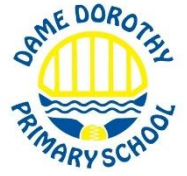


Newsletter 5th June



★ Stars of the Week ★

Year 1	Jillian
Year 2	Ramsey
Year 3	Laila F
Year 4	Isabella
Year 5	Abduljabbar
Year 6	Thierry

House Point Winners



Head of School Update

I can't quite believe that we are already in the final term of this academic year! It has been another busy week of learning across the school, and as always, I have been incredibly impressed by the children's enthusiasm and commitment to their work. They continue to amaze us with their positive attitudes and determination to do their best. Despite the wet weather, we have not let it dampen our enjoyment of time outdoors. In fact, Reception had a wonderful time at the beach, making the most of their learning beyond the classroom.

This promises to be another busy and exciting term. Please remember to check the key dates listed at the end of the newsletter so you don't miss any important events.

Have a lovely weekend

Laura Tullock
Head of School

Derwent Hill 2027

We are now asking parents of children in Year 5 to express an interest if they wish their child to apply for a place for Derwent Hill. We have limited spaces available and spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

We would like parents to inform us by Friday 19th June.



DERWENT HILL
2027

MONDAY 15TH - FRIDAY 19TH MARCH

COST
£330

£ A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of £80
to be paid by **FRIDAY 17TH JULY.**



⇒ THE PAYMENT PLAN WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: ⇐

 WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER £50		 FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER £50		 MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER £50		 FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY £50		 FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY £50
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 **ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**



Football Update

As we come towards the end of the football season, we have a few exciting fixtures still to be played.

Our girls' teams have done fantastically well this year and will be competing in two finals. Firstly, the Jill Scott Cup Final will take place on Tuesday 23rd June, 3 - 5pm, in the Barn at the Beacon of Light. We also have our girls competing in the League Winners/Runners-Up Finals Night at Ford Hub on Wednesday 24th June.

In addition, our mixed Year 5/6 Division C winners still have a game to play at Champions Night. We will share further details with parents and children as soon as the date is confirmed.

Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the season. It means a great deal to both the children and staff to see so many parents attending games - particularly during the colder winter months. Your encouragement has made a real difference!

We look forward to finishing the season on a high and sharing more success with you all.

Safeguarding

We know that many of our children enjoy watching videos on YouTube at home. As with all internet use, it is important that this is done safely and appropriately.

This week, we are sharing two guides which parents and carers may find helpful in supporting children to stay safe online. As always, we encourage you to have open conversations with your children about staying safe online and what to do if they ever feel unsafe.

In school, we use the term 'trusted adult' when talking to children about who they can go to if they feel worried or unsafe. You may wish to discuss with your child who their trusted adults are.

[What You Need to Know: YouTube Kids | Free E-Safety Guide](#)
[Free Online Safety Guide | YouTube](#)



Thank Crunchie it's Friday

Don't forget, if there is a member of staff who has made a difference, please nominate them for a Crunchie award via the Arbor app.

Stylish Beads

A small group of Year 5 girls have been busy crafting their own jewelry, which will be available to purchase after school once a month (Friday 12th June this month). This exciting enterprise allows the children to develop creativity and entrepreneurial skills.

All money raised from these sales will be reinvested into buying materials for future jewellery-making, ensuring the project can continue to grow and thrive.

We look forward to seeing their wonderful creations and appreciate your support!



Attendance

Attendance this week is 93.7% – we know we can do even better! So far this year, our overall attendance is 94.9%, let's see if we can get to 95% overall attendance next week!

We love it when you are in school because you truly belong with us. When you are here, we learn together, laugh together, chat together and play together. Every day in school really does matter, and it just isn't the same without you.

We are already beginning to plan our end of year treats for those children who achieve 98% attendance with no more than 5 late marks, as well as those with 100% attendance – watch this space!

This week's attendance winners with **96.9%** are **Year 1**.

Children with **5** late arrivals will miss out on prizes and awards even if they are at **98%**.

Our school day starts at 8:00am with our free Breakfast Club, which is open to all children from Reception to Year 6. Children must arrive before 8:30am to attend Breakfast Club. If your child arrives after 8:30am, they will not be able to enter school until the main gate opens at 8:45am.

