

DUSSINDALE NEWS



Week beginning: Monday 11th March 2024

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Greetings

Welcome to a new week. Thank you for all your support with World Book Day costumes-the children looked amazing and had a fantastic day! Well done to our Year 6 classes who completed their mock KS2 tests last week. This week is assessment week for pupils in Years 1-5. On Wednesday it's time to smile as it Class photos time! Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform for their photos. If your child has PE their lesson will be adapted so they can wear their uniform. On Friday 15th March, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day. Children are invited to wear a splash of red or dress in full red! We have set up a **Just Giving page for parent donations**. Some Year 4 children will also be completing their Bikeability Level 1 training. This week our assembly will have a Science focus as part of national Science week.

Be Ready

Well done to Hewett, Mandela and Obama Classes who had 100% of pupils on time every day last week!



Be Responsible

Well done to our Year 2 classes who visited Banham Zoo as part of their science unit on habitats. Both classes had a fantastic day and showed excellent behaviour throughout the whole day.



Be Respectful

Over 40 girls took part in the **Biggest Girls Football Event** at lunchtime on International Women's Day. Those that took part showed great spirit and passion whilst playing with respect.

Be Resilient

Well done to Verity, Bella, Yana, Freddy, Conor, Harry, Joshua and Addison who represented the school in a mini football tournament last week. You were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

SENCO Coffee Morning and Parent Forum

Our next SENCO coffee morning will be held on Monday 25th March at 9am. Mr Salgado, the SENCO at Thorpe St. Andrew High School has confirmed that he will attend to discuss arrangements for High School transition. Refreshments will be provided.

Our next Parent Forum meeting is being held on Thursday 21st March at 9am.

If you would like to come along, please contact Mrs Bradley via the school office.



Together on a voyage of discovery...

Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jess who went to her first National Cheer and Dance competition in London during half term; where her team came first in their division.



Parent Survey

Thank you to the parents and carers who have completed the annual parents survey. The survey has been extended by one week, to Friday 15th March to enable the remaining parents to give their view. All pupils whose parents have submitted a response will be given a team point token as a thank you.

To submit a response please click this link: [Parent Survey 2024](#).



Dyslexia Outreach Service

www.dyslexiaoutreach.co.uk SPRING TERM 2023/24 NEWSLETTER - EDITION 13

Welcome

We hope you had a lovely half term holiday. Here's this term's round up of news, useful resources and training events to assist you in your support for young people with literacy and numeracy challenges. We hope you find it useful!

Parent Workshops

Making Learning Stick (for all ages) Wednesday 27th March

The next Parents/Carer Workshop being held at Taverham High School is on working memory. Please see the attached flyer [here](#) for more information on all workshops and to share with any parents who may be interested so that they can book themselves a space.

WANTED: Host Venues for Training

Are you a friendly school with a good size room, either on site or suitable nearby parking and a functioning kettle? If so we would love to talk to you about hosting a Precision Teaching Training session for schools in your area. We are already in the position to offer this near Norwich, so are particularly interested in venues further afield. We would be delighted to offer two free training places to the host school. Please contact Laura at dsadmin@taverhamhigh.org to discuss this further if interested.

JCQ Access Arrangements Guidance for Parents

New from JCQ – Infographic for SENCOs to share with parents about the access arrangement process. Available as either a pdf or an editable Word doc. <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/access-arrangements-and-special-consideration/regulations-and-guidance>

Current Research

Unlocking Literacy: The Power of Song Lyrics for All Learners!

Link to full report [here](#)

New research by the National Literacy Trust reveals that song lyrics offer a valuable pathway to literacy, particularly for children and young people with special educational needs such as dyslexia. Many find lyrics engaging, especially when presented on screens. Embracing song lyrics as legitimate reading material can engage reluctant readers and foster literacy skills. Recognising and utilising the reading preferences of children and young people can create an inclusive environment where everyone feels empowered to succeed.

Making Sense of SEND Roadshow

Attached with this newsletter is a flyer to share with parents/carers about the Making Sense of SEND Roadshows. The Dyslexia Outreach Team will be attending as one of the information stands at these sessions alongside other organisations.

Making Sense of SEND events give parents the chance to:

- Visit information stands from a range of services
- Listen to a presentation on a specialist subject
- Ask questions
- Meet like-minded parents and carers

These free events are exclusively for parents and carers who have a child with SEND. They are co-produced with Family Voice Norfolk and Norfolk SENDIASS. At each event there are between 15-20 information stands with local organisations that provide services for children and young people with SEND and their families.

