

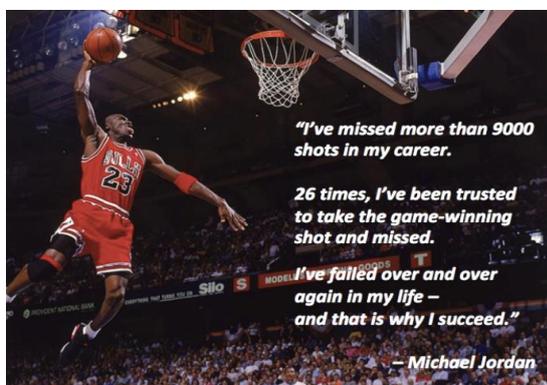


Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 16th July 2021

Message from Mrs Gardner

School has shared several important emails this week as the term draws to a close. We want to keep parents well informed and continue with our aim to have excellent communication. School will avoid sending emails during the summer holidays so we will look to share all important information at the end of this term or just before our return in September. This will allow us to take account of the most up-to-date government Covid-19 guidance for schools.

This term we have been very busy with end of year events, reports and trips. This time of year is important in providing children with a sense of closure and a positive ending before they embark on the new beginnings ahead. Please message school if you have any concerns so we can work with you and offer more support and reassurance where needed for transition.



The highs and lows of sport and behaviour were demonstrated this week. Teachers have talked to their classes about the racist abuse that some of the England players received. Some classes wrote letters to the players to show their support. At school, we all continue to promote equality and respect and the message that racism will not be tolerated. We also took the opportunity to discuss never giving up and showing resilience and determination to succeed.

Year 1

This week Year 1 have been busy carrying out lots of exciting experiments for Science week. They took on a challenge of building a bridge just using spaghetti and marshmallows strong enough to hold a toy car. They were also challenged to see who could build the tallest tower using materials of their choice.



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Year 2

What an amazing week we've had during Science week! The children have investigated, observed, recorded and explained various scientific procedures. They created Oobleck with cornflour and water to make a non-Newtonian liquid, explained why raising dance in fizzy water but not still water, watched how food colouring moved when they dropped a drop of washing up liquid into milk and even extracted DNA from strawberries! Zack noticed that the Oobleck We look forward to welcoming



parents to the graduation on Monday 19th July @ 6pm.



Year 3

We have had such a fun week in Year 3. We had a marvellous time on our trip to Gunnersbury Park and Museum, where we spent the day in a Stone Age survival skills workshop making shelters and practicing our hunting aim. We also explored all the different features the park has to offer, including counting insects in the Wildflower Meadow and writing haikus in the Japanese Garden. We then celebrated Science Week by trying our hands at some very cool Science experiments, easily recreated at home! Our class party for the end of the year is going to be Thursday; please send your child a snack for themselves to enjoy. Happy Eid for all who are celebrating next week.



Year 4

It's been quite a week for Year 4! On Monday and Wednesday, the children filmed their Romeo and Juliet scenes. We were so impressed with the children and cannot wait to see the final film.

On Thursday, we took a trip to the seaside. We had an early start as we set off to West Wittering Beach for the day. At the beach, we enjoyed building sand castles, playing beach games such as cricket, volleyball and football, creating beach art using materials found on the sand and having a splash in the sea. We finished the day with a refreshing ice lolly! It was such a great day and we'd like to thank the children for showing us their best behaviour and being a credit to Derwentwater.



Year 5

Year 5 got into the Euros mood last Friday with an inter-form football match. There was lots of cheering and encouragement from the supporters and it was a very close and competitive game but it ended in a 0-0 draw. We wrote letters and cards to the England Football Team to express our support for everything they have achieved.



On Monday, year 5 participated in an amazing drama workshop run by Theatre makers, Emily and Katya, from two London Universities. Students practised skills such as: working as a group, listening and eye contact, stage direction and creating props using found objects and their bodies. Working in groups, students performed a small section of the story Echo and Narcissus. Students were given a list of things that needed to be included. Some groups needed to include: a part in slow motion, movement where everyone was in unison, a freeze frame, a fast forward and a moment of silence.



