

We will also be running an exciting Science Week competition that we would like all of our families to join in with at home! DESIGN A ROCKET! This could be a sketch, which is coloured in or painted, or a model made from recycled materials! The more creative, the better! Please send completed rockets (or photos of them) into school by Friday 24th March. There are prizes up for grabs for the most creative designs! 3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF! Thank you for your support from Miss Jones.

Design/Make a Rocket!

10-19 March
British
Science
Week
2023



Entries must be submitted by Friday 24th March 2023.

Children's Mental Health Week – Facebook Challenge

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Facebook challenge for Children's Mental Health Week. The children who participated the most in each key stage have received their prizes this week.

Well done to:

- Olivia- Jill - Saplings
- Lexi - Hazel
- JD - Birch
- Leo - Pine

We hope you enjoy your prizes. Thank you from Mrs Crompton.

Year 4 Request

Birch and Elm Classes need as many empty 2 litre plastic pop bottles as they can get, so that they can make torches. This is for their design and technology project and also for Science Week. Thank you from Mr McMeiken and Miss Hedge.

Children with Medical Conditions at DLPS

This term Mrs Clark will work on children's medical conditions and health plans on Mondays 1.00pm to 2.00pm and Thursdays 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Parents and Carers can email school at delvelslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net if they need to pass a message on to Mrs Clark. She will get in touch during the times above. Thank you.

OPAL News

This week during our School Council discussion, the children have requested buckets and spades and other sand toys for the sand pit and mud kitchen. Do any of our families have any spare buckets, spades, trowels, rakes or scoops that you can donate to school? Our children would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you.



Good luck to Pam, Sasha and Bella

Pam, Sasha and Bella will be taking part in two parades at Crufts this weekend. They will be representing Therapy Dogs. 🐾🐶. Pam brought the tickets in this week to show our children!

Children's Shoelaces

We have noticed a lot of children wearing shoes with laces, but unable to tie their own laces. Learning to tie shoelaces is hard. Teaching your child how to do it before they need to wear shoes with laces is a good idea. Most children don't have the required hand skills until they are between 5 and 7 years old.

Please can we ask you to help teach your child how to tie their laces. Here is some guidance for your information:
<https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/268915/shoelaces-information-for-parents-carers.pdf>

Parent/Carers of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Please see details below from Paul Shadforth, Strategic Manager SEND and Inclusion Strategy Assessment and Provision at Durham County Council.

The local authority (LA) are currently running a survey that will help them better understand parents views of the SEND system across the North East. They are inviting parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to share their views on what is working well and what can be improved.

Your response will be used to help the LA identify areas for improvement and for better collaboration and innovation across the North East. They will share the results with Directors of Children's Services (DCSs) across the region to help them better understand your views.

The survey will take around 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous. The survey will be open until Friday 24th March and we encourage you to share the link with other parents and carers in your area so that we can hear the views of as many people as possible. Please find the survey here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/nuuWLkWHyW>

Kicks Club - Tuesday Evenings at Delves Lane Village Hall

This week Craig from the Foundation of Light came in to visit our Year 4, 5 and 6 children about the youth project he is running at Delves Lane Village Hall. Take a look at the latest 'Kicks Newsletter' for more information about timings and just what the children get up to! Craig was thrilled to see lots of pupils from Delves Lane attend the club this week after his visit and hopes to see many more faces over the coming weeks!

MONTHLY YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

November 2022

DELVES LANE, VILLAGE HALL, DH8 7HH

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING
 • 8-12 YEAR OLD, 5-6 PM
 • PROJECT HOUR, 6-7 PM
 • 13-18 YEAR OLD, 7-8PM



This document provides a snapshot of the Foundation of Light delivery of Kicks programmes and is completed by members of our youth forum.



This month at Kicks ...

- Launched our Social Action Project
- Invited local councillors Angela and Michelle round for a chat about environmental issues.
- We took part in a workshop based on communication and focussed on how to help our friends/peers who may need someone to talk to.
- Hosted our self made board games night
- Hosted a STEM session with Spheros robots

Miley, Year 8

"I really enjoyed the debates around how we can make a difference in the community to the environment".



