

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

Stand Up to Bullying

PCSO Angela led whole school assembly today as part of Stand Up to Bullying Day. The children listened well to her key reminders on what to do if someone is unkind to them in, or out, of school. Angela reminded children about being kind in school, and online. She talked about cyberbullying and how the police may get involved if the online unkindness happens outside school even in primary aged children. She talked about how any messages, even ones on Snapchat or WhatsApp can be easily found and used as evidence as screenshots are often taken. Angela did advice children not to deal with things themselves but to speak to a trusted adult.



World Book Day

A reminder that we will celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 7th March 2025**. Children may wear their pyjamas to school in return for a minimum donation of a pound. Monies collected will go towards replenishing our book shelves. Children are encouraged to spend ten minutes each evening enjoying stories and books with parents and families.

Mrs Rachel Cross, our Chair of Governors is impressed by the community using the local telephone box as a community library. She has added a few well-loved books to this collection – do take a look!



The school has been actively using our outdoor Cosy Cabin to encourage even more children to enjoy reading for pleasure. Now that the cold spell is nearly over, the cabin will be open more during the day to get more children reading. Do come and take a look if you are ever on the school site.

Helping Children to be Better Learners

Over the last few years, since lockdown was lifted, staff have observed an increase in the number of children who find it hard to sit up for longer spells, sit properly at tables and focus on their writing and handwriting. A significant number of children do not possess the correct pencil grip. The reasons are varied, but one of the issues for many children was the reduced amount of active play essential for these muscles to develop over the period of lockdowns.

Over the next term, we will be focusing on developing children's core strength, and fine motor skills at school. There will be further information and a handwriting workshop for you. Parents may wish to read how they can support their children at home through some useful links below

<https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/health-and-development/gross-motor-skills/core-stability/>

<https://www.playstreet.in/2020/07/28/importance-of-core-muscles-for-children/#:~:text=In%20many%20cases%2C%20toddlers%20are,them%20every%20now%20and%20then.>

HOME BASED ACTIVITIES FOR A STRONGER CORE

1. Swimming
2. Completing worksheets against the wall.
3. Lying on tummy, propped up on elbows and colouring.
4. Lying on back, propped up on elbows and kicking a ball.
5. Sitting on the therapy ball and swaying.
6. Superman pose.
7. Bridge pose.
8. Wheelbarrow walking.
9. Animal walks like crab, bear and snake slides.
10. Climbing across Monkey Bars.
11. Encouraging correct sitting posture.



Safeguarding



Requests for Items Below

Can you help?

Masking tape, egg boxes, A4 card (any colour), decorative items for cardmaking for Easter, Eid and any other celebrations.

Dates for Your Diary

- 7th March 2025** – World Book Day – Non-Uniform Day – for further information please refer to parentmail
- 13th March 2025** – School nursing Team visiting Reception & Y6 Class – Height & Weight Check
- 19th March 2025** – Intro to Anxiety Workshop ran by Mental Health Support Team for Parents 10-11am
- 20th March 2025** – SENCO Coffee Morning for Parents – focus on ASD 10-11am
- 21st March 2025** – Comic Relief Red Nose Day – wear something red – more information to follow
- 1st April 2025** – Y4 Class Assembly for Y4 Parents at 9.15am
- 3rd April 2025** – Parents to Look at Books 3.15 – 3.45pm
- 4th April 2025** – School closes for Easter Half Term at 3.30pm

School Office

The school office gets extremely busy first thing in the morning as well as at dismissal time in the afternoon. If you have any urgent messages that require attention, please ensure that you pass these directly to the class teacher at drop off or pick up times, or do email the school office where your messages will be promptly forwarded to class teachers.

We would be grateful if you could follow this process to avoid any miscommunication or delay.

Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing our Muslim families Ramadan Mubarak as they start their month of fasting. Enjoy this beautiful sunshine.

Best Wishes

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher





EASTER CAMP

EARLY BIRD 10% DISCOUNT STARTS NOW

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EXPIRES MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

NORMAL DAY: 9AM - 3PM - £31
EARLY DROP: 8AM - 9AM - £2.50
LATE PICK UP: 3PM - 5PM - £4.50

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

14TH - 17TH APRIL



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Hall Games
- Dodgeball
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Balloon Volleyball
- Archery
- Nerf Wars
- Easter crafts
- Parachute Games
- Team Competitions
- Easter Party Games

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campsein-2-group.co.uk
[HTTPS://IN2SPORT.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://in2sport.classforkids.io)

Following the successful holiday camp, In-2-sport are delighted to announce they will run Easter Holiday camp here at Dorney School from **Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April**. See the attached poster for booking details

YOGA CLUB AT DORNEY SCHOOL

Bring calm, awareness and breath into being

Help your little ones embrace calm, focus, and fitness with our Yoga Classes.
places still available



Thursday after school
Register Now
email:
yogafeathers111@gmail.com





Dorney School

Building Confidence & Well Being through Drama

- Little Tanks drama club is enrichment for your child as it aims to develop children's confidence and well-being.
- Throughout the term the children will partake in games and activities that will be fun, exciting and engaging.
- We believe that by embedding your child's resilience it will give them a more positive approach to developing their strengths even further.
- Work on an end of term show to share with parents during the last session.

Summer Term 2025

29th of April – 15th of July*
(excluding half term – 27th of May)

Years: R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.25 - 4.25pm

Venue: Year 1 Classroom

Cost: £77.00

To avoid disappointment please complete your form and fee as soon as possible as there are only 20 spaces per course. We work on a first come first serve basis once the payment & online form has been received

*Please note these dates are subject to change

Contact Us

E-mail: debi@littletanks.co.uk

Website: www.littletanks.co.uk

Please see the school website under 'clubs' to complete the registration form online and make the payment to secure your child's space.

Spaces are only allocated on receipt of both the form and fee

Payment Details

Account Name: Little Tanks Ltd
Account Number: 99493876
Sort Code: 60-83-71
Cost: £77.00
Reference: DN + your child's name

Little Tanks Ltd – 7 Mead Close, Egham, TW20 8JA - Company No: 11018848 – GDPR Compliant

For more information please see our application form:
<https://forms.gle/EZ4LiaNdZsdXgBuf7>
and for any queries please contact Debi:
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