



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 14th May 2021

Message from Mrs Nicholas

I hope that you had an enjoyable Eid yesterday.

As part of our school development plan, we will be holding our Pupil Conferencing Fortnight. We are looking forward to speaking to our pupils and hearing about their reading, well-being and mathematics learning.

Over the last two weeks, we have been holding pupil progress meetings with all our class teachers. Our teachers have a clear understanding of their pupils' progress and their next steps in learning.

We are looking to reintroduce our Parent Coffee Events but in a Covid 19 compliant manner. Watch this space for more details.

Have you seen our Facebook and Twitter pages recently? We are updating them regularly, sharing pupil learning experiences and activities across the school week.

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At Derwentwater, we are always looking at ways to improve outcomes for children within our community. We are looking at expanding our nursery provision to offer places for 2-year-olds and would value feedback from parents and carers to help us with our plan.

There are many recognised benefits to offering families a 2-year-old provision:

- Early emphasis on supporting children to develop holistically, with importance on individuality and child-led learning.
- Inspiring learning experiences with access to outdoor free-play every day.
- Establishing early, supportive relationships with parents.
- To help to narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their more advantaged peers before they start school.
- Affordable fees which decrease as your child gets older.
- Providing children with continuity of education and care without the disruption of transition from age 2 or 3 to the end of the Nursery year, with 2-year olds receiving priority admission to Nursery in the term following their 3rd birthday.

If you would be interested in our two-year-old offer, please complete this small questionnaire by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code on your phone.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JS9NVRP>



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Year 1

We have been waiting for this moment for such a long time. But it finally arrived on Monday. We have moved the tables back into groups and we can now all sit on the carpet! The children are all loving this change. We have been able to work together on our tables.

We are still mindful about the virus and wash our hands regularly.



Just to let you know that you can now use your Numbots username and password to access Times Tables Rockstars. The first time you do this you may need to type in the name of our school.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/19723>

And finally, 'Eid Mubarak' to all our families who were celebrating on Thursday.

Year 2

In English this week, the children have continued to analyse letter writing features and began to include them in their own letters to Mother Barn Owl. She is being kept awake by her little son, Plop. Plop, who is afraid of the dark, explores the dark but still finds it frightening. The children then pretended to be Plop and wrote replies where they outlined reasons for trying her ideas. We also made Owl toasties with fruit to celebrate their success! For Eid, the children created colourful lanterns, cards, moon and stars mobiles. The Year 2 team would like to wish 'Eid Mubarak' to all our parents, carers and children who are celebrating Eid at this special time.



Year 3

Eid Mubarak to all! This week, Year 3 have been exploring fractions. They have been using a range of resources to identify parts and wholes. Year 3 have also begun their planting in the Edible Garden. Next week we will be sowing our cherry tomato, sunflower and chive seeds!



Year 4

This week the students finished their fantastic posters all about Rivers. Year 4 worked really hard learning about rivers and creating an information poster. Look at some of the finished posters below!



We have begun our next English unit in which the students will write a recount of their first swimming lesson. We have been interviewing each other and begun to plan our writing. Ask your child for a verbal recount of their first swimming lesson!

Year 5



Year 5 Earth is now half way through our swimming lessons. The instructors are thrilled with the progress of the students and also their fantastic

behaviour.

Happy Eid Mubarak to all the students who celebrated on Thursday. The students at school enjoyed a day of creative activities. For mental health week students made stress balls. Hopefully, they can use them in the coming weeks



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to help them calm down when feeling overwhelmed or stressed.



library visits, what book they are reading and what genre they are reading.



Children have a reading tube map inside their reading yellow logs and use this to guide their reading journey and encourages them to read all kinds of books including fantasy, adventure, non-fiction and many more.

Year 6

Year 6 are continuing to enjoy their science unit and are excited to create a window alarm and pressure pad alarm very soon. In preparation for this, 6Saturn had a fun lesson creating their own switches to embed their learning on electrical circuits.



Year 6 have spent more time in the Edible Playground planting and developing their gardening skills.



We would like to wish all our families a very Happy Eid Mubarak.

Reading Buddy

A reminder that Reading Buddy is set for homework every week and we would like you to encourage your child to login, read books and complete the quizzes. These online books are linked to the Oxford Reading Books that your child takes home once a week and they can make progress from level to level as they improve their reading comprehension. If you have any questions on Reading Buddy or would like to know how to further support your child, please email parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk



Reading



In the Lower hall, the Year 6 librarians have been visiting the KS1 reading area and outside Reading Barn at lunchtime to read to the children or hear the children read to them. They have carried out their responsibilities with great enthusiasm three

times this week, handing out Golden tickets to those who want to read with them and awarding star stickers for good reading. "I like to see the children being enthusiastic about their reading" Roxanne 6 Saturn. "I like getting good reading stickers" Hugo and Lina year 1.



Maths

Well done to everyone that logged onto Times Table Rockstars or Numbots this week. The class with the highest engagement level was 6 Saturn.

Assembly

Story: Six English football clubs, who announced plans in April to form the European Super League, have formally dropped out of the competition.

Question: What role does sport play in our lives?

VirtualAssembly: <https://vimeo.com/channel/s/picturenews>

School Library

Children are very excited to be back in the school library and are really enjoying the range of books we have available. Our library visits foster a love of reading and expose your child to a range of books that they are excited to read and discuss with their peers. We encourage you to ask your child about their

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This week's British Value



British Values
10th – 16th May 2021
Individual Liberty
In sport, we can decide whether we want to take part in teams and competitions or not. If we do, it is important to consider the effect our decisions will have on the other participants.

Picture News

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@lgflmail.org.

Inclusion

Dyslexia is often identified in primary



school; however, some people's coping strategies are so good that the dyslexic difficulties don't become apparent until much later, perhaps at secondary school or even in university or the workplace.

The first step as a parent is to gain a good understanding of what dyslexia is, and how it can affect your child. You can find out more about dyslexia and co-occurring conditions on the following website:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/children/is-my-child-dyslexic>

SAFEGUARDING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

If you need to get hold of the Designated Safeguarding Officer, please contact Mrs Nicholas via email Parentcomms. If you are concerned about a child, please call Social Care on 0208 825 8000

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.

Date for your diary

Half term:
31st May-4th June
Last day of term
Friday 23rd July at 2pm



Punctuality and Late Procedures

The soft start in the morning has continued to be a success. Please ensure your child is on the school premises between 8.40 and 8.55. The register closes at 9 o'clock so children arriving at or after 9am will be marked as late.



Children who arrive late should report to the office where they will be marked present and give their reason for lateness. Children who are late in year 4 and below should be taken to the school office by their parents or carer. The parents or carer will give the reason for lateness so children can quickly go to class to start their learning.

Walk to School Week

Just a reminder that it is walk to school week.



The idea is for as many pupils as possible to travel sustainably to school every day for a week. By sustainably we mean: walk, scoot, cycle, public transport or park and stride.

If you do need to drive perhaps you could park and stride - park a few minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

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