



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 2nd July 2021

Message from Mrs Nicholas

This week, we completed important assessments to find out how much progress the children have made and where their gaps in learning are. This will support us in identifying intervention groups for the coming year and provide us with an understanding of the impact of the last 16 months. We are committed to ensuring that children reach their potential despite the pandemic and we will continue to work hard to close gaps and help children reach the expected standard and beyond.

Thank you for your ongoing support in relation to Covid-19. As wider safety measures lift, we hope that this leads to the relaxation of measures at school. For now, guidance for school has not changed. We will maintain our strict approach in order to reduce the risk of children needing to self-isolate in the remaining weeks of school as cases across the country rise. We will update parents and carers following any government announcements that affect school provision which we believe will come into effect in September. We appreciate your patience.

Year 1

This term Year 1 have been learning all about materials. We have been looking at the different properties of each material and discussing its purpose for different types of objects. This week Year 1 have designed and created their own bridges made out of materials they have found in the classroom!



Year 2

This term, year 2 have begun to design and code their own simple jumping game. We are using a program called Scratch which is a child friendly computer program aimed at getting children excited about coding. We have been designing the game in parts, starting with choosing a character and background. Then we coded our character to jump and objects to fly at them. Finally, we will be creating a scoreboard. At the end, children will be able to play the game they have created with anyone at home. Also, we'd like to remind parents that the children will be taking part in their annual KS1 sports day on Tuesday 6th of July. Could parents ensure that their child wears a PE kit on this day as it isn't their usual PE day. We are sorry that parents cannot watch their children but we hope you understand that we have to follow restrictions. Thank you.

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Year 3

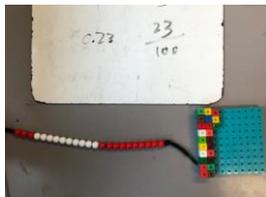
Year 3 has had a great week preparing for Sports Day which is on the 8th of July. Just a reminder to parents that children need to wear a shirt with the colour they have been assigned. We have also been enjoying seeing our flowers and vegetables start growing in the Edible Playground, and imagining ways we can start to use the produce. Early this week, we finished filming our end-of-year recorder and singing concert- this will be shared with parents and carers as soon as possible. We are very proud of all their hard work this year!

Year 4

Our production of Romeo & Juliet is well under way. The director has been very impressed with the children's ability to learn their lines and follow stage direction. The children are now considering the staging options and costume ideas. The filming will take place WB 12th July so we would appreciate all costumes and props to be available next week. If your child could help one of their peers it would be much appreciated.

Year 5

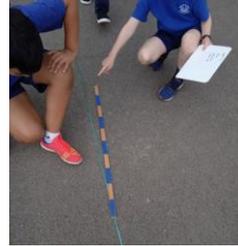
Year 5 have worked so hard during assessment week. A very well done to all students that worked so hard in class, completed extra work at home, attended boosters and checked over their work carefully. In maths, we have started to learn about decimals. Here is a picture of 23 hundredths represented in many different ways.



It has been lovely to see some Year 5 faces at Chess Club on Thursday lunchtimes.

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed learning all about measurement and converting measures this week. We took our learning outdoors and worked in groups measuring the football pitch using a range of resources including metre sticks, string, trundle wheels and our own bodies! We estimated our measurements first then compared our answers at the end.



Assembly

Story: Danish captain, Simon Kjaer, was hailed a hero for giving lifesaving first aid to his team-mate Christian Eriksen during a recent Euro 2020 football match against Finland.

Question: What life skills should we learn at school?

VirtualAssembly: <https://vimeo.com/channels/picturenews>

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Reading

This week, the children have been busy reading a range of PIRA and SATs text and have been answering questions about what they have read. The teachers have assessed the children's responses and made observations about how the children have been applying a range of reading skills to answer questions independently in order to check their understanding. Their reading stamina and comprehension has improved since the last set of assessments which were undertaken by the children in the Spring term and the teachers are proud of their achievements! As this has been a disrupted academic year, the children may not have performed as well as you as parents expect. With this in mind, teachers continue, just as they have done during lockdown, to identify gaps in the children's learning and will address these in the future. Teachers will be sharing observations about your child's reading in the forthcoming school report.

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

Talent Celebration

Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing some of the children's incredible talents. This week we celebrated the artistic talent of Aaron in year 6. Well done Aaron, we enjoyed your portfolio of pictures. Do you recognise the familiar characters below?



Maths

Teachers and students have been working hard during assessment week. All students have worked so hard over the past year and assessment week is really an opportunity to celebrate the progress your child has made and for teachers to look at what gaps need to be addressed next year. Please remember that as students have had to learn remotely for quite a chunk of time, both this academic year and last academic year, some of the results might not be what you are used to. Please be assured that all teachers are focusing on key objectives that have been identified by the government but the majority of students need a little more time before they are all caught up.

A copy of the the criteria can be found here: [Mathematics guidance: key stages 1 and 2](#)

Well done to 4 Maple that had the highest engagement levels this week on Times Table Rockstars.



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

FREE EALING SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN OVER 5.

WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY - 11am - 12
Understanding behaviours and managing emotions: how can I help my child?

THURSDAY 8TH JULY - 11am -12
Using communication skills to help transition to high school

To book a FREE place email wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net with your name and the name of the workshop or call 0300 1234544 between 1-4pm on Monday-Friday

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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.



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)

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.

Supporting Families in Need

School Uniform Request

As the new academic year approaches, we are asking for school uniform donations that we can share with families. This year has been particularly hard financially for some and we hope that we can support one another by reusing any old uniform. We have families across the school who would benefit from this so please bring in any uniform that you no longer need that is in suitable condition. Please let us know if you need support with a uniform for your child.



Breakfast Donations

Can you donate any non-perishable food suitable for breakfast? This will be shared with families who need further support. Cereals as well as long life milk or brioches would be suitable to share. Food can be taken to the foyer and placed in a box labelled breakfast. Please let us know if you need support.



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