

# DORNEY SCHOOL



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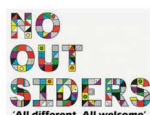
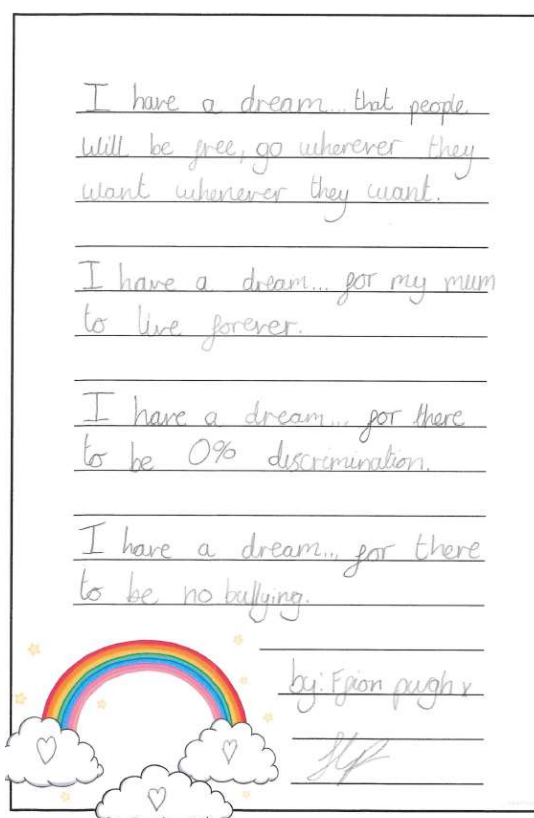
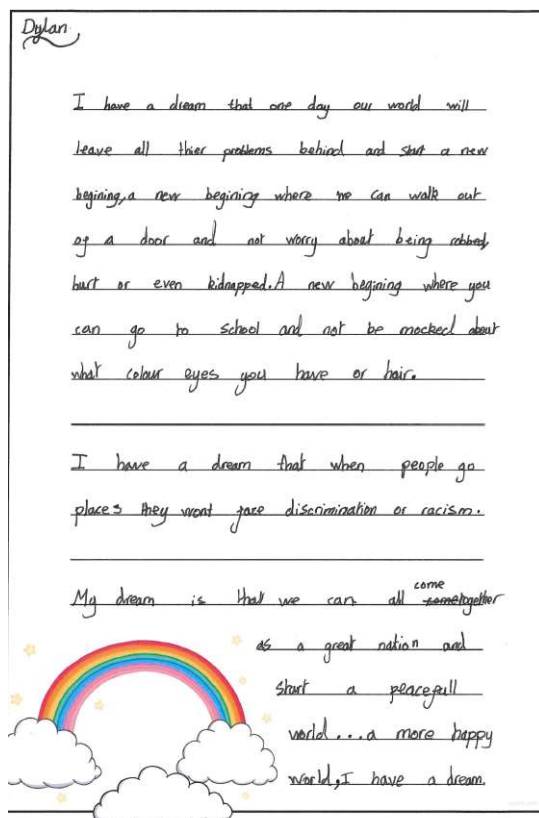
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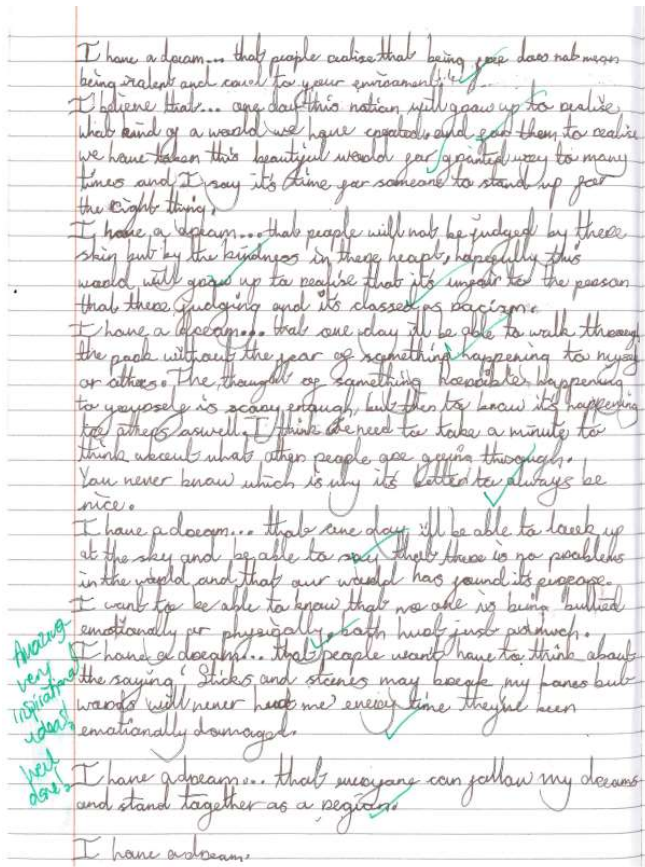


