



DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a brilliant week at Darell where we have celebrated all things reading! There has been so much going on this week and there is plenty still to come. It has been fantastic to see the range of activities the children have participated in. There have been: Braille workshops, teachers swapping classes to share their favourite stories, visits to our local bookshop and of course the fantastic dressing up parade. It was wonderful to see all the creative ways that children took on the theme of dressing as a word. There was such a wide range of words on display – from shiny to scintillate - it was a great opportunity to show off our creativity and develop our vocabulary. Thank you to all of our children, parents and staff who really got into the spirit of the day and helped to make it such a success. It was also great to see so many parents attending parent/teacher consultation meetings on Tuesday and Thursday. These meetings are an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and share the high quality learning that is happening in school.

Looking ahead, we will continue to celebrate all things reading related over the next two weeks with further visits to Kew Bookshop, the bookshop coming to school and two authors/illustrators also visiting! As we do have a number of trips and events coming up, please do remember to login to Arbor and give permission for your child to attend where necessary.

Finally, please do continue to monitor the school's website for any updated guidance regarding Coronavirus (Covid-19). Updates can be found on our website at:
<https://www.darell.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+%28Covid%2D19%29+Updates&pid=3262>

We hope you have a restful and relaxing weekend,

Paul Gilbert & Joe Porter

Office updates:

School Meals

Can we kindly ask you to top up your school meal accounts so your balance remains in credit. We do ask you to pay a half term in advance where possible.

Nut Free School



Can we remind all parents and carers that we are a **Nut Free School**. Please be especially careful when using chocolate spread and chocolate filled crepes, as often it is chocolate and hazelnut. We have several children that suffer from nut allergies and sitting next to someone who has eaten nuts could be enough to cause a reaction we thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Parking

Parking is not permitted on the yellow zigzag lines surrounding the school. There is plenty of free parking surrounding the school within a short walking distance.

Please can we ask that whilst driving around the school area you keep your speed to a minimum.

Sayers Croft Residential trip

A polite reminder that the next instalment of £50.00 will be due by Friday, 27th March. All payments to be made via Arbor parent portal.

Upcoming diary dates for the following week:

Monday, 9th March:

- **Y4 Swimming**
- **Y3/4 Basketball Tournament**

Tuesday, 10th March:

- **Reception Hearing Test**
- **Y3 Natural History Museum Trip**

Wednesday, 11th March:

- **Swimming Gala Finals**

Thursday, 12th March:

- **Y5/6 Basketball Tournament**

Friday, 13th March:

- **Kew Pop Up Book Shop**
- **Y1 Florence Nightingale Workshop**

Letters/communications sent home:

- **Sport Relief Netball Match Letter Y5/6**
- **Basketball Tournament Letter Y5/6**
- **Y6 Parents' Meeting Information Letter**

World Book Day Celebrations

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day by having a Vocabulary Parade. Staff and children entered into this year's theme with great gusto! It was as if a whole dictionary had been left in the hall, as the children showcased a wide range of exciting, unusual and intriguing words with pride down the Darell catwalk. A fantastic day – and not only that, we learned lots of new words we can use when we are speaking or writing. Thank you to all parents who attended our special assemblies and helped to make the event such a success by providing such a wonderful array of costumes.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Malala, Thunberg and Darwin classes also enjoyed a very informative workshop about the Braille alphabet. The children had the opportunity to see some Braille books and look at how a Braille works. What an inspiring session - many thanks to Mrs Gaster for giving up her time.

On Tuesday, children from our Picture Book Society showcased what they have been doing in a special assembly. They shared some of their incredible work and retold one of the stories they have read. Our thanks go to Lucy Brett, the children, and the parents and carers who came along to support them.

Today, children from across the school also enjoyed visiting Kew Bookshop to exchange their tokens for one of the specially published books.

What a busy week it has been! There is more to look forward to over the next couple of weeks with visits from Kew Bookshop and two fantastic author-illustrators, Jane Porter and Emily Haworth-Booth.

Star of the Week

Mozart: Whole Class – for walking well and being sensible at Kew Bookshop

Newton: Whole Class – for great learning and participation in integration classes

Packham: Sheila – for excellent learning behaviour and always being helpful

Peake: Dinika – for always having a go at maths stretch it's

Weir: Darcy – for her enthusiasm for learning and for teaching the class some makaton

Simmonds: Vivian – for being a resilient mathematician and making great progress

Malala: Alicia – for her brilliant performance in our oracy lesson.

Thunberg: Teddy – for his confidence!

Darwin: Anton – for being an excellent talk partner

Attenborough: Archie – for his magnificent writing

Parks: Oscar B – for a sensational week with outstanding emotive writing and his best mock maths score

Mandela: Eloise RS – for her fantastic contributions in class

Maths Challenge:

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

Last week's Maths Challenge 2 winner was Juri from Parks Class. Well done!

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

Attendance:

Overall, school attendance last week was 94% our target is 96.8%.

Well done to Simmonds Class for the highest attendance with 98.7% last week. Best for punctuality was Mozart, Newton, Simmonds, Weir and Darwin Class (with 0 late). Let's do our best for next week!