



Darell News

Headteacher: Karen Bos Deputy Head: Deborah Lane
Friday, 12th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have remained cool, calm and collected this entire week. Well done, Year 6, you have shown us all what resilient learners you have become. Whilst invigilating your SATs, I was very impressed with the test technique you all showed and your perseverance, giving of your best.

To the rest of our children at Darell, a very big thank you to you all for keeping quiet during the tests and being mindful of moving around the school silently. To the staff and governors who helped with SATs breakfasts, yoga and invigilating, a big thank you to you for all the support you gave our Year 6 children.

Whilst writing this newsletter, I am looking forward to seeing Ladybird Class assembly today; it will be great to see them sharing their learning with us. Next week, we have Walk to School Week, so let's all get ready to adopt a healthier life style for the week, and have some fun commuting. We are also appointing our new Assistant Headteacher, who will start in September. This will be a whole school appointment with staff, governors and children taking part in the process. We have a very strong field, and I am looking forward to making this vital appointment.

A big thank you to all the parents who filled in our Annual Parent Questionnaire: we appreciate your feedback. I am pleased to announce that Year 6 won the muffin day with an excellent 68% response. In second place was Reception with 57% and third place went to Year 5 with 50%. Our overall response was 46.5% with 159 completed questionnaires from 335 pupils.

I hope you all have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week with your walking shoes on.
Karen Bos

Cleaner Air 4 Schools Programme Please could everyone go online and fill in the Cleaner Air survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CA4SRichmond> Thank you!



Coming Up

- **Wednesday, 17th May** - Rainbow hearing test
- **Friday, 19th May** - Sunshine hearing test
- **Friday, 19th May** - Reception Class assembly

Volunteer Training

We have some sessions available for volunteer training. Please sign up at the office if you would like to attend:

Thursday, 18th May 1.15 - 3.15pm

Weds, 14th June 9 - 11am

SMSA Job Advertisement

The school is looking to appoint a friendly, organised person to join our lunchtime team. For details please see the attached document. An application pack can be obtained from Angela in the school office.

Letters Sent Out

- Important music news letter - choirs, recorders and Band Jam

Music News

Darell children will be taking part in a community music concert at The Barn Church, 3 p.m. on Saturday, 20th May. All



Road Safety Poster Competition

Junior Safety Officers; Sara and Faria are announcing a "design a poster" competition. We want to keep Darell children safe by stopping cars from parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school. Please collect an entry form from the office. The deadline for entries is Thursday, 26th May. Good luck!



NO PARKING ON THE ZIG-ZAG LINES!!



Thank you

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who baked or bought cakes for my charity cake sale on Monday. There was a fantastic selection of cakes and a huge turnout to buy and eat them! Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised a whopping £253!!!! This is absolutely fantastic and all the money raised will go directly to the charity Women V Cancer Ride the Night 2017. Thanks again for all your support and best wishes for my ride. Helen Esquilant.

Attendance

Overall school attendance last week was 96%; our target is 96.4%. Well done to Kookaburra Class for their amazing attendance last week with 100%. Best for punctuality were Ladybird Class with 0 lates. Congratulations!

Art Exhibition

Local artist Susan Gibbons is exhibiting her artwork entitled 'Endangered and Disenchanted Animals' at the Riverside Gallery, Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, TW9 1TP. The exhibition runs from 20th May-24th June and admission is free. Susan is offering two viewings aimed specifically at children, where they can talk to the artist and engage in activities. These are at 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon on 27th May and 10th June. Susan will be visiting Parrot and Toucan classes next half-term.

Film Night - The Barn

Saturday, 13th May is Movie Day at The Barn Church. Films being shown are Frozen 10.30 am, The Minion Movie 2pm, and Dirty Dancing 8pm. Please see the attached flier for more details.



PSA News

The 2017 Great Coin Race was indeed great, with £506 collected and placed in very neat lines. Thank you for your generous contributions, and congratulations to Toucan Class (and your parents) for the winning entry. The money is safely sitting in the PSA account, waiting for the next two projects in the junior playground to commence - more on that soon.

We have two things parents can do to help raise money for the school that require very little effort, but we've a slight dip on both of them this month. Can we please ask that you try to remember to use **Easyfundraising** every time you shop online. It's money for nothing, and oh so easy. Please also have another look at **our school lottery**: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play. For £1 per week you can be part of our local draw and the national draw for £25,000. We think both options are better than having to volunteer for the dunk tank at the summer fair!



Maths Challenge 5.5.17

Here is the answer to last week's Challenge. This week there was no winner.

7	4	10
4	9	10
5	7	10
		45

Maths Challenge 12.5.17

On a football there are 12 black sections and 20 white sections. Can you write this ratio as a fraction in its simplest form?



5R Superstars!

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



Rainbow

Tommy - super work this week

Sunshine

Ruby - for consistently trying so hard practising her singing for the class assembly

Bumblebee

Grayson - for taking responsibility in his learning, and great effort during lessons

Ladybird

Aidan - for responsibly going home and practising his lines for class assembly

Grasshopper and Dragonfly

All of Grasshoppers and Dragonflies - for exceptional behaviour on our trip to the Science Museum. You were all great ambassadors for our school.

Toucan

Parmys - for being an extremely hardworking, responsible and reflective learner in English this week

Parrot

Tom - for being a responsible role model at lunchtimes and during SATS

Robin

Charlee - for taking responsibility for her learning at home and practising times tables and spelling each day

Kookaburra

Ben - for working hard in English and being a good role model, and helping and supporting others

Eagle

Cyron - for his willingness to work hard and for his good sense of humour

Kingfisher

All of Kingfisher Class - for fantastic resilience during SATS week!!

Butterfly

Ashton - for working well in Rainbow class