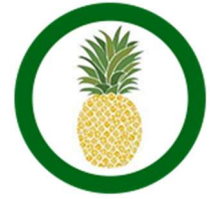


# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear parents,

One more week until the half term. Do remember that school closes at 3.15 on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and will re-open on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

Do remember to book your virtual parent's consultation with the class teacher on school cloud for **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

Parents are invited to view their child's books on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025** from 3.20 – 3.40pm, straight after the children are dismissed. If you are unable to make this date or time, do communicate with the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to look at your child's books.



## SENCO Drop in Sessions

Do you have any concerns or worries about your child's learning or behaviour? If so, please make an appointment to discuss these with the school SENCO. We are running 15-minute appointments on **February 25<sup>th</sup> between 9.30am - 11.30am and 4.30pm - 6.30pm**. We hope this will allow you the opportunity to talk and discuss your child's needs. These can be booked via the SchoolCloud system, in the same way that you have booked parents evenings. There are a limited number of appointments. Bookings will open on **Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm and will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 3.00pm**.

## News Around the School

### Great Athletes Visit – Nerys Pearce

WHAT AN AMAZING MORNING! Wow! Nerys is everything that an inspiring athlete and human must be. Paralysed waist down through horrific motor accident, she told us her story of overcoming adversity through sport. Winner of 9 international medals, Nerys also tells of her struggles at school with undiagnosed ADHD, and how with support, she made it all the way to university and became a combat medic in the British army.

On her hospital bed, feeling sorry for herself after being told she could never walk again, Nerys was introduced to her first wheelchair and has never looked back since. Her physical and inner strength is a story we can all learn from, and the children and staff certainly did!



Thank you for your sponsorship money. 60% of the amount raised will go towards sports equipment for the school. There are another **6 days** to send the sponsorship form with payment into school.





## Children's Mental Health Week

In Reception and Year 1 we have been making our own worry monsters to eat away our worries and thought about the people who are connected to us on our Invisible string as these are the people who we can talk to if we are feeling worried.



## National Storytelling Week

To celebrate National Story Telling Week Year 5 have been working hard to write their own stories. We all wrote a story based on the book 'The Island' by Armin Greder where we imagined what life would be like on a happy island. We also worked hard to write our own superhero stories following a fantastic online workshop by the author Tola Okogwu. Year 2 were fantastic listeners and we really enjoyed sharing our writing!

## Year 5 – Parachute Investigation



This term we have been learning about forces and seeing them in action. Some of our investigations have including testing mass and gravity, water resistance and air resistance. Here are some photos of us dropping our self-made parachutes to see whether the size of the parachute would affect the speed at which it dropped. There has been lots of fantastic scientific thinking during this topic!

## A Letter from the Florence Nightingale Hospice



Dear Dorney School,

Finally, I have had time to provide your well-earned certificate following your Santa Dash in December and your kind donation to the charity.

With every £25 raised funding an hour of our wonderful nurses' time, we are so grateful for your support for the Hospice. Your donations will be used to help the Florence Nightingale Hospice continue to support the people of our community by funding the provision of

Specialist Palliative care and End of life care provided by the Hospice doctors and nurses. This care is provided both in the Hospice and in patient's homes. Your gift will also support our volunteer bereavement support team to help children and adults to re-establish their lives following the death of a loved one.

Thanks again for your support.

Kind regards,  
Bill

## Forest School

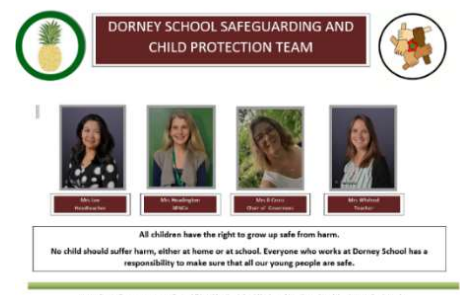
As part of RSPB Birdwatch campaign, children made birdfeeders to encourage birds to rest a while at Dorney School.



## Safeguarding

### **Manipulative Marketing in Mobile Games - Better Internet for Kids**

Children are increasingly becoming major components in the online games industry. Many games are deceptively pay to play, whilst claiming to be free. For most of these apps the download is free but most of the gameplay is locked. Free in the context of apps is a highly flexible term. Online gaming firms use the 'free' label to draw in players, whom when talking about minors may be attractive due solely to that quality. Money making tactics such as these, can be hard to detect even for adults. Their use of bright colours, distracting music and other methods can be highly persuasive in gaining players. Better Internet for Kids has crafted a learning module designed to explore digital marketing tactics. You will learn why companies use these tactics and how they can impact your child and their rights. You will also learn how you can support your child to spot and avoid these issues, as well as where you can seek help and support. If interested, please follow the link below:





<https://better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/en/learning-corner/parents-and-caregivers/marketing-games>

## **School Attendance**

Do look out for very important information regarding school attendance and thank you so much for your ongoing help and support.

## **Please Help – Message Form St Nicholas Group**

There are plans to open an under-two playgroup at Dorney Hall. This new group would be an extension of our successful St. Nicolas Playgroup in Taplow.

We would be very grateful if you could help us by filling out the survey. Maximizing responses will be invaluable as we work with South Buckinghamshire County Council on this project.

The survey link is: <https://form.jotform.com/stuartroach/dear-parents>

Thank you

Enjoy your weekend.  
Best Wishes

Mrs S Lee  
Headteacher



## **Reception**

Farren for writing a sentence independently with finger spaces and full stop  
Shiloh for working hard on his phonics and reading

## **Year 1**

Scarlett for great mental Maths in Maths fluency

## **Year 2**

Zeb for an excellent explanation in Maths about counting in 2s  
Stanley for an excellent first week at Dorney, trying his best in all his learning

## **Year 3**

Hamara for showing kindness, compassion and empathy to others  
Leo for his amazing work in Maths this week, multiplying 2-digit numbers



#### **Year 4**

Millan for working hard to learn his timetables which helped with division!  
Dom for fantastic effort and ideas during English to create a story

#### **Year 5**

Belle for always having a fantastic attitude to learning and trying her best!  
Sebastian for having a positive attitude and always coming to school with a smile!

#### **Year 6**

Abbey for persevering to solve equations and dedication to do her best  
Zach K for fantastic effort with research tasks and effort with Maths

#### **Staff Star of The Week**

Mrs Whitrod for being amazing and for her Reception/Y1 class being a class of the month for January in Active Travel

Mrs Van der Walt for her work banding the new school books and for amazing decorating the book area with wallpaper

An invitation from Bucks Council:

**Community Inclusion for children with SEND - We need your help!**

<https://schoolsweb.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=3&id=AA499DD2-5088-4061-8A37-B27200B128F2>

