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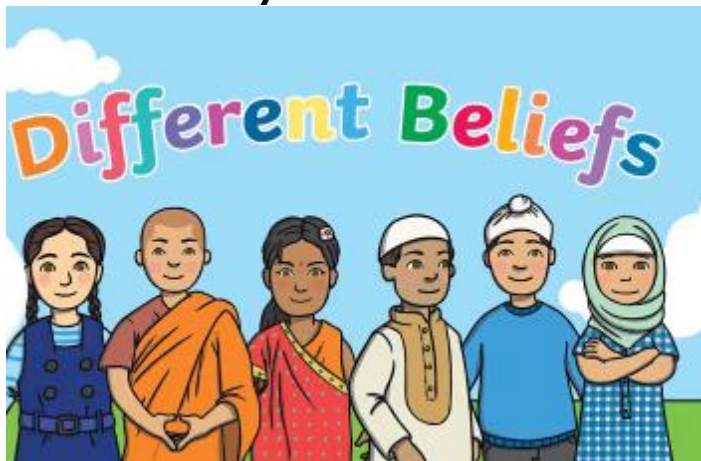
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Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week to end the Spring Term. The children in Year 5 and 6 have been learning about Autism Acceptance Week in Assembly, and made some great contributions. We have had Interfaith Day and the children really enjoyed learning about different religions. Today is the last day of term, we are sure the children are looking forward to the Easter Holidays and will enjoy the lighter nights now that the clocks have moved forward!

Interfaith Day 2023



Yesterday was our annual Interfaith Day. It's a time for us all to pause and learn about people who have a range of religious beliefs as we celebrate difference in our school and in the world around us.

The children in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a virtual meeting with Sadia from the Durham Mosque, while Years 3 and 4 spent time with Kath, a local youth outreach worker from the Christian Church. In Key Stage One we met Wendy, a practicing Buddhist who talked to us about her practices and beliefs. Open the Book came in later in the day and acted out The Last Supper, with the help of some of our Year 5 children. Everyone also enjoyed creating a spiritual piece of art or poetry, as part of our Spirited Arts competition, with Easter Eggs as prizes. It was a very enjoyable day. Thank you to Mrs Schenker for organising this event.

Key Stage 2 Visit to Medomsley Woods





It has week been a very busy week in the junior's with every class getting the opportunity to plant trees at a site in Medomsley. We are working with OASES to help combat climate change. The children have really enjoyed visiting the site to learn about the importance of trees. They showed a great interest in tree planting and really enjoyed planting a variety of trees. We are all so excited to visit the site over the next few years to watch it change from a field to a woodland! Well done!

The infant children will be working on a project with OASES in the near future.

Thank you to Mrs Teneur for your help with organising this opportunity with OASES.

Year 2 Visit to Hall Hill Farm

Year 2 had a great time at Hall Hill Farm learning about animals and their offspring as part of our science topic, 'Animals including humans'. The children loved finding out information about the animals, feeding them and getting the chance to hold them. They also showed great behaviour while we were there - well done Maple and Juniper!

Visit from Sarah Glover, Author and Illustrator

This week, we were delighted to welcome author and illustrator, Sarah Glover, in to school. This was our delayed visit that was rescheduled from Arts Week. Sarah shared her book, Mr Elephant, with the children and then led a craft activity. The children were amazed to learn some of the things that elephants go through in the wild and enjoyed creating their paper plate mobiles. Thank you for organising this visit Mrs Stevens.

Whole School Sponsored Read

Thank you to everyone who has handed in donations for our World Book Day Sponsored Read. All sponsorship money raised will go straight into buying new books for the children 📖.

Please could we ask that all money is handed in to teachers or the office today – Friday 31st March. You can also pay donations via Parent Pay. Thank you so much for your support with our Sponsored Read, we really appreciate it! ❤️ Thanks to Mrs Allister-Webb for organising this event, we know the children love to receive new books!

Science Week Update

We'd like to say a huge well done for everyone's super effort during science week! The teachers have been so impressed and found it extremely difficult to choose just one winner! Congratulations to the following children who headed off on an exciting Celebration Event on Monday and had a fabulous time with Mrs Shaw!