Dates of the next events

- Tuesday 19 March 2024 (North Walsham Community Centre)
- Wednesday 15 May 2024 (Knight's Hill Hotel, King's Lynn)
- Tuesday 9 July 2024 (Greenfields Community Centre, Norwich)
- 19 September 2024 - Charles Burrell Centre, Thetford

IDL Wellbeing Offer

IDL Wellbeing has been designed to help pupils identify their own feelings and understand mental health topics. For a 6-month free trial or One Year Free with an IDL purchase, simply mention the Dyslexia Outreach Service with your request through David Walker at david.walker@idlsupport.com.

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FOCUS ON MATHS

Dyscalculia Day – 3rd March

Dyscalculia Day 3 March 2024

The Dyscalculia Network are offering assemblies for you to download and use alongside accompanying information sheets for schools and parents/carers. The network is also offering some fun maths activities for primary and secondary schools to celebrate Dyscalculia Day. For more information please click [here](#).

Book Recommendations

All About Dyscalculia: A Practical Guide for Primary Teachers

by Judy Hornigold

An accessible and informative guide for primary school teachers, designed to increase their knowledge and understanding of dyscalculia and provide practical strategies and advice to build the self-esteem and motivation of learners in their care.

Making Numbers: Using manipulatives to teach arithmetic

Paperback by Rose Griffiths (Author), Sue Gifford (Author), Jenni Back (Author)

Making Numbers shares exemplars of good practice drawing on the latest research on using manipulatives to develop understanding of arithmetic. Focusing initially on the teaching of numbers from 1-12, Making Numbers progresses to 200 and beyond, including ideas for teaching partitioning, arrays, and times tables.

More Parent Workshops

Maths Difficulties (KS2) Thursday 2nd May

We are also running a workshop for parents/carers of young people with maths difficulties on 2nd May. Please see the attached flyer [here](#).

Specialist Teacher: Philippa Ballie, Karen Goulden, Victoria Walters, Belinda O'Brien
DOS Administrator: Laura Bates

If you require any further information, please contact Laura Bates at:
dsadmin@taverhamhigh.org Tel: 01 603 865505 ex 239

Parent Webinar

Following on from this half term's Safeguarding newsletter, the Ivison Trust are holding a Parent Webinar on County Lines. Parents with older pupils in the school may find this webinar useful.

Parent webinar County Lines in Norfolk

Hosted by Ivison Trust, a parent with lived experience & a local police officer.

Register today www.ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars

7-8.30pm
12th
March

i feel so much more confident to talk to my child

FANTASTIC LEARNING



Parks Class enjoyed their visit from Bookbugs and Dragon Tales.



Year 2 had a wonderful time at Banham Zoo learning about animal habitats.

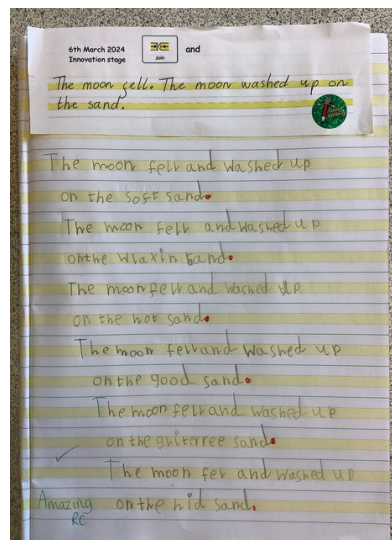


All classes enjoyed their Karate taster session with Matthew from Norwich Karate Academy.



Kindness Club have been busy making Easter Cards for the residents of Mary Chapman Court.

Obama Class enjoyed the Science Bus visit from Thorpe High School.



We have seen some fantastic writing at the innovation stage from our Year 1 children.



Year 3 using scissors as part of their art lesson this week.

REMINDERS

School Lunches

The weekly menus for school lunches are now available on the school website. Please ensure all orders are placed (or cancelled) via Arbor Parent Portal.

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 refrain from using Class Dojo for reporting absences as the admin team do not have access to it.

Benjamin DAB - Breakfast and After School Club

We are delighted to let you know we now have a mobile phone so that you are able to contact us whilst your child/children are in our care. The number is 07546 601453. Please note the phone will only be switched on and available during session times. We will also still be accessing and using our email address benjamindab@yare-edu.org.uk. Please email if you would like to know about current available sessions or to be placed on our waiting list.

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.

Clubs

The following clubs are available this half term: Girls Football for Years 2 - 6 on Monday, Kindness in the Community for Years 1 - 4 on Wednesday and Tennis for Year 5 on Tuesday, Year 4 on Wednesday and Year 3 on Thursday. All these clubs will run 3.30 - 4.30 pm until Friday 22nd March. Snow White also continues on a Wednesday 3.30 - 5 pm.