Martin Luther King Day 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear parents,

Your children are amazing! The assembly on Martin Luther King on Monday demonstrated their critical thinking, passion for social justice and their determination that the world belongs to all of us, with no room for racism. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 crafted their own 'I have dream speeches' which would astound any reader, or listener. Here are some examples; these will also be uploaded onto the school website.





Isabelle Y5

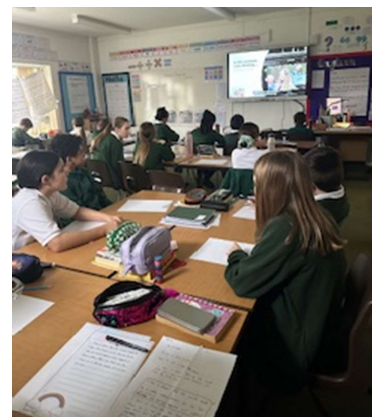


Next week is Bird Watch week where we will encourage all children during Forest School to spot and observe birds in our local area, and to make, and maintain bird feeders. We would like to encourage families to participate in this valuable and exciting event too next weekend – use this link and follow the simple instructions

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?sourcecode=BWMEMM0014&utm\\_source=20241211\\_EBGB\\_BGBW-2025-Reg-Launch-NatExp&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=8&utm\\_campaign=bgbw25](https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?sourcecode=BWMEMM0014&utm_source=20241211_EBGB_BGBW-2025-Reg-Launch-NatExp&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=8&utm_campaign=bgbw25)

### Author Workshop

Year 6 met Elle McNicoll, a celebrated children's author virtually this week. Elle has written many amazing books for children including a Bright Kind of Spark, Show Us Who You are and Like a Charm. Her characters are realistic, centres around families and school, and her main character are usually neurodivergent. Miss Parkash was impressed with the children's thinking skills, and empathetic understanding of neurodivergence.



### PTA

Time for a clear out!

Little Recyclers will be collecting clothes on Tuesday 21 January.



Please drop off as many bags as you can fill! Just leave by village hall doors if you use breakfast club but from about **8am** some PTA members will be around to leave it with. The more we collect the more £ we raise for school equipment for the children. 😊

Thanks!

## **Y4 Poem**

### **The Land That's Ever Ice**

Glossy clumps of white powder,  
Shiny, glistening clusters of frosty icicles,  
Snow dancing down like cotton wool,  
The land that's ever ice.

A clear scattering of frost,  
A chilling set of ice,  
The icy, bitter bite of snow,  
The land that's ever ice.

A gleaming group of icicles,  
A swirling cluster of sequin snowflakes,  
The shining, glistening lakes,  
The land that's ever ice.

The deadly, spinning blizzard,  
The freezing hurling snowballs,  
A frozen lake shining like diamonds,  
The land that's ever ice.

