

Dingle Community Primary School

Newsletter 28th June 2024

Message from Mrs Anderson

Hello everyone. What a fun week we've had here at Dingle Community Primary! Around the World Day, Sports Day, educational visits... the summer term is always great but this week has been particularly fun, with a great weekend ahead too!

'Midsummer Madness': our big community event, being organised with the High Acres Community Association and High Acres pub, is this Saturday! Further details can be found on the second page of this newsletter. Please come along, support the event and have an absolute blast. Please also remember that stalls being run by school, including games, arts and crafts, face painting, food and drinks, will be cash only, so come armed with some change.

Around the World Day: Our day on Monday was such fun and the children had lots about and celebrated cultures from around the world. Years 1-6 'travelled' to Japan and learnt about origami, went to India and did Bhangra dancing, made Samba music in Brazil, made Aboriginal-inspired art in Australia, made and tasted tzatziki in Greece and created leis in Hawaii. EYFS have spent the whole week 'travelling' to different countries! The children enjoyed finding out different countries and cultures and, most importantly, were incredibly respectful about how these differ across our planet. Well done everyone! I am so glad you enjoyed the experience.

Transition Tuesdays and a change to PE days: Transition Tuesdays are starting this coming week. The children will, in week one, be taken to their classroom for September by their current teacher and in the following weeks they will meet their new teachers to get ready for next year. To accommodate this, we have had to change two PE days. From next week Class L will have PE Mondays and Wednesdays and Class S on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Fri 5th July: All children from years 1 to 6 need to wear P(E) kit for school as they will be participating in Boogie Bounce sessions, in addition to their normal PE lessons that week.

PE kit and Book Bags- September: The requests for new PE tops for September (for next year's Reception to Year 6) have been ordered and we will contact you about distributing them when we have them! We will continue to have PE days next year, with children coming into school wearing kit on 2 days a week (initially 1 day a week for Reception). Once the school's big order has been processed, Totally Uniform, in Kingswinford, will be selling this as part of our normal uniform options, if you would like to purchase a second one. Children will be expected to wear the new PE tops for all PE days. The funded book bags, for next year's Reception, year 1 and year 2, have been ordered and we will contact you about how they will be distributed when they arrive. Please remember that Reception, year 1 and year 2 will only be permitted to bring their book bags, lunchboxes and water bottles into school in the new school year.

Forest School Tue 25th June: This Tuesday we had our first Forest School session that coincided with warm weather and have had feedback that some children were very uncomfortable. As you know, Forest School is an all-weather activity and extreme weather of any kind is considered. There is shade for the children, with our outdoor classroom, and children should have had access to lots of water. As it stands, children are asked to wear long sleeves and trousers as this is in line with the health and safety practices for the company who lead our sessions, but we have contacted them about this and will keep parents posted and will provide a clear and updated seasonal kit list for the new academic year. For the time being, please send children with both long and short sleeves and trousers for Forest School sessions and ensure they are wearing sunscreen and have a hat and water bottle. School staff will ensure that, if we are lucky enough to have continued warm weather, that children have lots of time in the shade, are dressed appropriately and are kept safe.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school on 01384818305, at info@dingle.dudley.sch.uk or by speaking to myself or Ms. Heather on the playground. Unless it has been pre-arranged, any email correspondence to individual staff email addresses will not be responded to, so please use the info email address to ensure we can follow up appropriately and efficiently.

Gemma Anderson (Headteacher)

Sports Day

Well done to all of our children for their efforts in Sports Day and for the wonderful sportsmanship that was displayed. Thank you to the Sports Leads and Upper School children for their hard work. Also thank you to the teachers, particularly Mrs Danks, for organising the event. The total scores are in...

Classes D, I and N	Classes G, L, E and S
1 st place: Mars	1 st place: Mercury
2 nd place: Jupiter	2 nd place: Mars
3 rd place: Mercury	3 rd place: Jupiter
4 th place: Saturn	4 th place: Saturn

The overall winners were... Mercury!

Well done everyone!

Teachers for September 2024

We are now in a position to tell you who will be teaching where next academic year. Next year's classteachers will be:

Class D: Miss Jones

Class I: Miss Taylor

Class N: Mrs Thomas and Mrs Miller

Class G: Miss Fernihough, new to our school

Class L: Miss Potter

Class E: Mrs Wallis

Class S: Mrs Ellerton

Mrs Danks will be primarily working with Classes L and E

You may have noticed that Miss Dwyer is not on this list- she has decided, after an extraordinary 30 years of dedication, to leave us to explore other opportunities. We'll be talking more about this and celebrating her and her years of hard work before the end of term.

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Attendance

Please remember that no term time holidays are authorised and unauthorised absence may lead to referral to the LA or other outside agencies. A letter about the new DfE information (from August 2024) was sent to you this week.

Parents are contacted, as part of school's policy and procedure, where attendance is of a concern. If a child's absence is of a concern, school can, at our discretion, choose to not authorise absence without medical evidence. Parents must also try to ensure that routine medical appointments, such as regular dental check-ups and opticians' appointments, are made outside of the school day.

PE and Forest School days reminder

Class D: Thursdays and Fridays

Class I: Thursdays and Fridays

Class N: Mondays and Thursdays

Class G: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Class L: Mondays and Wednesdays

Class E: Mondays and Thursdays

Class S: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Classes D, I and S will also be participating in Forest School sessions on Thursdays so will need appropriate kit.

School Diary Dates:

Transition Tuesdays: beginning Tue 2nd July

Years 1-6 Boogie Bounce sessions (children to wear PE kit): Fri 5th July

Year 2 visit to Dudley Zoo: Wed 10th July

End of year reports to parents: Wed 10th July

Parents' Evening for class S: 2pm-5pm, Thu 11th July (booking form to go live next week- parents will receive a text message)

Year 6 dress rehearsal for Classes D to E: Fri 12th July

Year 6 performance for parents: 1.30pm and 5pm, Mon 15th July (further information to follow)

Rocksteady performance: 2.30pm, Tue 16th July (parents of Rocksteady children invited)

Year 6 residential visit: Wed 17th - Fri 19th July

Parents' Evening for Classes D to E: 3.30pm-6pm, Thu 18th July (booking form to go live closer to the time)

Transition morning: Fri 19th July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 9am, Mon 22nd July (parents of year 6 pupils invited)

New Challenges Day across school: Mon 22nd July (children to wear comfy clothes. Yr 6 to wear uniform until after their assembly)

Ending at normal time for the Summer holiday: Mon 22nd July

Term dates for 2024-25, taken directly from

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-term-dates/>

Autumn: Term Starts - Monday 2 September

Please note school is closed to pupils on Mon 2nd and Tue 3rd Sept for INSET.

Half Term - Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Term Ends - Friday 20 December

Spring: Term Starts - Monday 6 January

Please note school is closed to pupils on Fri 14th Feb for INSET.

Half Term - Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Term Ends - Friday 11 April

Summer: Term Starts - Monday 28 April

Please note school is closed to pupils on Fri 23rd May for INSET.

Half Term - Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

Term Ends - Monday 21 July

Please note school is closed to pupils on Mon 21st July for INSET.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is taken very seriously here at Dingle Community Primary.

If you have any concerns at all regarding the safety of a child, please contact Mrs Anderson or Ms Heather for advice or support.

Please ensure that, when we have lovely weather..

That children are wearing sunscreen and bringing sun hats and water bottles into school.

If any families are struggling financially,

please contact school as we may be able to help with providing some supermarket vouchers.

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