Classroom doors are open from 8:45am to 8:55am for the start of the school day. Any children arriving after 8:55am must enter through the school office and will receive a late mark.

Thank you for your support in helping your child arrive on time each day.

DIARY DATES

- 11th June - Y4 visit Life Centre
- 18th June - Y3 @Broomhouse Farm
- 24th June - Summer Concert (musicians and choir)
- 14th July - Sports Day
- 17th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly @2pm
- 22nd July - Y6 Guard of honour @3pm
- 22nd July - Last Day of Term – 3:15pm
- **2nd September - Children Return to School**

INSET DAYS (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN):

- 1st September
- 23rd October

HALF TERM DATES:

- 26th October – 31st October
- 21st December – 1st January
- 15th February – 19th February
- 16th March – 9th April
- 31st May – 4th June

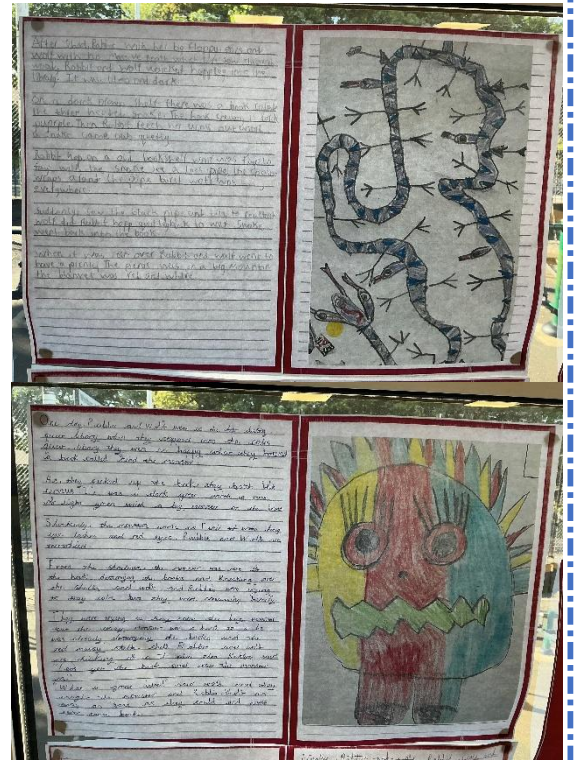
Year 3 Newsletter Special

Year 3 have had a wonderfully busy and productive half-term. The children continue to impress us with their curiosity, creativity and growing confidence across all subjects. Here is a closer look at what we've been learning and celebrating together.

Our literacy lessons have been full of imagination and ambition. Using the book

Wolves as our stimulus, the children have been crafting their own narratives, working hard to include dialogue to bring characters to life, similes to add vivid description, and prepositions to give clear detail and precision.

One of the highlights has been the creation of their own imaginative monsters. These creatures have ranged from the wonderfully weird to the brilliantly terrifying, and the children have used them to hook their readers and build suspense. Their enthusiasm for storytelling has been a joy to see.



In PE, our focus has been on athletics. The children have been developing their running technique, exploring different types of jumps, and practising a range of throwing skills. We've seen brilliant teamwork, improved stamina, and lots of personal bests. The children have enjoyed pushing themselves and celebrating each other's achievements.



This half-term in Maths, we have been developing our understanding of time. The children have practised reading analogue clocks, calculating durations, and solving real-lifetime problems. Although time can be a challenging concept, Year 3 have shown determination and resilience, and many have made fantastic progress in both accuracy and confidence.

We have also begun using Number Sense, our new maths programme designed to strengthen children's understanding of core number concepts. This approach helps pupils build fluency, confidence and flexibility with numbers, supporting them in developing strong foundations that will benefit them across all areas of mathematics.



Our science topic on plants has been hands-on and full of discovery. The children have been observing the growth of pinto beans over several weeks, carefully recording measurements, sketching changes, and noting any adjustments needed, such as adding extra water.



This long-term investigation has helped the children understand how plants grow, what they need to stay healthy, and how scientists collect and

interpret data. Their careful observations and thoughtful discussions have been impressive.



We are excited for our final trip of the year to Broom House Farm. This visit will give the children the chance to see how the farm has changed with the arrival of summer. We'll be exploring seasonal differences, observing the animals, and learning more about life on a working farm. It's always a memorable experience, and we're looking forward to a fantastic day.