

# DUSSINDALE NEWS



Week beginning: Monday 22nd April 2024

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## Welcome back!

Welcome to a new week at Dussindale! This week is Neurodiversity Week, this is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to learn about, and celebrate neurodiversity.

On Monday more Year 5 pupils will be starting their Level 2 Bikeability training, some Y5/6 pupils will be representing the school at an NCFC league event and Year 2 will be dressing in their favourite colours for their Jamaican festival afternoon.

On Tuesday, our Year 5 pupils continue with their Bikeability training and some KS2 children will be representing the school at a Sportshall Athletics event at the UEA.

On Wednesday Year 4 children have their samba drumming session and we look forward to welcoming Jo from "Friend in Deed" to speak in our assembly.

Miss Dorling will lead an assembly on Neurodiversity on Thursday and our Year 2 pupils will be taking part in the "Big Year 2 Sleepover" on Friday.

Continuing on with our value of "respect", Mrs Gascogine-Wiseman will be talking about Earth Day in Monday's whole school assembly and how we can all show respect for our environment.

### Be Ready

Well done to Cavell, Curie, Mandela and Obama Classes who had 100% of pupils on time last week.

### Be Resilient

Well done to Maizie in Year 5, who has achieved her 250 dojos certificate! Those pupils who achieve 250 dojos join Mrs Norgate for a hot chocolate.



### Be Respectful

All pupils showed Norwich City footballer Freya Symonds respect, whilst listening to her speak about her journey on becoming a footballer.

### Be Responsible

Well done to those pupils who showed excellent behaviour whilst riding their bikes on the road as part of their Bikeability training.

### Reminder

We would like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. We have children in school that have both mild and severe nut allergies, so we would kindly ask parents not to give their children foods with nuts in them. Thank you.



Together on a voyage of discovery...

Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

## Staffing update

As you will be aware Miss Copeman will continue to be absent this week and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. In an effort to maintain continuity, her class will be covered by Mrs Cockaday, Mr Crowle and Mrs Harrison. We thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding at this time.

We are also pleased to be able to share the upcoming maternity dates for Mrs Tutt and Mrs Terry. Mrs Tutt has confirmed her last working day will be Friday 3rd May and Mrs Terry, Friday 7th June. We are currently in the process of finalising their cover and look forward to updating you shortly.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Elsie who raced in two heats at The Alive Centre in Kings Lynn last Saturday.

She swam the 50m breaststroke and achieved her Personal Best time and won Gold! It was particularly special as her time also beat the times for the under 12's and under 13's too. She then swam a gruelling 100m front crawl and won Silver.



## Parent Survey

Thank you to the 30% of parents and carers who completed the parent survey before Easter. We were delighted to read that 100% of parents and carers reported they knew who to contact if they had a concern and 89% believed when they had raised a concern it had been dealt with properly.

We were also very pleased to read 100% felt their was a good range of subjects taught across the school with 96% saying their child is taught well, 93% reporting they are aware of what their child is learning.

It was also a pleasure to read the comments about what parents and carers liked about the school which included:

- *Regular Newsletters are really useful.*
- *The certificate system in assembly seems to be really good for boosting children's confidence and morale.*
- *The kindness in the community club was a huge hit (as was gymnastics) for KS1 children. It meant a lot to the children to understand what 'community' really means and they seemed to get a lot from meeting the residents at Mary Chapman Court.'*
- *The parents visiting sessions..*
- *I am so happy with how my children feel about the school. They are so happy and love how everything is done.*

'Areas parents would like to see development further:

- *School meals and what is offered*
- *Timely communication about events.*
- *Some After School Clubs to be based around subjects*
- *Teacher inviting parent in, rather than talking on the playground*

## Parent Forum

Parent Forum met on Wednesday 20th March 2024.

Family learning/Come and read were discussed. Attendees said parents/carers felt they were valuable but asked if days and times of sessions could vary moving forward.

Exec Head explained as dates and times for this year had already been circulated to parents, they wouldn't be changed, however they would add others in/along with afternoon times for the rest of this academic year and next.

Attendees fed back that sometimes there is too much for one event for example red nose day. They would have preferred just one thing e.g, dress in red and not a combination of events as they found it exhausting. Attendees fed back that Class Dojo was a good form of communication

Attendees requested more football events for boys. Exec Head explained current events are through NCFC, but that they would look to arrange further friendlies within the federation and cluster for year groups other than 6.

