



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 7th May 2021

Message from Mrs Nicholas

I hope that you had a restful bank holiday weekend!

We would like to wish our families Eid Mubarak. We will be celebrating Eid with a lunch celebration on Friday 14th May. Thank you to our parents who will be helping us to decorate the canteens and Edible Garden. We will be having a Fun Class Afternoon across the school. Please send in a snack for your own child.

We are looking forward and planning for September. We want to serve you our parent community as best as we can. We will be asking for much feedback over the next term to prepare for September. We are excited to welcome back the Shooting Stars Coaches this September. We will be sending out a survey to get your feedback as to which after school clubs you would like us to provide from September.

Do you have a child who is under two? The school is looking into the possibility of opening up a two-year-old nursery provision. We are sending out a survey to find out what parents are looking for. Please could you share this survey with local family and friends who have younger children. I hope that you have found your parents' evening phone call useful.

Please follow our school Facebook and Twitter pages. We will be updating them regularly, sharing pupil learning experiences and activities across the school week.

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Year 1

In history, we have been learning about the explorer - Christopher Columbus. We found out that he sailed across the world looking for a quick way to Asia. We read about what life was like on board the ships for the sailors. We went outside pretending to be part of Columbus's crew.



Year 2

This week, in our Science lessons, the children have been looking at how to stay healthy through exercising their bodies. They created exercises, recorded their activities and monitored how their bodies changed during and after each



task. The children were also given an exercise timetable which we'd like them to complete at home.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 has continued their learning about trains. We are lucky to live in Acton with all the stations available nearby! We have also started our introduction to fractions in maths, and nearly finished our Pied Piper story in English. Please continue to read with your child at home each and every night and send them to school with their Reading Record signed.

Year 4

Year 4 dived right into swimming this term!

The swimming teachers have been very impressed with all the children's enthusiasm and natural abilities in the water. The children have really enjoyed the lessons and are progressing quickly. Some have even moved into the big pool after only two lessons. Well done to all the children for



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developing their independence, responsibility and organisational skills. Friendly reminder to bring your swimming cap and goggles for every session.



Year 5

This week in our geography lessons, students have continued to learn about Mountains and their features. Students have used atlases and maps to locate mountain ranges, determine which tectonic plates formed different mountains and explore the climate of popular mountains.

It was lovely speaking to everyone's parents for parents evening. Thank you for all your support at home and all the positive feedback.

Year 6

This week, 6 Mercury made the most of the (fleeting) sunshine to continue their Greek Myth writing outside in the Outdoor Classroom. In science, Year 6 have continued their circuits learning by testing whether materials are conductors or insulators.



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



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Storytelling

We are delighted to share some storytelling videos by Richard Neville who has previously visited Derwentwater virtually and ran an excellent workshop with Year 5 and 6. To view these stories, please click the links below. We hope you enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DLaE2t5LRw>

Maths

Thank you to all students who logged onto Times Table Rockstar and Numbots this week. Unfortunately, engagement has dropped slightly since returning to school after the Easter break. Please encourage your child to log on a few times a week. Being fluent in times tables is fundamental to succeeding in maths. Well-done to 4 Maple and 6 Saturn who had the highest engagement in our school again this week.



Assembly

Story: The retailer Marks and Spencer (M&S) has begun legal action against supermarket Aldi, arguing the supermarket's Cuthbert the Caterpillar cake infringes its Colin the Caterpillar trademark.

Question: Is it always wrong to copy others?

VirtualAssembly:

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

This week's British Value



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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. Call, text or email Helen on 07429 654584 or email hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org.

Inclusion

Springhallow is an Ealing school that provides an education for pupils diagnosed with autism. They also provide an *outreach service* to schools. This service has successfully helped teaching staff at Derwentwater to understand and support our pupils with autism, with the aim being for those children to access all of the curriculum.



SAFEGUARDING:

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.

Walk to School Week

This is a five day walking challenge taking place 17th - 21st May. 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.

Each class will have a chart so children can record whether they travelled sustainably to school that day. If a child manages all five days they will receive a certificate.

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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