Red nose Day

Dussindale's School Council would like to organise a cupcake and cookie sale on Friday 15th March in aid of Red Nose Day. Any cupcake or cookies can be brought to school on Red Nose Day and left in the hall. (No nuts please.)

School Council will then sell the donations at break time for 20p/50p. Children are invited to come dressed in red or wear something red for the day. There will also be a competition for the craziest hair style in each year group!

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.

SENCo Coffee Morning

We will be holding our next SENCO coffee morning on Monday 26th Feb at 9am. Mr Salgado (Thorpe St Andrew High School Senco) will be joining us. He will talk to parents/carers about the schools SEND provision/transition arrangements. Refreshments provided.

Norwich Science Fair

Ahead of science week in March, Norwich Science Fair has lots of free events for families in February. Visit this [link](#) to find out more.

Dyslexia Awareness Training

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

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Spring into action-packed activities!
Join us from 2-12 April

- Fantastic sport, creative and outdoor activities with a free healthy meal
- **FREE** for all children eligible for benefits-related free school meals
- To ensure the right support is in place, please notify the activity provider if your child has special educational needs or a disability.

The funding from the Department of Education has enabled us to run our four-year Big Norfolk Holiday programme. Share with us your memorable experiences of the scheme so far, email: bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk

Booking now open
Find an activity near you
Visit www.everymove.uk

RED NOSE DAY

COMIC RELIEF

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FRIDAY 15 MARCH

For a small donation wear something red or dress head to toe in red! Go to the school's Just Giving page to donate. (Please do not bring cash donations to school.)
Dussindale Primary School's Just Giving Page

Take part in the:
Dussindale Does Crazy Hair For Comic Relief!
 There will be a prize for the craziest hair in each year group. (Any hair dye must be washed out for school on Monday 18th March.)

Get baking for a 'Cupcake and Cookie Sale'
 School Council are organising a cupcake and cookie sale at playtime on Comic Relief Day. They are looking for donations of cookies or cupcakes to sell. Donations can be left in the school hall on Friday morning. (No nuts or nutella please.) Cakes/cookies will be sold for 20p or 50p.

PTFA events

Happy Holi

A colourful disco to celebrate the festival of colour
 Wear your brightest colours and come celebrate with us,
 Friday the 22nd March.
 Ks1 4.30-5.45pm
 Ks2 6.15-8 pm

Ks1 will include a snack and a drink
 ks2 will have a pop up shop (please don't send them with more than £1!)

Hop on over for our

EASTER Squares

Running March 20th-27th
£1 a square
 for some egg-citing fun!

In the school playground

DIARY DATES

Monday 11th March - Curie and Malala Parent Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 13th March - Class Photos

Wednesday 13th March - Malala Parent Teacher Consultations

Friday 15th March - Year 4 Bikeability

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief

Monday 18th March - EYFS educational visit to Wroxham Barns

Wednesday 20th March - Year 5 Wicked trip Apollo Theatre

Wednesday 20th March - Year 4 Castle Museum educational visit

Thursday 21st March - Parent Forum at 9am

Thursday 21st March - Girls Disney themed football Year 1/2

Thursday 21st March - Girls football Year 3/4

Thursday 21st March - Remaining Year R Height and Weight Checks

Friday 22nd March - Year 4 Bikeability

Friday 22nd March - Snow White Performance to parents 2-3pm

Friday 22nd March - 8.50 - 9.20am 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 22nd April - Year 5/6 NCFC football league 1 - 5 pm (Max squad size 10 pupils)

Monday 29th April - Yr 5 Victorian Day at Gressenhall

Monday 29th April - Year 3/4 NCFC football league 1 - 5 pm (Max squad size 10 pupils)

Monday 6th May - Bank holiday Monday

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

Friday 10th May - Quiz and Chips - PTFA event tbc

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

Monday 20th May - Year 3/4 Tennis Competition - 8 places for pupils

Tuesday 21st May - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children

Friday 24th May - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half term

Week beginning Monday 3rd June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Tuesday 4th June - Year 5/6 Cricket Competition (Limited number of places)

Wednesday 5th June - Year 2 educational visit to Strangers Hall

Wednesday 5th June - Prospective Year R parents meeting

Thursday 6th June - Year 5/6 Girls Cricket Competition (Limited number of places)

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th June - Year 6 residential to Gillwell Park

Week beginning 10th June - Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 18th June - Year 3/4 Safeguarding Talk by Police

Wednesday 19th June - Year 3/4 Safeguarding Talk by Police

Thursday 20th June - EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day morning followed by picnic