



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 22nd October 2021

Message from Mrs Gardner

It has been a successful and busy autumn half term and we are proud of how much the children have achieved. A huge well done to year 5 and their teachers this week for their excellent performances to parents which demonstrated their understanding of Dynamic Dynasties and Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Our new teachers have settled in well and staff have supported each other and the children during this period of increased absence. We wish Miss Sekaninova, Mrs Higgins and Mrs Bennett all the best.

We are happy to announce that Mrs Nicholas and Mrs Mendykowska are looking forward to returning after the half term break and have both recovered well from their surgeries. A reminder that 1st November is a staff training day; children return on Tuesday 2nd November.



We saw lots of entries for the Black History Month Competition. Well done to everyone who took part. Entries and winners will be shared in assemblies and classes after the half term with winners also being announced in the newsletter. Although Black History Month is coming to an end, our curriculum will continue to reflect the contributions of black people. We offer a broad curriculum that includes and values the contributions of all sections of society.

Thank you once more to the parent volunteers who have continued to organise the lost property box. The lost property is now very easy to access and many lost items have been returned. The school really appreciates the time and effort that it has taken to do this. We hope that everyone has a restful and healthy break. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 1

We have had another busy and successful week in year 1. We are so impressed at the children's writing and the big improvements that have been made already by them. There were lots of fantastic stories written about the rainbow fish and the importance of sharing with our friends.

We have continued to look at significant people during black history month. Nelson Mandela has been the favourite so far as all the children thought the 'Free Nelson Mandela' song was brilliant! They also loved learning that his real name Rolihlahla means 'troublemaker'!

They have all worked so hard this half term and have settled into their new year group so well- we are very proud! We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term, it is very deserved!

Year 2



The children in Year 2 had a wonderful music lesson with the specialist music teacher. They learnt about pulse and rhythm in songs, played percussion instruments and sang Autumn songs.

We have continued to learn about significant people during Black History month. We have been reading books by the celebrated children's Laureate Malorie Blackman. Also, well done Ethan for an amazing poster about Stevie Wonder to celebrate Black History Month!



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Year 3

This week we have got through a lot in year 3. We have been working really hard to make sure that we are persisting in maths with our addition and subtraction as well as publishing our very own adventure stories in our independent writing books. Some of our titles are 'The colossal squid, Flat Stanley's adventure and Living in a different world'. We cannot wait to see what our stories look like once they are completed.

We have also been thinking a lot about Black History Month by reading a lot around the topic in our guided reading sessions. This week we have learnt about Martin Luther King Jr and his 'I have a dream' speech. From all of this reading and research, we can all understand that black and white people are equal and that the "colour of your skin does not matter"- Marwah- 3 Oak.

Year 4

In year 4, the children have been learning and producing fact files about the athletes Usain Bolt and Bukayo Saka. The children particularly enjoyed learning about Saka, a local black football who impressed us all during Euro 2020! Year 4 also enjoyed taking part in sprint races in P.E inspired by Usain Bolt.

As part of our Anglo-Saxon project we have been learning how to weave. We first practised our weaving skills using paper and then went onto to weaving ribbon on a mini loom which the children made themselves.

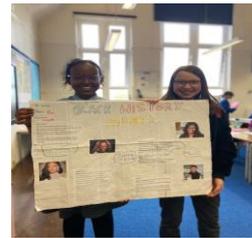
Year 5

Thank you to all students who completed a project for Black History Month. These are on display in the top floor hall and speeches have been completed in classes. We really appreciate all of the effort students have put in.

The children in year 5 had all been working really hard to get their play ready for the parents and we thought they put on a fantastic performance! We would like to say a big thank you for the parents that were able to attend and for helping them practise their lines and actions. For those that couldn't, we will be placing it on Google Classroom so you can watch it over the half term. Well done year 5 for a great start to the year!

Year 6

It's been a successful week in Year 6 with lots going on! We have started writing our recounts all about the sinking of the Titanic, learnt about the indigenous people of the Arctic in our project lessons as well as having some Year 6 children attend bowling and netball competitions this week. Well done to all involved! A big well done also to Sereen, Amira and Zuzanna (pictured) for completing black history month projects in their own time at home. They look great!



Assembly

In Years 3 & 4, we continued Black History Month with the main focus on the Windrush story but we also discussed Raven Wilkinson, who, in 1955, was the first African-American to join a major ballet company in the USA.

In Years 5 & 6, we explored a young black man whose family was from Ghana but he grew up in South London. He got 6 As in his GCSEs and 5 Bs. His name is Michael Omari aka Stormzy! Stormzy started his own career on YouTube and now has 1.93 followers. He was won 2 MOBO awards (Music of Black Origins Awards) and several Brit awards.

Reading

Ealing Library has invited Derwentwater children and parents to a storytelling session with popular storyteller Richard Neville. It takes place on 26th October on Zoom. Please click on the link to register if you are interested in taking part.

