



DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Newsletter 21, 28.02.2019

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, let me take the opportunity to warmly welcome you back to school after the half term. It has been a really busy first week back with our first forest school sessions starting for Nursery, a successful netball team performance in the borough competition and plenty of inspiring learning happening in classrooms. Over the next couple of weeks we are excited to have a particular focus on reading with World Book Day and the numerous events that we are holding to celebrate our love of reading. With author visits, special assemblies, dressing up, visiting our local book shop and lots of storytelling, there is going to be plenty happening to celebrate the joy of reading!

As you will know, we have been sharing regular guidance with our school community about how to protect against Coronavirus (Covid-19) as well as key advice from Public Health England. We have updated the school website to include a section with all of the latest guidance. This can be found on our website under the parents tab and on the link below:
<https://www.darell.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+%28Covid%2D19%29+Updates&pid=3262>

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the guidance and if you do have any queries then do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at our parent/teacher consultations. If you haven't already booked a session, please do login to Arbor and book a slot to meet with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Paul Gilbert & Joe Porter

Office updates:

Special menu

For World Book Day we are having a special menu (please see attached). If you would like your child to have a hot meal on this day please top up on your Arbor meal account with £2.20. Children will be asked on the day for their lunch preference, so you do not need to inform us in advance.

Sports Equipment Jumble Sale

On Friday 6th March, we shall be holding a tabletop sale of used sports equipment, in the KS2 Playground. Please take a look and help yourself to any of the items available. We are not pricing the equipment but would be grateful of a donation.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent's evening appointments are still available. Please log into your Arbor account and book your appointment.

Upcoming diary dates for the following week:

Monday, 2nd March:

- **Y2 National Gallery trip**
- **Y6 Key Dates meeting**

Tuesday, 3rd March:

- **Parent Consultation Evening**

Wednesday, 4th March:

Thursday, 5th March:

- **Parent Consultation Evening**

Friday, 6th March:

- **Kew Book Shop Visit**
- **Used PE Equipment Table Top Sale**

Letters/communications sent home:

- Y6 Key Dates Meeting
- Y6 Junior Citizen trip
- Book Week Reminder
- World Book Day Menu Flyer
- Kew Book Shop Letter
- Y3 and 4 Basketball Tournament
- Fit for Sport Flyer
- Managing Your Child's Fears & Worries – Parent Workshop

Star of the Week

Mozart: Jessica – for always trying hard and always doing her best

Newton: Alfie – for being an outstanding student for many reasons, including working hard and working well with others

Packham: Ada – for confidently speaking to adults using sentences

Peake: Laura – for being a conscientious learner and working hard to improve her maths presentation

Weir: Riley – for always being enthusiastic and giving 100%

Simmonds: Oyku – for working hard in science and showing excellent scientific understanding

Malala: Amrit – for settling back into his learning with a great attitude

Thunberg: Paula – for her teamwork in PE and class

Darwin: Sophia – for her "can do" attitude and growth mind set

Attenborough: Summer –for her fabulous writing

Parks: Mehdi – for his positive algebra lesson with Mr Gilbert

Mandela: Rufael – for his fantastic learning behaviour and improved attitude with other adults

Maths Challenge:

Last week's Maths Challenge 1 winner was Sophie from Parks Class. Well done!

Last week's Maths Challenge 2 winner was Ethan from Mandela Class. Well done!

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

Attendance:

Overall, school attendance last week was 94.1% our target is 96.8%.

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