

DUSSINDALE NEWS



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What's Happening This Week

Welcome to a new week at Dussindale. Thank you to the staff who organised the various sporting events last week and also to the team that assisted with the first successful Year 2 Sleepover.

It's another busy week, with lots of events to look out for: On Monday, Year 3 classes have their "Step On It" pedestrian training and Year 5 are off to Gressenhall for their Victorian day. We also have a group of Year 3/4 girls representing the school at a NCFC event-we wish them good luck!

On Wednesday, parents are welcome to attend a Mental Health Drop In session in the hall from 9-10am with Elise from the School's Sports Partnership and Miss Dorling.

On Thursday, Year 1 children are off to Pensthorpe Natural Park and on Friday a group of children from Years 3 and 4 will be representing the school at the Canary 5's football tournament.

Continuing on with our value of "respect", in assembly this week we are thinking about why it is important to respect differences with the story "Along Came a Different. This story helps children to explore how although we are all different-it is much better when we come together to find common ground.

Be Ready

Well done to all those who took part in the football and athletics events last week. You were all fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Be Resilient

Well done to all the Year 2 children who took part in the Big Sleepover on Friday. You showed such confidence and resilience.

Be Respectful

We have had many applicants for the role of "Eco-Ranger", showing how passionate they are about protecting the environment.

Be Responsible

Well done to Goodall Class, who completed some fantastic writing about biomes in their Geography lessons, explaining their main features.



Together on a voyage of discovery...

Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

PTFA Meeting

The PTFA are an important part of Dussindale Primary School; raising money and organising events to enrich the school's curriculum.

We would welcome parents and carers participation and therefore invite you to the next virtual meeting, at 7 pm on Thursday 2nd May 2024. The link for the online meeting is: [PTFA meeting](#)

We look forward to seeing you.

Staffing Update

At present, Miss Copeman continues to be absent; therefore Goodall Class will be taught by Mrs Cockaday, Mr Crowle or Mrs Harrison.

We are pleased to welcome Miss A Nabarro to Cavell Class. She will be covering Mrs Tutt's maternity cover through to the end of the Summer term.

Outdoor Learning

Due to the wildlife area beginning to look tired and in need of regeneration, Mr Clark, undertook a project to develop the space for our growing school; providing pupils with an inclusive environment where they could safely spend time relaxing and resettling, pond dipping in the natural water, sketching their surroundings or being inspired for writing poetry or drawing. The school are extremely grateful to Local County Councillor Ian Mackie who funded the £4899 project, to ensure it happened. As a result, the landscape and key areas of the space have been regenerated by Natural Gardens, enhancing the ecological wealth of the school grounds, with the pond providing a thriving ecosystem packed with newts, frogs, dragonflies, snails and much more.



Mr Clark has also built a fire pit for our classes to enjoy as part of their outdoor curriculum. Our Year 2 classes were first to enjoy the fire pit, as they toasted marshmallows on their school sleepover on Friday.

Attendance

We would like to make parents/carers aware that on 29th February 2024, the Government announced a new National Attendance Framework advising schools and Local Authorities regarding children missing from school. We would like to notify parents of key parts of this framework, which comes into place in August 2024.

The framework requires schools to consider referring a family to the Local Authority if a child misses **10 or more sessions** (or 5 days) of school for unauthorised reasons, including unauthorised holidays. From August 2024, the fine will be £80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days. If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within three years, the fine will be charged at the higher rate (£160). Any further unauthorised absences within 3 years of the initial fine could **result in prosecution, which could lead to a criminal record and a fine of up to £2500**. The final decision on whether to prosecute remains with the local authority.



5 Ways to Wellbeing-Parents Session

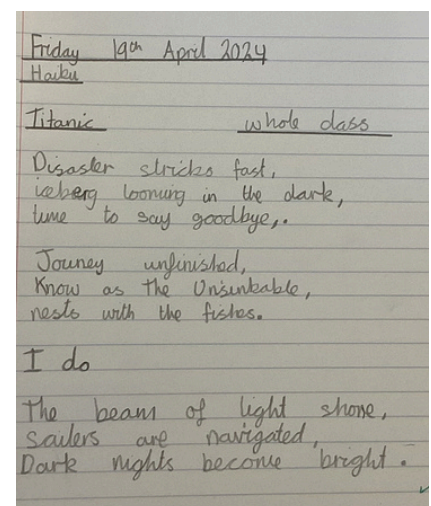
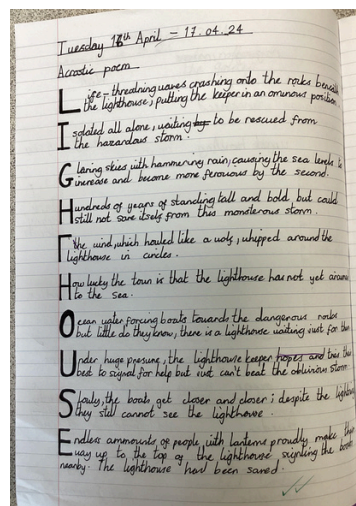
Over the last few weeks, all year groups have had a 5 Ways to Wellbeing Workshop, as part of their mental health curriculum. The children have learnt how the 5 steps can improve their mental health and wellbeing, through helping them to feel more positive and how to get the most out of life.

We are delighted that Elise, from our School's Sport Partnership is running a Mental Health "Drop in Session" for Parents/Carers from 9-10am on Wednesday 1st May, alongside Miss Dorling (SEND/CO). The session will cover what has been taught as part of the children's 5 Ways to Wellbeing workshops, suggestions for activities and advice for parents on how you can help your child maintain good mental health.

If you would like to join the session, please come along on the day, entering via the front office. Miss Dorling will be available after the session for further advice/support.

Fantastic Learning

Year 6 have written some fantastic poems, including acrostic s and haikus about the Titanic. A haiku is a Japanese poetic form that consists of three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third.



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

Information regarding Clubs can be found [here](#)

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.

Dyslexia Awareness Training

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



Are you a grandparent with caring responsibilities for your grandchildren?
Would you like a group to meet up with other grandparents and their grandchildren?
If the answer is YES – why not come along for chat on Thursday 2nd May!

When: Thursday 2nd May from 1:30 – 2:30.
Where: Acle Early Childhood and Family Service base (next to the library), Bridewell Lane, Acle

Early Help Community Workers **Brenda, and Caroline** are excited to welcome you for a chat, to find out more about how we can support you in your caring role.



DIARY DATES

Monday 29th April - Year 5 Victorian Day at Gressenhall
Monday 28th 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 carers, 9 - 10 am
Thursday 2nd May - Year 1 educational visit to Pensthorpe Natural Park
Thursday 2nd May - PTFA Virtual meeting 7 pm
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
Friday 10th May - Quiz and Chips - PTFA event tbc
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 - 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 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
Friday 21st June - Day of Welcome
Monday 24th- Friday 28th June - Healthy Week
Monday 24th June - Year 3/4 NCFC football league 1 - 5 pm (Max squad size 10 pupils)
Wednesday 26th June - Year 3 to Cromer Museum
Thursday 27th June - Year 3/4 Sports Day am and Year 5/6 Sports Day pm
Monday 1st July - Dance Taster Day
Monday 1st July - Year 6 Educational Visit to Broadland Business Park
Wednesday 3rd July - Dance Taster Day
Friday 5th July - Year 1 Educational Visit to Strangers Hall