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Year 6

Year 6 is very busy getting prepared for all the exciting events before term ends. Well done to all our pupils for an excellent effort in The Fiver Challenge Project: children worked together showing great communication and organisation, problem solving and teamwork. Thank you to all the children who attended the event- we know you had a great time too! Well done to those who have been attending Chess Club this half term - we have now learnt about all of the chess pieces and are ready to play a game! If you don't have a chessboard at home or someone to play with, you can go to: <https://www.chesskid.com/> for puzzles and games.



Derwentwater's Science Week 2021

Across the school, children have been carrying out a range of scientific investigations this week:



Assembly

Story: Research by BookTrust Research and CLPE showed that the number of children's books published in the UK between 2017 and 2019 featuring characters from an ethnic minority background was just 10%.

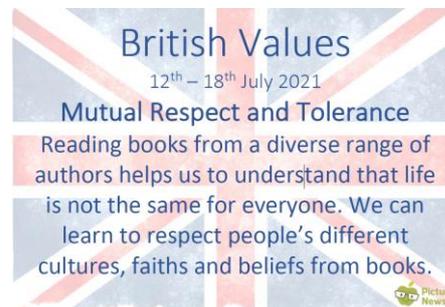
Question: Are we all reflected in the books we read?

EID



The staff, and everyone who works at Derwentwater, would like to take this opportunity to wish parents and children Eid Mubarak. As children will be celebrating with families, they are entitled to take one day off school as Eid falls on Tuesday 20th July 2021. Have a great day celebrating with families and friends! Those children who do not celebrate Eid will be expected to attend school as normal.

British Value



Reading

Reading books will be collected by class teachers from Monday next week and will not be issuing the children with new Oxford Reading books until the new academic year in September. Also, library books will need to be returned to the school library next week although new library books will not be available for the children to take home. Children who have completed their KS1 Road map will receive a special certificate.

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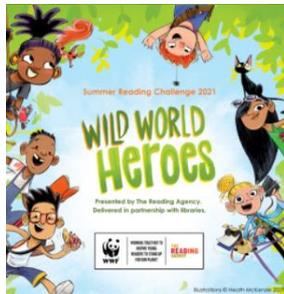
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Summer 2021 Reading Challenge

This year's summer reading challenge is called 'Wild World Heroes'. They have teamed up with the WWF for a special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for your planet! As you read books for the challenge, you will get to go exploring all over Wilderville from the woods to the farm and even the beach! With your help, you will transform



Wilderville into an even cooler place to be and discover lots of brilliant books along the way! Check out the website to learn more about the Wild World Heroes and their companions. It's free to sign up and

Acton Library will give you a poster and find you books to read. Here's the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> Finally, the children will continue to have access to their Reading Buddy logins so please continue to log in where you are able to.

Maths

Congratulations to 4 Maple who again had the highest engagement rate on TTRS this week. TTRS accounts will remain active over the summer holidays if you would like your child to review their times table during the break.



While we encourage all children and parents to enjoy a well-earned rest over the holidays, Oak Academy has summer lessons available. These could be used to embed the knowledge from this academic year or prepare students for content that will come up next year. Each lesson includes: has a video and then a worksheet that students can work through.

Announcement: Teachers



Summer learning support: New resources, features & guidance

Summer support

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.uk

INCLUSION

What is dyscalculia?

Dyscalculia is a specific and persistent difficulty in understanding numbers which can lead to a diverse range of difficulties with mathematics.

Signs of dyscalculia can include:

- Have difficulty when counting backwards.
- Have difficulty in remembering 'basic' facts, despite many hours of practice/rote learning.
- Have no strategies to compensate for lack of recall, other than to use counting.
- Have no sense of whether any answers that are obtained are right or nearly right.
- Have weak mental arithmetic skills.
- Have high levels of mathematics anxiety.

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

If you are concerned about your child's maths then please speak to his/her class teacher or contact the school SENCO - Allan Butcher

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Childline

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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

Summer term finishes on **Friday 23rd July at 2pm**

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)

Conversation Club Podcast!



Derwentwater Conversation Club was very excited to take part in a podcast for the U.N. World Food Programme called "Breadline". Parents spoke about their experiences of food shortages both here in the pandemic and in their home countries. They shared insightful stories from countries all over the world including Mexico, Syria and Romania.

The podcast is due to be aired this September. We will update you with more details about how to access this very interesting project. Thank you to our wonderful parents for sharing their stories.

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