



## DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

### **Newsletter 17, 24.01.2020**

#### **Headteacher's Letter**

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week, I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the fantastic opportunities that children can access at Darell Primary & Nursery School. Over the course of the week, Year 5 visited the Science Museum, Year 2 went on a local area walk, Nursery children visited our local Homebase, our chess team took part in a tournament at a local school and our boys' football team also played their first fixture of the calendar year. It was also great to see the wide range of engaging extracurricular clubs taking place – I was particularly impressed with the children's skill and resilience in Cooking Club. It gives me great pride to work in such a busy school with so much on offer to our children.

Looking ahead, I would like to wish the boys' football team luck as they represent the school at our first tournament which is hosted by Brentford Football Club. As the weather continues to remain changeable, please do remember to ensure that your child is warmly dressed and has a coat for playtimes – I have certainly been feeling the cold on my cycle to school!

I hope you have a relaxing and restful weekend,

Paul Gilbert

#### **Updates from the Office team**

Please can we remind all parents and carers, we no longer accept cash in the office for trips or meals. All payments are made via the Arbor app. Please come into the office and we will be happy to help you.

#### **Upcoming diary dates:**

##### **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January:**

- **EFL Kids Cup Football Tournament**

##### **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January:**

- **Oral Health Workshop KS1**

### Letters/Communications sent out this week:

- **Rose Theatre Choir Trip Letter**
- **Picture Book Society Letter**
- **Natural history Museum Trip letter Year 3**
- **Swimming Gala Letter**
- **Chinese New Year Special Menu**

### Star of the Week:

**Mozart: Ray** – for participating well with phonics and dough disco

**Newton: Whole Class** – for taking their time to write small, tidy letters on the line

**Packham: Leon** – for always trying his best with a big smile on his face

**Peake: Henry** – for settling in so well to Peake class and having a positive attitude to his learning

**Weir: Maureann** – for being a super geographer

**Simmonds: Kelise** – for always approaching her learning with a positive attitude

**Thunberg: Tommy** – for having such a an enthusiastic attitude to his learning and school life

**Malala: Elif** – for an amazing attitude to all her learning

**Darwin: Katy C-A** – for super writing and editing in English

**Attenborough: Lotus** – for her insightful portrayal of a character in drama

**Parks: Sky** – for deep and thoughtful answers in our philosophy lesson

**Mandela: Lev** – for his progress and attitude towards learning

### Attendance:

Overall, school attendance last week was 96.6% our target is 96.8%.

Well done to Newton Class for the highest attendance with 100% last week. Best for punctuality was Simmonds, Thunberg, Newton and Darwin Class (with 0 late). Let's do our best for next week!

### Maths Challenge:

Last week's Maths Challenge 1 winner Emilia was from Darwin Class, well done!

Last week's Maths Challenge 2 winner was Violet from Parks Class, well done!

Please see the attachment with the newsletter for next week's Maths Challenge.

### New Events:

Dear Explorers,

I am pleased to announce another half term workshop with one of the country's best science communicators:

**Friday 21st February 2020, 11.00-15.00 WIERD LIFE UNDERWATER** with Simon Watt

From fish that use sickening slime as defence to sea cucumbers that fight with their bum, our seas are full of some of the strangest animals in the world. Biologist and TV presenter Simon Watt is a torrent of information on nature and its peculiarities and his humour is irresistible - the science teacher you will wish you had. Over the day there will be a bit of everything: show; audience participation; stunning audio-visuals; Question Time; activities; and more talk.

Simon is the founder of the Ugly Animal Preservation Society.

There are still places left for the problem-solving workshop:

**Tuesday 18th February 2020, 11.00-15.30 PROBLEM SOLVING CHALLENGE** The Problem Solving company will return with an entirely new carousel of logical thinking and puzzling and Maths Escape 2. As before the children will be working in teams on large floor-based items. No pencil, paper, slides or screens. The session at New Year was a triumph of ingenuity from both workshop leaders and children, the latter focussed on their mission to crack every problem with barely a moment of wasted time or inattention. £25 including lunch (£23 for PPUK members)

**Age:** Aimed at bright and motivated 8 - 12 year olds.

**Cost:** £25 including lunch (£23 for PPUK members)

**Booking:** Please reply to this email with your child's name, age and school. Payment on the day.

**Venue:** Putney Methodist Church. SW15 6SN (on the corner of Gwendolen Avenue and Upper Richmond Road), close to Putney mainline station or East Putney District Line. The church has a small car park to the left of the main entrance on Gwendolen Avenue, otherwise metered parking.

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