



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 1st October 2021

Message from Mrs Gardner

It was a pleasure to sit in on a music lesson this week and see and hear the quality of music provision. Hearing the children sing, follow instructions, learn new vocabulary and play instruments was hugely uplifting. Children were engaged and enthusiastic and it is clear that Sing Education will enrich Derwentwater's educational offer and raise standards in music across the school. A particular well done to Alex, Dalila and Silas, in 3 Oak, who participated so well.

A reminder to parents about the **parent governor vacancy**. If you are interested or want to know more about being a governor, then please message school by the deadline of **Friday 8th October**. We welcome all parents to consider this valuable and important role.

We are looking forward to inviting parents back into school for **Parents Evening** on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th October to meet your child's teacher and see their books and classroom. A new appointment system is being set up which will be shared early next week.

Thank you to the parents who helped sort out all of the lost property. It was a huge task and they have transformed how it is organised. Hopefully, lost items will be returned quickly as a result. A reminder to label all items. Please see the volunteer request below to maintain the lost property. Thank you also to Ben's mum who moved furniture with Abdul on Friday, it was greatly appreciated.



1st October marks the start of Black History Month. At Derwentwater, we aim to deliver a rich and diverse curriculum all year round. We want our curriculum to reflect the world we live in, which recognises the contributions of black and minority groups in all aspects of life and across all subjects. We look closely at our planning to ensure that all sections of society are represented, studied and valued.

Year 1

It has been another busy and exciting week in year 1. We have been comparing numbers in Maths, and can say if a number is greater than, less than, or equal to another number.

In Independent Writing, we have been writing our own sentences to describe what we can see - we even used adjectives to make our sentences more interesting! Our book of the week has been Elmer, and we have been talking about how, just like Elmer, we are all different, and that is our superpower!

Year 2

Our reading, writing and Maths booster sessions are progressing well. The children are enjoying the extra challenge of practicing and developing their handwriting, decoding strategies in phonics/reading and mastery in maths. These sessions will last until half term when we will review which children will benefit from extra support in Autumn 2.



In addition to this, selective groups of children benefit from extra phonics boosters during the day. We have also sent spellings home for children to practice with you. Please support your child with learning these preparation for our weekly spelling test on Friday for 2 Emerald and Monday for 2 Opal.

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Year 3

This week in year 3 we have been really enjoying music. We have music every 2 weeks which is something that we look forward to. We have been learning about different musical notes and have started to understand how the glockenspiel works. We also love to sing with our specialist music teacher who is great!

As well as this, we have started our new maths topic

which is Addition and Subtraction within 1000 which so far is easy because we have been recapping from year 2 but next week will be challenging so we need to persist and make sure that we are paying attention during our lessons. This has been another great week.



Year 4

This week we are continuing our research into life in Anglo Saxon Britain. We will be writing and producing our own booklets which we hope to share with you. Our project "Invasions" has brought up lots of areas of discussion especially when we look at all the evidence of previous settlers around us.



Next week we look forward to learning more about living things in our local area with a talk by Tash.

We will be exploring a different type of settlers..... the furry kind!

Year 5

This week, we have been putting the finishing touches on our first big piece of writing in year 5. The last two weeks, we have been working on our instructions for a dream potion. The children have been focused on using imperative and modal verbs as well as adverbials. We came together as a team and did a year group editing session, which the children enjoyed. For our next piece of writing, we will be writing an explanation text linked to our science unit, Earth and Space.



Year 6

It's been another busy week in Year Six as we continue to work on our 'Holes' letters in English as well as our project work all about Frozen Kingdoms. Alongside some brilliant learning, some of the Year Six boys were lucky enough to take part in a football tournament at Gunnersbury Park on Thursday. They played brilliantly; winning their group before eventually being knocked out on penalties. Unlucky!