Attendees shared parents/carers hadn't heard anything further about Eaton Vale residential. Exec Head explained they would schedule a meeting straight after Easter for parents/carers.

Attendees shared not all classes had books out at parent teacher consultation evening. Exec Head said she would speak to staff about this and request books were available at the Come and Read sessions in the summer.

Attendees said they would like more detail about what after school enrichment clubs involved and Executive Headteacher said they would look to do this moving forward.

The school meals menu was revisited. Attendees requested the salad bar back, which the Exec Head said would be reinstated.

Finally, attendees asked, if pupils were challenged to do something for homework, e.g. make a game, please could they they have time to play it. Exec Head said this would be fed back to staff.

**The next Parent Forum is Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 9 am.**

### ONLINE QUIZ FUNDRAISER

We would like to raise £750 towards moving the Dussindale school defibrillator outside the building, enabling 24/7 access for the local community

Minimum donation of £4 per entry.  
Closes Sunday 31st May 2024 at midday.

A prize draw will be made on Sunday 31st May  
(multiple correct entries will have names pulled from a hat by our 6-year-old, Eva).

To enter, please make a minimum donation of £4 to  
[https://paypal.me/ClaireRobynEvaRus?country.x=GB&locale.x=en\\_GB](https://paypal.me/ClaireRobynEvaRus?country.x=GB&locale.x=en_GB)  
(Please select friends and family)



or

Cash payment can be made direct to Claire Whitehouse  
(Claire Whitehouse on facebook) / Tracey Cooper.

The following prizes are available and will be distributed throughout the month:

1. 4 VUE cinema tickets
2. 4 VUE cinema tickers
3. 2 VUE cinema tickets
4. £10 All4One voucher

Once payment is received we will email you the quiz.

Acknowledgements  
RUSElectrical, East Anglian Air Ambulance  
community training team, Tracey Cooper - for the  
VUE tickets

claire.whitehouse2016@gmail.com /  
07904503015

### Come and Read sessions

We look forward to welcoming our families into school on Tuesday 21st and Friday 24th May from 8.45 - 9.15am. We hope you can join us in school.



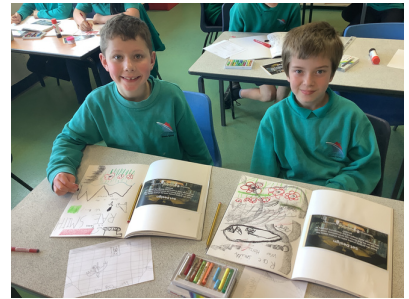
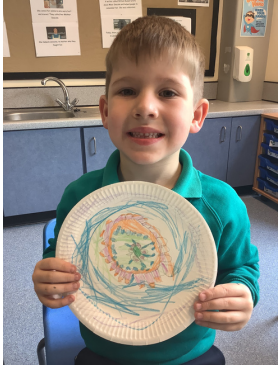


# Fantastic Learning

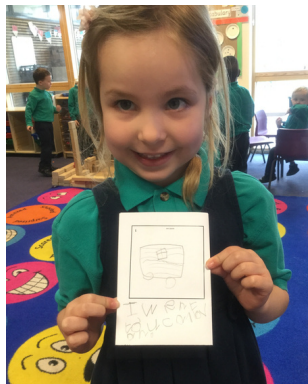
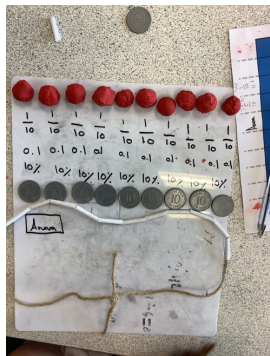
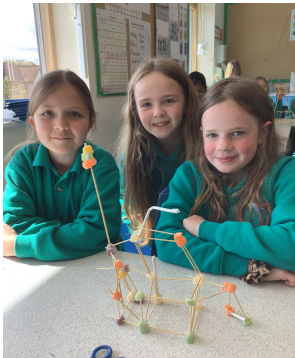
Year 1 created beautiful rangoli patterns as part of the RE unit on Hinduism.



Year 2 learnt about physical and human features as well as fractions.



Year 3 investigated- does the tallest person have the longest feet?



Year 4 enjoyed learning about the connection between fractions and decimals as well as creating 3D shapes.

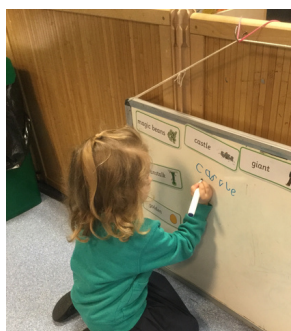
After their amazing visit to see Wicked last term, Year 5 classes are now learning about set designs.