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October book recommendations

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/178702502997>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/bookshop/oxford-childrens-fiction/spooky-books-for-children-to-read-this-halloween/>

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/blog/collections/halloween-6101>



These websites have a great selection of spooky reads to get you into the Halloween spirit, to fright and delight in equal measure. Our Halloween traditions are drawn from ancient religious and pagan

festivals celebrated over the end of October. During the half term break, the children will have the opportunity to participate in the Autumn Half Term Reading Challenge. The challenge sheet will be emailed to parents this week. Children who complete all the challenges will receive a prize when they return their completed challenge sheet to their class teacher.

KS1 Writer of the week



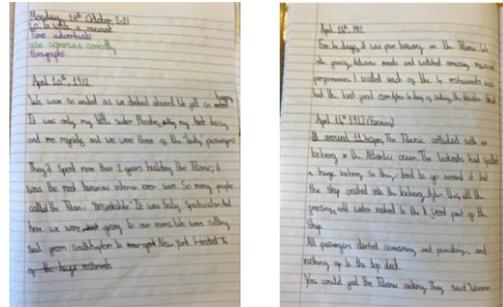
Well done Eliona from 1 Sapphire!

She has independently composed sentences that are correctly punctuated starting with a capital letter in

each sentence. She is able to spell all her common exception words independently and is able to use her phonetic knowledge to spell unfamiliar words. She has also used more than one adjective to describe in her sentences.

KS2 Writer of the week

Well done to Erza from 6 Mercury who wrote a brilliant recount about the Titanic. Erza impressed us with how she structured her paragraphs as well as using time adverbials to add detail to her writing.



Reading Volunteers

Many thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to support children in school with their reading. If you are interested in volunteering as a reading helper please contact parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk or speak to Ms Papior or Ms Bennett

Maths

Congratulations to year 4 who had by far the highest engagement on TTRS and Numbots this week.

In Maths Mastery lessons, one of the teaching and learning strategies used is teaching misconceptions. Students are taught what common mistakes students make when completing questions as a way of helping them to complete their questions correctly. Here is an example of misconception question.

PiXL Mathematics
Errors and Misconceptions

$5^2 = 10$

What mistake has this person made?

What is the correct answer?



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Healthy Snacks

Please only send in healthy snacks at school. Help school to promote healthy eating by sending in fruit for your child's snack in key stage 2. Snacks are provided in key stage 1 and EYFS. We are also a **nut free school** due to some children having serious allergies.



Thank you for your support.

School Dinner Payment

Please make sure payment is paid for school dinners in advance. If you are struggling to pay, then please let the school know so we can work out a plan. Unfortunately, the school does not have the funds to pay for school dinners for children who are not entitled to free school meals.



After School Club Procedure

A reminder to parents to wait outside the gate when after school clubs are on. The gate will be opened at the appropriate time so there is no need to buzz in. Thank you for your cooperation.



Uniform



You can order uniforms online to be delivered to the school office free of charge or delivered to your home for a standard postage fee.

www.schoolbellsuniforms.co.uk
Contact Number: 0208 577 6656

A reminder to please put your child's name and class on jumpers and cardigans as children take them off around the building and we can get them back to the right person if they are labelled.

School Dinners

ISS Education has replaced Harrisons Catering. If you think your child might be eligible for free school meals, please get in touch. Please see previous emails for:

- Lunch menu
- How to pay guide (Years 3-6)

Website: [Feeding Hungry Minds: Home](#)

Contact number: 01924 792334

Support email:

feedinghungryminds@ukissworld.com

Counselling support The Space



Every Tuesday Helen offers a lunchtime drop-in for children who want to talk about any feelings or worries they may be struggling with. This is a safe, confidential space where children can feel listened to, feel better or better understand their emotions. If you **DON'T WANT** your child to make use of this service, please notify the school as soon as possible.

Helen is also here to support **parents/carers**. If you are struggling with anxiety, or have experienced bereavement, had a family breakdown, suffered a job loss, we are here to support you.

Helen is also here to support you if you are worried about your child, how to support them with their anxieties, their behaviour and emotional wellbeing.

We offer a confidential space in which thoughts feelings can be explored without judgment.

If you would like some support, please contact:
Helen Thorp: **Therapeutic Lead in School**
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INCLUSION
Ealing Speech and Language Therapy
Over 5's Parent Workshops:

The Pronunciation of Speech Sounds
Thursday 4th November

1-2pm
Via Zoom



Parents to book a free place by email:
wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net
Please give your name and the name of the workshop.

Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>



Childline are there for you all day and all night. You can talk to them about anything. No problem is too big or too small.

Covid Test Site

Michael Flanders
Church Lane
Acton, W3 8PP
7 days a week
8am-8pm
Call 119 to book a test if you have symptoms.



Dates for your diary
2021 to 2022

AUTUMN 1

Monday 6th September to Friday 22nd October

HALF TERM

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October

AUTUMN 2

Tuesday 2nd November to Thursday 16th December
(school closes at 2pm)

SPRING 1

Wednesday 5th January to Friday 11th February

HALF TERM

Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February

SPRING 2

Monday 21st February to Friday 1st April
(school closes at 2pm)

SUMMER 1

Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th MAY

HALF TERM

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

SUMMER 2

Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July
(school closes at 2pm)

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