



## DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

### **Newsletter 15, 01.02.2019**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We have been very impressed with the way that the whole school community has responded to the Coronavirus outbreak. There has been an absence of hysteria and in its place rational decision making informed by advice from experts. In assembly today, we emphasised the need to maintain high levels of hygiene inside and outside of school and assured pupils that we are doing everything in our control to keep them safe. We will continue to welcome you and children into the school until told to do otherwise by the government and local authority. Getting back to the day job it has been a busy week at Darell. On Wednesday, we had visitors from the governing body coming to look at how we are developing speaking skills across the school. They were very impressed with the confidence and eloquence of children across the school. On Thursday, I showed the director of education around the school. She remarked on the buzz that she felt from the children and staff and thought that there was a positive learning environment. A number of sporting events also took place this week with our Year 3/4 and 5/6 basketball teams representing us excellently at the borough basketball tournaments. We also had three finalists participate in the borough swimming finals where the standard was incredibly high. Finally, we continue to celebrate all things reading with a visit to the school from Kew Bookshop. It was great to see so many children engaging with high quality texts. We look forward to next week with further visits from two author/illustrators to school on Monday! Have a lovely weekend! We look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards,

Joe Porter & Paul Gilbert

#### **Office Updates:**

##### **Reporting absence**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform the office as soon as possible. You can call the office and leave a message. Alternatively, you can send an email. If we do not hear from you, we will have to input their absence as unauthorised.

##### **Trip consents**

Please can we remind all parents and carers to log into your Arbor account and give permission for your child to attend any upcoming trips. We must have consent for your child to be able to attend.

#### **Upcoming diary dates for the following week:**

##### **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March:**

- **Year 4 Swimming**
- **Author and Illustrator Visiting Darell**

##### **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

- **Rose Theatre Choir Trip - CANCELLED**

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March:**

- **Y6 Citizen Trip Holly Lodge**

**Letters/Communications sent home:**

- **Fit For Sport Easter Flyer**
- **Richmond Music Trust – Rose Theatre Trip Cancelled**
- **Online Safety – Parent Workshop**
- **Egg-stroordinary Design Competition**

**New Events:**

On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March we will be welcoming two fantastic author-illustrators, Jane Porter and Emily Haworth-Booth to Darell School. They are both delighted to be visiting Darell and will be delivering assemblies, readings and workshops across the school. At the end of the school day, there will be opportunity to buy one of their books and have it personally signed.

**Star of the Week**

**Mozart: Allen and Neil** – for always making good choices

**Newton: Henry** – for excellent recount writing using time connectives

**Packham: Ali** – for trying hard with his independent writing

**Peake: Julia** – for improved confidence when speaking in front of the class

**Weir: Hannah** – for super observation skills in science

**Simmonds: Leo** – for consistently taking pride in the presentation of his work

**Malala: Whole Class** – for exemplary learning behaviour on the trip to the Natural History Museum

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**Darwin: Ruby** – for her hard work and being a good learning partner

**Attenborough: Harry** – for his consistent enthusiasm and clear explanations

**Parks: Alfie S** – for resilience in class

**Mandela: Paige** – for working well with her partner and her valid contributions in class

**Maths Challenge:**

Last week's Maths Challenge 1 winner was Sophia from Darwin Class. Well done!

Last week's Maths Challenge 2 winner was Lola from Darwin Class. Well done!

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

**Attendance:**

Overall, school attendance last week was 97% our target is 96.8%.

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