## **Reminders**

### **PARKING**

The school has been informed that the disabled parking bay at the back of the school has moved. The disabled bay is clearly marked out. Please avoid using this as this is reserved for commuters with disability.

There have been several reminders to reduce speed in and around school. Unfortunately, we have been notified of cars speeding in the Trumper's Field car park and down Harcourt Close. Please be mindful of pedestrian and other drivers. It would be devastating if an accident occurred.

### **Toys and Objects**

No toys or objects are allowed to be brought to school unless this has been agreed with the class teacher first. This is to avoid loss, damage and upset. I will be reminding all children at assembly today. Please support us with this as disagreements and incidents take up a lot of teaching time, and may spill over into playtime.



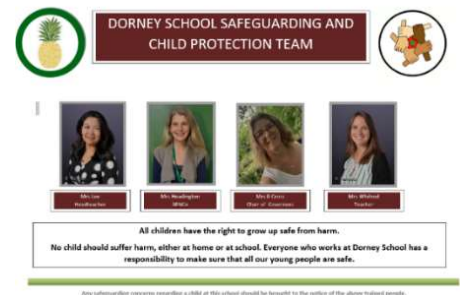
## Attendance

Do ensure that your child is at school, and on time every day. Any attendance that dips below 96%, is a cause for concern, unless there are exceptional circumstances, for example, prolonged illness. The local authority, and the government takes school attendance seriously and are monitoring this very closely.

Do avoid speaking to class teachers at the start of the day and do wait patiently at the end of the day to speak to them as they need to dismiss pupils safely. Do email the school if you are unable to speak to class teachers, and they will respond to you as soon as they can.

## Safeguarding

**Parents and visitors are NOT permitted to enter the school building. All visitors must sign in at the office. This is to ensure the safety of pupils and staff. Parents and visitors must be accompanied by a member of staff whilst on site.**



Thank you for your ongoing support and help. Together, we do make a difference to children's lives and their education.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs S Lee  
Headteacher



## **Reception**

Hudson for his hard work in school and at home  
Ibrahim for settling into class so well and working hard with phonics

## **Year 1**

Santino for working hard on his handwriting

## **Year 2**

Shaheeth for his excellent independent learning in all subjects!  
Dottie for her excellent work planning a sequel to our story!



**Year 3**

Thea for her fantastic effort in Maths, English and handwriting this week!  
Lilly for her amazing presentation in her books this week. Keep it up!

**Year 4**

Harrison for starting each day off with a smile and working hard in Maths  
Caoimhe for a fantastic start at Dorney School and putting up her hand to share her ideas

**Year 5**

Joshai for a positive start to a New Year! Keep it up!  
Aarav for a positive start to a New Year! Keep it up!

**Year 6**

Zach D for his efforts in class and contributions to class discussions. Well Done!  
Oscar for his excellent presentation, listening and contributions to class discussions. Keep it up!

**17TH-21ST FEB**

**FEBRUARY CAMP**

NORMAL DAY: 9AM - 3PM - £24  
EARLY DROP: 8AM - 9AM - £2.50  
LATE PICK UP: 3PM - 5PM - £4.50

**FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD**

EARLY BIRD 10% DISCOUNT STARTS NOW!  
**LES567**  
EXPIRES MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- Hall Games
- Dodgeball
- Outdoor Sports
- Balloon Volleyball
- Hockey
- Dances
- Arts & Crafts
- Parachute Games
- Team Competitions
- Individual Challenges

Dorney School:  
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<https://in2sport.classforkids.io>

We are excited to introduce In-2-Sport who will be running a February half term holiday camp at Dorney School between 17<sup>th</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025. Please see the flyer with information on how to book your child a space.

In-2-sports are coming into school on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025** to run a taster session for the children followed by an assembly. Remember there is a 10% discount if you book a space on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**Humble Bee**

Art Craft Mindfulness

Every Wednesday of school term  
3:25-4:25

**Only a few spaces left!**

Please contact Amanda & Daniela  
humblebeelifecraft@gmail.com

**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  
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