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Assembly

In assembly this week we explored the theme of "Setting Goals". We read some inspiring stories of people and how they achieved their goals and what it was that allowed them to keep going. We also broke down the word GOAL into the acronym Grow, Objectives, Aspire and Learn.

Reading

This week we have some fantastic book recommendations from our Year 5 students.



Tony Robinson's Weird World of Egyptians

"This book teaches you about the Egyptians and it has some funny jokes about the Pyramids." Tarif, Year 5

An Eagle in the snow by Michael Morpurgo



"This book is extremely funny and it has a positive message." Sara, Year 5

National Poetry Day

On Thursday 7th October, children in KS1 and 2 will be celebrating National Poetry Week. This year, the theme will be 'Choices'. Children will be reading and composing their own poems culminating with a Poetry Cafe in



Years 1 and 2 in the afternoon. This event will take place in class during the school day. On this day, children can bring in a small snack and dress up for the poetry recitals. The children will be bringing a poem home to practice reading or learning. Could adults at home please help them with this task. We look forward to sharing our recitals on Google Classroom Class pages for you to enjoy in the coming week.

Phonics



Phonics Play is a useful online phonics programme for children in the Early Years and KS1. Here, you will find lots of information about phonics, games and ideas to explore with children at home. Some games are free whilst others require a nominal subscription.

Maths

White Rose Maths have teamed up with TV presenter, teacher and parent Michael Underwood to bring you a mini-series called Maths with Michael. We understand that many parents feel like maths has changed and can sometimes find it difficult to keep up to date with modern teaching methods in maths.

Episodes will give you an introduction to place value, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and algebra.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/maths-with-michael/>



Uniform



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

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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

[Harvest Food donations](#)



In the coming weeks, we will be collecting canned and dried food to donate to Emmaus House Acton Centre for the

homeless. This organisation supports people in need in the local area. Some examples of the food that can be donated are: Tinned food (vegetables, fruit etc), packets of pasta, sugar, pasta sauce, cereals, jam, tea/coffee and toiletries such as soap/shampoo. Please leave donations in the designated boxes in the foyer before **Friday 22nd October**. Many thanks.

Laptop Return



Most laptops have been returned. If you still have a school laptop at home, can you please return it as soon as possible. The laptops will

be put to good use at school and will be available for remote learning when necessary.

Counselling support The Space



Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet with Helen for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, she is available on Tuesdays 9 - 10am.

All meetings with adults will currently take place online or over the phone due to COVID19. Call, text or email Helen on 07429 654584 or email hthorp4.307@gflmail.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The lost property box has been tidied and we need volunteers each week to help keep on top of it. This should take no more than 10 minutes every Friday after drop-off when it is your turn. To

volunteer, join the WhatsApp group and get on the rota:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DGp4DoFiOfM2vpdHPVski5>

Green Team

Calling on parents and grandparents

Do you love gardening? Do you have any spare time? We are seeking to form a team of gardeners to meet once a week to help with the maintenance of the edible garden. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact Mrs Hepper at the school office. Any help would be much appreciated. Thank you.

INCLUSION

Ealing Speech and Language Therapy

Over 5's Parent Workshops

Are you a parent of a primary school-aged child looking for practical advice?

We are running a workshop on:

Understanding behaviours and managing emotions: How can I help my child?

Thursday 14th October

1-2pm

Via Zoom

On this workshop you will learn:

- ✓ What is my child's challenging behaviour telling me?
- ✓ Why understanding our own and others' emotions can be tricky
- ✓ Practical ways to help children understand and express how they feel
- ✓ Strategies to help manage emotions

PARENTS: to book a **FREE** place:

Email wlm-tr.sltuniversalervices@nhs.net with your name and the name of the workshop

or

Call 07512 716 478 between 1-4pm on Monday-Friday
(Please ask to speak to the Universal team about workshop bookings)

Our training is free and accessible **via zoom** and can be accessed from the comfort of your own home!

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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 Friday 17th 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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