Staff comments

Great to see the participants back after New year and getting involved with the STEM sessions and the sustainability project.

CRAIG, BART AND JAMIE

Next month at Kicks we will be...

- Having a Team games night
- Quiz and comedy night
- Carrying on with the social action project
- Designing our own board games
- And more



FOUNDATION OF LIGHT

WHY NOT COME AND JOIN US AT DELVES LANE VILLAGE HALL IN 2023?

SIMPLY TAKE A LEAFLET, FILL IT IN AND TURN UP.

For more information contact me at

craig.martin@foundationoflight.co.uk

Reminder - School Trips

The following school trips are due to take place this half term:

Date	Event	Information
Monday 20 th March 2023	Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm (Saplings)	All letters have been sent out for School Trips taking place this month.
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm (Seedlings)	
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Hazel (Year 1) class trip – Northumberland Zoo	
Friday 24 th March 2023	Year 2 (Maple & Juniper Classes) trip to Hall Hill Farm	

REMINDER: School Photographs

We have a new School Photographer coming to DLPS!

Details here: <https://www.unscriptedphotography.co.uk/school-photography-northeast/>

Unscripted Photography works with schools and settings that appreciate an alternative, authentic, meaningful way of capturing and promoting their values and children.

If your child has not yet had their photograph taken it will be taken on Monday or Tuesday next week please see the schedule for this below:

MONDAY 13th	Session Start 9.15am	Year 3 (Poplar) Lunch 12.15
09:00 - 2.30	Break Time 10:30 - 10:45	Year 5 (Pine) Lunch 12:35
		Year 5 (Ash) Lunch 12:35
		Year 6 (Oak)
		Year 6 (Beech)* if not completed will finish off on Tuesday
		DAILY TOTALS
TUESDAY 14th	Session Start 9am	Siblings* (Figure TBC) 70-80 families
08:30 - 3.15		Absences and re-dos (figures as Wed 8th)
		(Remaining Year 6 Beech / Oak if required)
		DAILY TOTALS

Reminder - After School Childcare

Due to whole school staff training, CHILDCARE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 20th MARCH. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Calendar of Events

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

Date	Event	Information
Week commencing 13 th March 2023	Key Stage 2 Science Week – (Poplar, Willow, Elm, Birch, Pine, Ash, Beech, Oak Classes) Afternoons only	In school event More Information to follow
Monday 13 th March & Tuesday 14 th March 2023	School Photographer will be here to take children's photos	Please see schedule above
Monday 20 th March 2023	Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm (Saplings)	More information to follow
Week commencing 20 th March 2023	Assessment Period Year 1 – Year 6 (Hawthorn, Hazel, Maple, Juniper, Poplar, Willow, Elm, Birch, Pine, Ash, Beech, Oak Classes)	Please make sure children are on time for school and have eaten a good breakfast!
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm (Seedlings)	More information to follow
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	Meeting for Parents of new Nursery children	Junior Hall - 3.30pm – 4.15pm More information to follow
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Hazel (Year 1) class trip – Northumberland Zoo	More information to follow
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Year 6 House Cup Event – Cricket (Oak & Beech Classes)	In school event children to come to school in PE kits
Friday 24 th March 2023	Year 2 (Maple & Juniper Classes) trip to Hall Hill Farm	School Trip More information to follow
Monday 27 th March 2023	Parents Evening	Information to follow
Tuesday 28 th March 2023	Nursery (Saplings & Seedlings Classes) Trip to Hall Hill Farm	School Trip More information to follow
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Year 2 (Maple & Juniper Classes) Assembly	Infant Hall @ 2.40pm Parents and Carers welcome to attend

Thursday 30 th March 2023	Interfaith/Diversity Day/Easter Egg Competition	In school event More information to follow
Friday 31 st March 2023	Non-School Uniform Day	Children can come to school dressed in non-school uniform for a £1 donation towards our school fund.
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring Term School closes for Easter Holidays	
Monday 17th April	School opens for pupils	

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

B Woods

Mrs B Woods
Head Teacher