



DUNSFORD
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

'Nurturing brilliance to catch our dream.'



08.03.24



Attendance

98.5%

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Well done to all of you for supporting pupils back into school. It's wonderful to see familiar faces returning from illness and looking so much better. Thank you for bringing them through the gate and trusting us to call you if they become unwell. It's great to have them back as they overcome some pretty nasty bugs. We continue to prioritize cleanliness and remind children to wash their hands thoroughly. Thanks to the 'pupil power', year groups with 100% attendance will be rewarded with a non-uniform day the following week.

Dear Dunsford family,

What a wonderful day we had on Thursday with World Book Day! A big thank you to all the parents, staff, and children for engaging so fully with the day. It was fantastic to see so much joy and enjoyment around reading. A big thank you to Mrs. Wood for organizing, and to the whole team for dressing up in an Alice in Wonderland theme. We understand that special days like these can be loved by some and not by others. If your child struggles with such days, please do let us know so we can be aware and sensitive to their individual needs. We know just how important it is for children to enjoy literature and find the right book to read. Our new library shelf has a wide range of popular books, including classics and sets to keep our avid readers satisfied.

School Dinners

Pupils have written to me to complain about some of the school dinners they have been receiving. This will be addressed through the school council. However, I wanted to assure you that after talking to staff who regularly have lunches and have not reported any issues, we are looking into this matter. Pupil voice is very important to us, so we will follow up with the kitchen to see what we can do to continue providing the best food within our budget.





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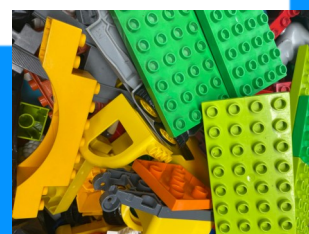
Musical Success

Mrs Todd Writes:

Jessie, Emily, Tabby, Jake, Isabella and Zoe all performed in the Torbay Music Festival on Flute or Saxophone last weekend. Most of them played at least one solo, and they all played in at least one ensemble. Every musician played beautifully, confidently and came away with at least one prize! They have worked really hard to learn their pieces and their ensemble parts, their playing showed great musicianship and each performer was listening really well in order to play in time and in tune; it was a real pleasure hearing them and seeing them perform. Everyone will be able to hear them perform soon as they will present some of the pieces in the end of term concert. A big thank you to all the children for working so hard to prepare, for parents supporting their children to experience performing at the Festival and a HUGE thank you to Mr Blurton who organises the whole event, which is a herculean task!

Donations

Thank you so much to Jacob and Sophie's family for donating some high-quality used toys to the EYFS. The children are thrilled with the new Duplo.



Event	Class/Year	Date	Contact
Red Nose Day	All	Friday 15th March	PTFA/Office
SCARF Workshops	YR—Y6	Friday 15th March	Office
Cedars Class Performance	Cedars	Wednesday 27th March	Mrs Baker
An Afternoon of Music at	All	Thursday 28th March	Mrs Wood
Last Day of the Term	All	Thursday 28th March	Office



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WILLOWS

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Cassia



STAR of the WEEK



SPORTS STAR:

Temperance

This week has been packed with fun! World Book Day was amazing with so many incredible costumes and so many stories being told. Mrs Baker read a cool story ('Little Evie and the Wild Wood') to Willows, up on the field before Forest School. Mrs Clayburn showed the Alice in Wonderland clip where Alice meets the Caterpillar (Mrs Clayburn was dressed as the caterpillar). And . . . if you check book bags, there's a little gift of a new book for each child too.

For the last two weeks, in Design and Technology, we have been experimenting with 'levers' and 'sliders', which you might find in a pop-up book. Our results are a secret until Sunday . . . when we wish all Mums and Nans a very Happy Mother's Day!

We have discovered that the Great Fire burned for FIVE days in London, and we made bread at Forest School to think about the bakery where the fire started in Pudding Lane. Finally, on Friday we had a visit from Barny the barn owl, before learning what owls eat by analysing what's in the owl pellet.

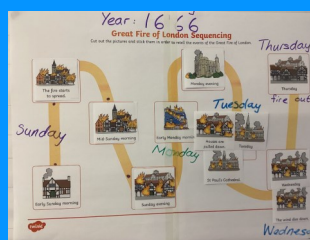
Parent's Evenings will take place on **Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th March** – we look forward to seeing you then.

Have a lovely weekend from Mrs Clayburn, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Tong.

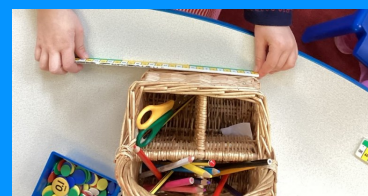
Wednesday: PE - please come in PE kit for the day

Thursday: Forest School - please bring the following to change in to: wellies, waterproof coat & trousers, hat & gloves

Friday: PE –please come in PE kit for the day



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Harper

CEDARS



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SPORTS STAR:

Ida, Margot & Sophie

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day. We had a fantastic time exploring each other's books and customs. This year, we decided to hand out books instead of tokens, as they tend to get lost before making it home.

In Science, the children have been learning about what humans need to eat for a healthy body and for children to grow. We've had lots of discussions about the various food groups, and I've encouraged the children to keep a food diary of their evening meals to observe their intake of carbohydrates, protein, and more.

In Geography, the focus this week was on three different climate zones: arid, polar, and subpolar. The children spent time researching various locations worldwide and determining which climate zone they belong to.

In the upcoming week, the class will be writing their own poems about nature. Once completed, we'll share these pieces on Seesaw.

Also, a gentle reminder about Numbots and TTRS – mastering times tables and number facts is crucial to support your child's learning as they progress through school.

Reading records – I have noticed a recent increase in children bringing in their reading records filled in every day! It's wonderful to see so many children reading every day.

Please, could you work with your child to help them learn their lines for our upcoming production? It's not far away now, and we are practicing regularly to put on the best show for you!

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Jake

OAKS



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SPORTS STAR:

Winter

It has been such a fun week in Oak class with so much packed into just five days! World Book Day was a wonderful opportunity for the children to recommend a book to their classmates through their incredible costumes. They celebrated in lots of different ways, including guessing the mystery reader, story time with Miss Farress and time to ‘stop, drop and read’. This year, instead of giving out the book vouchers, the children have received one of the books instead. We hope they enjoy sharing their new books with you over the weekend.

In Maths, the children in year 4 have continued developing their understanding of decimals by exploring using tenths and hundredths to create whole numbers. The children in year 5 and 6 have been investigating the link between decimals, fractions and percentages.

In RHE, the children spent time thinking about rights, respect and duties and how they are linked. They thought about what rights they have in different environments, such as school and home, and how they can show respect for other people’s rights. They also explored how duties might help them show respect and ensure people have their rights met.

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