In Reception the children wrote about their Easter holidays and practised writing words for their Jack and the Beanstalk story.



Year 2 experimented with techniques used by the artist Kandinsky.



Pupils in Year 5 enjoyed painting pictures of endangered animals as part of their Talk 4 Writing unit.

# 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 do not use Class Dojo for reporting absences as the Office 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

In addition to Year 6 maths and writing clubs which continue from this week, a separate **Clubs letter** was sent detailing our Clubs provision for Summer term 1.

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to the sporting event today, Girls Football will start on 29th April whilst all other Clubs will start on this week 22nd April 2024.**

## 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.

<b>Thurs 2 May 2024</b> <b>9.30 – 11.45AM</b>	<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.	£10 per person
<b>Tues 18 Jun 2024</b> <b>9.30 – 11.45AM</b>	<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.	£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

## Parents and Careres with children in Year 5 or above



Free course suitable for parents and carers  
with children in Year 5 or above.


### HELP!

## My Child Doesn't Read

Has your child's reading stopped or slowed?  
Have they replaced books with phones?

**3 week evening course, starting on  
Wednesday 24th April 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm.  
at Aylsham High School**

Please join us at these friendly sessions to talk and learn about:



- why reading stops and how we can restart
- how reading online can form positive habits
- how to engage your child in stories without books

To find out more please contact Family Learning Co-ordinator  
Monica Harding: mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk 07780 887348

## Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Parents may wish to enquire if their child is entitled to Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding. Click on the link below to see if you qualify.

Apply for Free [School Meals Online](#)

# DIARY DATES

Monday 22nd April - Year 5/6 NCFC football league 1 - 5 pm (Max squad size 10 pupils)  
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th April - Neurodiversity week  
Tuesday 23rd April - Year 3/4 Sportsall Athletics am and Year 5 pm  
Friday 26th April - Year 2 Sleepover  
Monday 29th April - Year 5 Victorian Day at Gressenhall  
Monday 29th April - Year 3 Step on it training  
Monday 29th April - Year 3/4 NCFC football league 1 - 5 pm (Max squad size 10 pupils)  
Wednesday 1st May - 5 ways to wellbeing workshop for parents and caers, 9 - 10 am  
Thursday 2nd May - Year 1 educational visit to Pensthorpe tbc  
Monday 6th May - Bank holiday Monday  
Tuesday 7th May - Thursday 9th May - Year 4 Eaton Vale residential  
Tuesday 7th May - Year 5 Bikeability Level 2  
Wednesday 8th May - Year 5 Bikeability Level 2  
Wednesday 8th May - Parent Forum 9 am  
Wednesday 8th May - School Mental Health Team visit Year 6  
Monday 13th May - Mindfulness Day of Calm in Year 2 am  
Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - Key Stage 2 SATs week  
Monday 20th May - Year 3/4 Tennis Competition - 8 places for pupils  
Monday 20th May - Mindfulness Day of Calm in Year 2 am  
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  
Friday 24th May - Visiting Sports Champion visiting am  
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half term  
Week beginning Monday 3rd June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check  
Monday 3rd June - Mindfulness Day of Calm in Year 3 am  
Tuesday 4th June - Year 5/6 Cricket Competition (Limited number of places)  
Wednesday 5th June - Prospective Year R parents meeting, 6 - 7 pm  
Thursday 6th June - Year 5/6 Girls Cricket Competition (Limited number of places)  
Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th June - Year 6 residential to Gillwell Park  
Monday 10th June - Mindfulness Day of Calm in Year 3 am  
Week beginning 10th June - Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening  
Monday 17th June - Year 4 boys football festival at NCFs (limited number of places) tbc  
Monday 17th June - Mindfulness Day of Calm in Year 3 am  
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  
Monday 24th June - Year 3/4 girls NCFC event  
Wednesday 26th June - Year 3 to Cromer Museum  
Thursday 27th June - Key Stage 2 sports day and picnic (Am Years 3 and 4; Pm Years 5 & 6)  
Monday 1st July - Dance taster sessions  
Monday 1st July - Year 6 locality field work  
Wednesday 3rd July - Dance taster sessions  
Thursday 4th July - Year 6 production 6 pm  
Friday 5th July - Year 1 educational visit to Strangers Hall  
Friday 12th July - Come and Read 2.50 pm - 3.20 pm