

Friday 20th July 2018



Happy holidays!

It is hard to believe that it is the end of another academic year. It has been a busy year with lots of change but, as always, our children have been a credit to us. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. We would also like to wish those of you who are leaving the best of luck and we hope you stay in touch and remember your time at Derwentwater fondly.



Year 6 Terracotta Clay

Year 6 made Greek style pottery using terracotta clay as part of their studies around Ancient Greece.



Year 1 Visit to the Natural History Museum

Year 1 went to the Natural History Museum. They pretended to be explorers in the Wildlife Garden but their favourite part of the trip was definitely seeing the dinosaurs!



Playground update

The first stage of the new KS2 playground will be completed this summer. There will be a compact, high activity climbing frame in treated wood with green wet pour surfacing and a 65m running track with 2 lanes. There will also be quiet area featuring a fake lawn area with an outdoor classroom pavilion that seats 30 and additional benches, seats, planters and activity panels. There will be a celebration picnic on Friday 7th September to launch the new playground and welcome everybody back after the summer.



There will be a second phase involving the construction of a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which will be a fenced off games area with artificial grass. This is going to be the focus of the DSA fundraising next year.

Transition

We held our transition morning this week where all the children got to meet their new teachers. Before this, Reception got the chance to come up to Year 1 and ask the Year 1 children all about what it was like to be a Year 1.



London Zoo trip

Year 3 went to London Zoo. As well as seeing all the animals, they took part in workshops where they learned about the effects that plastic has on the environment. They also had a workshop about bones and skeletons.



Fiver Challenge

Our first ever Fiver Fair went fabulously. The children worked really hard inventing and designing their products. Thank you to all students who came and helped to make the event a success. We definitely see some budding entrepreneurs in our year sixes.



Conversation Club

Last Friday we welcomed the Big Lottery Fund, Rupa Huq and several local councillors to present us with the cheque from the Big Lottery Fund for our Conversation Club. All the women who attend the club were presented with certificates by Rupa Huq. Huge thanks to Mrs Hingley for organising the whole thing.



Acton Mainline trip

Miss Mulvany, Mrs Hingley and Mrs Boakes took the Eco Committee to Acton Mainline Station to formalise our station adoption. We are now the official school for the station and will be working with them as part of their community engagement projects. The children went on the new trains to Ealing Broadway where they had a tour of the station, conducted an audit of facilities at the station and even got to do a tannoy announcement!



Year 5 Bake Off

Year 5 went to Acton High recently to take part in some baking sessions. The children all really enjoyed learning a new skill.



Year 6 Production

On Tuesday, Year 6 performed their brilliant version of Mystery at Magpie Manor. The children were so confident and performed amazingly well. Well done to all pupils and teachers for their hard work in organising this.



Year 6 Graduation

Last night we held the Year 6 graduation. There were speeches from Mrs Nicholas and Dave McCullagh, Chair of Governors. Each child was presented with a certificate and the children all sang a song from 'The Greatest Showman'. The ceremony was compered by Mimi and Mohid. A huge thank you to all the teachers for their hard work and to the parents who helped decorate the school (and organised the delicious pizza van!). Good luck Year 6. We hope you look back fondly on your time at Derwentwater and we look forward to hearing from you about what you have been up to in the future.