Poplar: Laine S

Willow: Cody H

Birch: Sophie V

Elm: Oliver B

Pine: Nicole H

Ash: Jake R

Beech: Kuba J

Oak: Milena C

We'd also like to say a big thank you to everyone who has taken the time to enter the Science Week competitions! There were so many fabulous entries, it made it almost impossible to choose winners! They were so creative and we have a wide variety of designs and media used to create some amazing rockets! A huge well done to:

Year 5 & 6: Kenzie (Oak), Riley (Beech) and Martyna G (Pine)

Year 3 & 4: Katy-Jae (Birch), JJ (Poplar) and Miles (Willow).

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: Harvey (Hazel), Mason (Maple) and Andrew-Jorge (Cherry).

The following children all correctly guessed that the Zoom in Zoom out photograph was Jupiter's Great Red Spot - a huge storm found on Jupiter! One overall winner will be selected at random in today's assembly! Well done to: Max (Oak), Daniel (Willow), Keith (Oak) and Cody (Willow).

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part! Your rockets are proudly on display in the KS2 building! Thanks for organising Science Week Miss Jones.

PE Days from Monday 17th April

Please note that there are some changes to your child's PE day next term. From week commencing Monday 17th April, we will follow the timetable below until Friday 26th May.

	Class	Year Group
Monday	Hazel Pine and Ash	Year 1 Year 5
Tuesday	Maple & Juniper	Year 2
Wednesday	Cherry & Hawthorn Poplar & Willow	Reception Year 3
Thursday	Beech & Oak Birch & Elm	Year 6 Year 4
Friday	Birch & Elm	Year 4

Swimming

Year 3 Classes will take part in Swimming Lessons during the summer term.

Class	Swimming Sessions
Willow	Monday 17 th April – Monday 22 nd May
Poplar	Monday 12 th June – Monday 17 th July

Online Safety

This week I have written to parents and carers regarding an Online Safety concern.

Please find below websites that parents and carers can access to keep your child/children safe online:

www.childnet.com

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If you do have any concerns about Online Safety, please contact the school and we will get in touch to offer support. Thank you.

School Lunches

The children have been giving us some very positive feedback about the current menus and food on offer. Take a look at some of the delicious meals below, including the very popular freshly baked bread! Thanks to our cooks

Nichola and Mary, for doing a great job!



After School Clubs for Summer Term - REMINDER

After School Clubs have now closed and will re-open on Monday 24th April. These clubs will run for the rest of the academic year, rather than being split into the two half terms, the dates and cost of these are in the timetable below. **After school activity clubs for the next term are now available to book and pay for via ParentPay. PLEASE NOTE:** there has been a change to a Monday club and a Wednesday club. Please take a look at the timetable below and discuss with your children which club they would like to attend. A text will be sent to you once the booking and payment item is live.

	Club	Age Group	Club Time	Club Size	Club Staff	Collect From	Start Date End Date
Mon	Mini Sports Club In this club children will take part in a wide range physical activity aimed at developing fundamental movement skills through various sport related games and activities.	Y1 - Y2	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Leach (Foundation of Light)	Infant Entrance	24.04.23 (6 weeks) £6.00
	Dodgeball Club In this club children will learn to play many different exciting versions of the classic game Dodgeball whilst energetically testing their ducking, dipping, diving and dodging skills.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Spencer (Grassroots)	Junior Entrance	24.04.23 (6 weeks) £6.00
Tues	Mini Arts & Craft Club In this club children will have the opportunity to relax with their friends whilst taking part in a range of fun colouring or craft activities whilst listening to music.	Y1 - Y2	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss McGuigan Mrs McCabe	Infant Entrance	25.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Film Club In this club children will be able to get together to watch some of their favorite movies whilst drawing, colouring and playing boardgames with their friends.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Randell Miss Hedge	Junior Entrance	25.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Girl's Football Club In this club children will be introduced to football through a wide variety of fun activities and games which are designed for everyone to enjoy.	Y3 - Y6 (Girls Only)	3:10 - 4:00	15 Children	Mr Poole (Consett AFC)	Junior Entrance	25.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
Wed	Story Telling Club In this club children will have the opportunity to read and listen to a wide variety of fun and exciting picture books, stories and comics.	Y1 - Y2	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Winskill Miss Forbes	Hazel Class Door	26.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Arts & Crafts Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their own artistic style through colouring, crafts, arts and music.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Teneur Mrs Clark	Junior Entrance	26.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths Club (S.T.E.M.) In this club children will take part a wide range of activities such as fun science experiments, designing models using different materials and playing computer technology games.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Smith Miss Jones	Junior Entrance	26.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
Thurs	Mini Construction Club In this club children will be able to play creatively with Lego, K'nex and Playdough alongside many other exciting resources to build anything they can imagine.	Y1 - Y2	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Kelly Mrs Moody	Maple Class Door	27.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
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	Dodgeball Club In this club children will learn to play many different exciting versions of the classic game Dodgeball whilst energetically testing their ducking, dipping, diving and dodging skills.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Turnbull Mr McMeiken	Junior Entrance	27.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00

