

Deneholm Primary School Newsletter Issue 9 January 2024



***Empathy *Aspiration *Resilience *Self-confidence**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of our year 3 and 4 pupils participated in a disco dancing masterclass at Stifford Clays Primary School. They learnt a new dance and performed it to parents. It was absolutely fantastic, well done to all of the children who were involved.

Our new ASD Base is up and running. All of the children are very settled and enjoying their new school. It has been lovely to see the children developing new skills.

We are encouraging families to participate in the Big Garden Bird Watch between Friday 26th January – Sunday 28th January. To participate you need to spend an hour watching the birds in your local area and record any birds that land.

Click on the link below to submit your results!

[Big Garden Birdwatch \(rspb.org.uk\)](https://www.rspb.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing about all the different birds the children spot and identify.

Happy bird watching!

Mrs Bradfield

Head of School

Young Voices

A huge congratulations to all of our wonderful choir who performed as part of Young Voices at the O2! They have worked so hard with Miss Gale and we are all very proud. Thank you to the parents and staff who enabled this opportunity to happen for our pupils.



SEN

For SEN information and advice, please visit our new SEN Padlet via the QR code. This will be updated throughout the year.



Essex Year of Numbers



Essex County Council is running a countrywide campaign called 'Essex Year of Numbers'. Their aim is to inspire a love of learning through exciting maths activities. The following website contains links to free, fun events that are taking place in Essex at local libraries and country parks with a focus on giving children's maths skills a 'magic boost'. The website also contains free resources which can be used at home. Activities include learning how numbers are used in music production and exploring numeracy themed books in the great outdoors.

[Essex Year of Numbers | Essex County Council](#)

NSPCC Number Day



On Friday 2nd of February, we will be supported NSPCC Number day with a non-uniform day. Please can children wear clothing which includes some numbers and we are asking for donations of £1 to support the charity. More information can be found on a detailed letter at the end of our newsletter.

Christmas Writing Competition

Across the SWECET Primary Trust, children participated in a Christmas Writing Competition using a Christmas advertisement as their stimulus. All of the children completed some fantastic pieces of writing and we are please to announce that two of our children from Deneholm won prizes in year 3 and year 4. Congratulations to Reeva in year 3 and Sonny in Year 4. They will both receive a certificate and a personalised pen with their name engraved.

Winter Mini Reading Challenge

Read 3 books of your choice between 1st December 2023 and 19th February 2024 and add them to your online profile. To take part in the challenge, visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>. Local libraries also have more information and plenty of books to choose from.



Childcare Survey

Help us to meet your childcare needs! By completing the Parent survey, we will be able to work towards ensuring you have the childcare you need!

[Parents survey for the new childcare entitlement | Have my say | Thurrock Council](#)

If you are a working parent and looking for childcare The 30 hours funded childcare is expanding! Working parents of all children over the age of nine months will also be entitled to funded 30 hours of childcare.

For all primary aged children from reception to year six, from September 2024, you can expect to see an increase in the number of wraparound childcare places available across Thurrock. Wraparound care is before and after school (8am-6pm) childcare for primary school aged children in England during term time. With your help by completing the survey we expect all parents who need it to have access to wraparound care, either from their school or from another provider in your local area, by September 2026.

By accessing funded childcare for 9 months to 4 years and the funded Tax Free Childcare

you will be able to get help with childcare costs.

Please click on the below QR Codes for more information



PE Kits



Please ensure that your child/ren have a full PE Kit in school, including winter jogging bottoms, a hoodie or jacket and trainers.

Read, Write Inc.



Please watch the Read Write Inc videos emailed to you weekly. These will help your child learn their sounds and allow them to read words fluently. If you need any support with this, please speak to your child's teacher.

Oxford Owl E- Books



Every child has access to the Oxford Owl E-books. These can be accessed by visiting <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>. These are a great resource for children learning to read on our RWInc phonics programme. Children can also take quizzes on these books. Your child's log will be in their learning log. If you need your child's details please speak to the class teacher.

Science Corner



This week in Science, Year 4 have been investigating the effects of different liquids on our teeth.

We have carried out an experiment, where we have placed a boiled egg in 5 different cups containing 200g of water, coke, apple juice, orange juice and milk.

We Have made predictions about what we think will happen to the egg on each day for seven days.

We will check our eggs at the same time every day to see what is happening to them.



Showcases

It is our Year 3 Showcase on Thursday 1st February at 2:50pm. Please join us in our classrooms to see our learning in action. Gates will open at 2:45pm. We hope you are able to join us.

Sharing Assembly



2W have their sharing assembly on Tuesday 30th January and 1G have their sharing assembly on 6th February. We do hope you are able to join us to see what the class have been up to so far this year. The front gate will continue to open at 2:45pm and we will be allowing 5 minutes for parents to make their way round to our hall before gates close at 2:50pm and the performance begins.

Labelling School Uniform



Please can we remind you to label all of your child's uniform and PE kit. If items are not labelled with names, it becomes very difficult to give them back to the correct child.

Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition



On Friday 19th January, some of our year 5 and 6 pupils represented the school at a Thurrock SSP athletics competition, which took place at Basildon Sporting Village. The Deneholm athletes showed a great team performance to achieve an overall 10th place, out of 24 schools! All of the children displayed great team and individual athleticism. Well done team Deneholm!



March

- 5th 5HB Sharing Assembly
- 7th World Book Day
- 11th Year 6 SATs Meeting
- 15th Red Nose Day
- 19th 4SA Sharing Assembly
- 21st Year 2 Showcase
- 22nd World Maths Day
- 26th 3LM Sharing Assembly

Last day of term - 28th March



SUMMER TERM 2024

April

- 15th World Art Day
- 22nd Earth Day
- 30th Year 2H Sharing Assembly

May

Bank holiday 6th May

- 7th 1A Sharing Assembly
- 13th KS2 SATs week
- 14th 5C Sharing Assembly
- 16th Year 4 Showcase
- 21st 4W Sharing Assembly
- 23rd Year 3 Showcase

Half-Term 27th May – 31st May

June

- 3rd Year 4 MTC
- 10th Phonics Screening Week
- Year 4 MTC
- 11th 3U Sharing Assembly
- 13th Year 2 Showcase
- 18th 2W Sharing Assembly
- 20th Year 1 Showcase
- 25th 1G Sharing Assembly
- 26th Year 6 Residential to 28th
- 27th Reception Showcase

July

- 2nd RP Sharing Assembly



Important Dates for your diary...



SPRING TERM 2024

January

First Day of Term – 8th January

- 30th 2W Sharing Assembly

February

- 1st Year 3 Showcase
- 2nd NSPCC Number Day
- 6th 1G Sharing Assembly
- 7th Safer Internet Day
- 13th Reception Showcase
- 14th Year 2 Trip Barleylands
- 15th Year 6 Showcase
- 16th Non-Pupil Day

Half-Term 19th February – 23rd February

- 29th KS2 Workshop

- 5th Sports Day
- 9th RT Sharing Assembly
- 12th Year 6 Adventure Island
- 16th Year 6 Production to Parents
- 18th Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am

Last Day of Term – 19th July 2024

WE WILL AIM TO KEEP TO THESE DATES BUT, IF NECESSARY, THEY WILL BE CHANGED.