers - details can be found here.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14yQOfWexqvUEZ66Co-Vqh6ZPHRZljxca1Lc6XS1KV8M/edit>

## Guide for parents worried about Neurodiversity Differences/Additional Needs

This NHS [guide](#) (on the SEND page of the school website) signpost families to resources and services to support you on your journey as well as useful information about training, EHCPs and help with sleep and mental health difficulties. Please reach out to these services for help.

## Clubs

This half term the following Clubs will be available Parent Portal: Girls Football for Years 2 - 6 on Mondays. Tennis for Year 5 on Tuesdays, Year 4 on Wednesdays, Year 3 on Thursdays; these clubs will run from w/c 15th Jan to 18th March from 3.30-4.30pm .

Art and Craft for Years 1 and 2 on Mondays. Kindness in the Community for Years 1 to 3 on Wednesdays and Never too old to play for Years 2, 3 and 4 on Mondays (**NOT on 15TH JAN**); these clubs will run from week beginning 15th January to Friday 9th February 2023 from 3.30-4.30pm.

## Rainbow Raffle

The PTFA are holding a rainbow raffle on 19th January at 3.30 pm in the school hall. Pupils are invited to attend school in non uniform that day, donating cakes or a raffle prize for the event. Stubbs of purchased tickets must be returned via the school office **by close of day on Thursday 18th January**.

## Year R Height and Weight Checks

If your child is not taking part in the Year R Height and Weight Checks on the 12th and 13th February please return the form in this [link](#).

## Dyslexia Awareness Training

Tues 6 Feb 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Technology Focus (secondary age)</b> – The workshop will explore technology useful for supporting a dyslexic young person with reading, writing, spelling and maths at high school.	E10 per person
Weds 27 Mar 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Making Learning Stick (all ages)</b> - 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.	E10 per person
Thurs 2 May 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Supporting Maths Difficulties (all ages)</b> - 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.	E10 per person
Tues 18 Jun 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Reading/Spelling Strategies (primary age)</b> – 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.	E10 per person

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

# DIARY DATES

Wednesday 17th January - Year 2 educational visit the church

Friday 19th January - Non uniform day - donate cakes or item for rainbow raffle

Friday 19th January - Rainbow raffle, cake sale and afternoon tea - PTFA event 3.30 pm in hall

Saturday 20th January - Librarians visit to the book shop

Monday 22nd January - Years 4 and 5 Maths Family Learning Session, 8.50 - 9.20 am

Monday 22nd January - Year 5/6 NCFC event

Tuesday 23rd January - Years 1 and 2 Maths Family Learning Session, 8.50 - 9.20 am

Wednesday 24th January - School Forum 8.50 am

Wednesday 24th January - EYFS Family Learning Session, 8.50 - 9.20 am

Thursday 25th January - Year 6 Family Learning Session, 8.50 - 9.20 am

Friday 26th January - Under 11's NCFC girls football event

Friday 26th January - Year 3 Family Learning Session, 8.50 - 9.20 am

Monday 29th January - Voice Squad to Young Voices O2

Monday 29th January - Adaptive Games

Thursday 1st February - Year 5 coding event at Thorpe St. Andrews High School tbc

Monday 5th to Friday 9th February - Mental Health week

Wednesday 6th March - Science Bus to Year 5 tbc

Monday 5th February - Year 1/2 boys Football Festival

Thursday 8th February - Parents and Carers Coffee morning and anxiety workshop with School Mental Health Team

Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th February - Parent Teacher Consultation Evening

Monday 12th February - Year 3/4 girls football event NCFC

Thursday 15th February - 3.30 pm PTFA meeting in the library

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 -Year 4 Bikeability Group 1 and 2

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief tbc

Wednesday 20th March - Year 5 Wicked trip

Friday 22nd March-Year 4 Bikeability Group 3 and 4

Friday 22nd March - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children

Friday 22nd March - School 'Festival of Light' discos - PTFA event

Wednesday 20th - 27th March - Easter Egg lottery squares on sale

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Egg lottery draw

Monday 25th March-Year 5 Level 1 Bikeability Groups 1 and 2

Tuesday 26th March- Year 5 Level 1 Bikeability Groups 3 and 4

Thursday 28th March - Trust INSET day School Closed

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Holidays

Monday 29th April Yr 5 Victorian Day at Gressenhall

Monday 6th May - Bank holiday Monday

Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th May - Year 4 Eaton Vale residential

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Key Stage 2 SATs week