New Booking system for Breakfast Club & After School Childcare starts today

Thank you to all parents/carers who have already started to use our new booking system. From today this system must be used to book a place for breakfast and childcare club, a letter will be emailed out to you today explaining our new system. **Places must be booked using this system.**

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you for your support today on non-uniform day. We have raised **£59.00** for school fund. Thank you very much for your donations.

School Fund Donations

We would like to say a big thank you for your school fund donations this half term we have raised an amazing £213.00.

These contributions help school to provide some wonderful experiences for our children, including visits into school from DJ Garyoke, to Mr Windbags, Pantomime and school visits etc. This will also help to purchase outdoor resources for OPAL and Early Years as well as providing children with curriculum enrichment activities throughout the school year.

Class Attendance Awards

Well done to **Hazel, Birch, Pine** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	90.6%
Seedlings	Nursery	86.1%
Cherry	Reception	88.1%
Hazel	Year 1	96.9%
Hawthorn	Year 1	81.3%
Maple	Year 2	91.2%
Juniper	Year 2	95.0%
Willow	Year 3	98.2%
Poplar	Year 3	88.8%
Birch	Year 4	95.3%
Elm	Year 4	94.7%
Pine	Year 5	93.4%
Ash	Year 5	96.7%
Beech	Year 6	92.3%
Oak	Year 6	92.8%

Watch this space because coming soon... OPAL Bingo is back!!





Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards – 24th March 2023!

Please see our super Stars and Readers this week. We are very proud of all our children, well done!

Class	SOTW	ROTW
Saplings	Bonnie	
Seedlings	Jimmy	
Cherry	Adam	Isla
Hazel	Oscar	Ivy
Hawthorn	Amaya	Alec
Maple	Daniel	Finley
Juniper	Blair	Jorgie
Willow	Lola	Zac
Poplar	Ava	Franky
Birch	Neive	Brooke
Elm	Eve	Lana
Pine	Lily	Alfie
Ash	Igor	Lily
Beech	Logan	Leon
Oak	Milena	Logan

House Points

Please see our house points for this week:

Date:	Griffin 	Unicorn 	Minotaur 	Phoenix 
24/03/2023	509	775	579	594

Well done, Unicorn, fantastic news!

School Photographs

Thank you for all the lovely feedback you have shared over on our Facebook Page regarding the school

photographs. We think our new provider, Unscripted Photography have done an amazing job! We will be booking annual individual and class photos with Unscripted Photography.

ORDER DEADLINE REMINDERS:

Print orders: **MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY, 4th APRIL** (no delivery charges)

Digital orders and Gallery Closure: **MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY, 18th APRIL**

Print orders can still be made, but delivery charges will apply.

If you have any questions about the gallery or any of the products/printing options, contact:

hello@unscriptedphotography.co.uk We work flexibly but will get back to you asap.

Parent Pay

Please can all parents/carers log into ParentPay and clear any arrears for dinner money, breakfast club and after school childcare as soon as possible. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

Please click on the link here to find out what events are happening this term [DLPS Calendar of Events Spring & Summer 2023](#)

Thank you for your continued support. School closes today, and reopens on Monday 17th April. We hope all our children, staff, governors and families have a well-deserved Easter holiday.



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Head Teacher