



# Darell News

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Friday, 17th March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a week of celebrating and admiring the talents of our pupils at Darell at the swimming gala and through our music festival. It has been wonderful to see our pupils shine outside the classroom. We have also had fantastic dance workshops that linked in with World Book Day. So a very big thank you is due to Mrs Bloomfield, Miss Cartwright and Miss Scott Avis for all the organisation and work they put in to making these events a success.

Next week we are going to have a very busy week at Darell, especially in Years 1, 2 and 6 as they are going on school trips. We also have a fantastic science experience for the children to look forward to on Wednesday morning. Finally, on Friday we look forward to seeing the children in mufti for Red Nose Day.

As we are fast approaching the last day of the spring term, I would like to remind the parents of our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils about our annual Easter Bonnet Parade. If you are needing some inspiration, or supplies, our front office is selling kits for £5 to help with the creation of the bonnets. In Key Stage 2, our School Council are running an Easter Egg Competition. For more details please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter.

Karen Bos



## Coming Up

- **Mon 20th March** - Year 6 Parent SATs Meeting
- **Tues 21st March** - Parent Hub coffee morning
- **Tues 21st March** - Grey Court Jazz Band visit school
- **Weds 22nd** - Pee Wee Karate grading
- **Thurs 23rd March** - Junior Citizenship Year 6
- **Thurs 23rd March** - Florence Nightingale Museum Trip Year 2 Grasshopper Class
- **Fri 24th March** - Florence Nightingale Museum Trip Year 2 Dragonfly Class
- **Fri 24th March** - Windsor Castle Trip Year 1

### Letters Sent Out

- Big Pedal letter Reception - Yr 6
- Borough Sports Letter - Selected children
- Easter Egg Competition Year 3 - 6

### Cleaner Air 4 Schools

Darell Primary School has been selected to participate in the Cleaner Air 4 Schools programme, run by London Sustainability Exchange and funded by the London Borough of Richmond.

**How does it work?** London Sustainability Exchange will lead a series of lessons and assemblies, which parents are encouraged to join. We will work together to measure the pollution in the area and take action!

**How to get involved** We are inviting parents and students to become Air Quality Champions who will carry out research and event activities together throughout the project and present their findings to the wider school community at the end of the summer term.

Parents/Guardians are invited to join the following activities: assemblies, assisting with monitoring using diffusion tubes and surveying, action planning and creating recommendations for tackling the challenge.

#### **March 30th 9.00-10.45: Assembly 9am to 9.30 and first Air Quality Champions meeting**

You are invited to attend a school assembly where the topic will be introduced, followed by an initial meeting for champions to plan the project.

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend any of the meetings or the assembly as a spectator, or become an Air Quality Champion and get involved in the whole programme!

Watch the newsletter for further dates.

## 5R Superstars!

### Swimming Gala

Well done to the Darell swimmers! A big thank you to Maisie Christie (Y5) who swam in the gala relay race which took us through to the Swimming Gala finals. The girls (Isabella D'Amato Rao, Sabrina Ouadah, Sarah Ouadah and Amber Thomas) took part in the freestyle relay race, coming 4<sup>th</sup> in their heat and showing great team work; well done, girls.

Amber swam in the Gala finals competing in the backstroke and butterfly races; in both races she swam well and managed to get into the Borough final for the backstroke event, a real achievement to be in the top 6 backstroke swimmers in all of the small, large and independent schools in the Borough! Amazingly, Amber came 4<sup>th</sup> in that race and she couldn't have been happier, even saying it was the 'best day of my life!'

I am hoping to see many more of you taking part next year. Get practising!

### Red Nose Day 24th March

Please note Red Nose Day is on **Friday**. Children may come to school in mufti, wearing a red item. Pupils may bring their red noses which they can wear at break and lunchtime.

### Attendance

Overall school attendance last week was 94.6%; our target is 96.4%. Well done to Kookaburra Class for their amazing attendance last week with 100% Best for punctuality were Robin and Butterfly Classes with 0 lates. Congratulations!



### PSA News

If you only do one thing for the PSA this month, please start saving your change for the annual Great Coin Race, which is on Friday, 5th May. The class which lays the longest line of coins will be awarded the 2017 trophy. As it's the longest in length rather than greatest in value which counts, this is the rare occasion where your 2ps could be worth more than your £1s.

We've had three lottery draws and three very happy supporters - are you missing out on the fun? Please consider buying a lottery ticket at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play). There has never been an easier way to support your school. Thank you.



### Maths Challenge 17.3.17

Start with the number 512  
Halve it, halve it, halve it ...  
until you get to 1  
How many times did you have  
to halve it to get there?



### Maths Challenge 3.3.17

Congratulations to Rafael from Sunshine Class, who was the winner this week.

### Maths Challenge 10.3.17

The answer to last week's Challenge was 26  
This week there were lots of correct answers, and we have picked Katre of Kingfisher class as the winner.

Stars are for children who have shown responsibility, resilience, reciprocity, resourcefulness or reflectiveness!



### Rainbow

**David** - for writing independently

### Sunshine

**Emilija** - for trying to be a responsible learner and using "I am learning a new skill"

### Bumblebee

**Lily** - for trying really hard in all lessons. Lily regularly brings in work she has been doing at home. Well done.

### Ladybird

**Rayaan** - for being reflective and resilient in his work. Trying to achieve his best, always.

### Grasshopper

**Louis** - for doing some excellent scientific thinking and helping others in his group

### Dragonfly

**Johan** - for excellent progress in all subjects

### Toucan

**Oscar** - for excellent concentration through the week

### Parrot

**Bluebelle** - for resilience and motivation in assessment week

### Robin

**Daniel** - for being polite to members of staff and working hard in DT

### Kookaburra

**Adam** - for working hard in literacy and being polite and helpful in class

### Eagle

**Ellen** - for being responsible and helpful and having a positive approach to school work

### Kingfisher

**Arianna** - for being a responsible learner at home

### Butterfly

**Herman** - for taking active part in group activities