

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Newsletter 15th November 2024

Dear Parents,



Wow! What a weekend and week full of exciting and significant events. In chronological order:

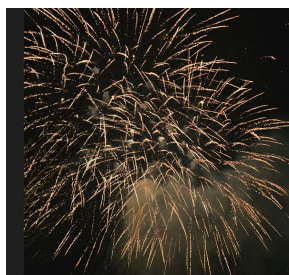
Fireworks Night Saturday 9th November 2024

Every year, I am amazed how this event gets better and better! The event raised just under £2000, and this money will go towards a new sound system for the school. It was so popular that the PTA sold out of all tickets and many people had to be turned away. There were just under 500 people who attended. I know that the PTA are already planning a bigger event for next year! A huge thank you to **Ben McLeish and all members of PTA**. Gratitude must also go to **parent helpers, staff and all stall holders** – we couldn't do this without your help There was multiple feedback such as this one:

Hello Dorney PTA
Just a quick message to say my family had a wonderful time at your fireworks event on Saturday evening.

Brilliantly organised!
Lots for the kids
Delicious food
AMAZING fireworks!

Thank you very much. A lot of hard work was clearly put into the event - we will return next year!
Rest



Remembrance Day Monday 11th November 2024

It was a poignant assembly as year 6 pupils recounted stories from their family history during the great war. The pupils helped us to understand the impact of such wars on nations, citizens, individual and families. Through this assembly we understood how our diverse histories are intertwined. There were recounts of courageous acts, harrowing details and how war and migration changes our landscape. It is so important that we carry this legacy as stories from the past get quieter over the years unless we remember, retell, and ultimately learn from them. "Lest We Forget. Never Again."

Rami and Aaryan remind us through a verse of this poem, In Flanders Field by John McRae

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Protecting Our Planet Tuesday 12th November 2024



On Tuesday 12th November we celebrated Protecting our Planet Day (POP). Year 5 joined in a with fantastic live lesson from the Eden Project in Cornwall where we learnt lots of interesting information on how to protect our rainforests. We were shown lots of different plants and vegetables such as bananas and cacao trees. Year 5 and 6 have



worked hard to create posters with lots of facts on how we can protect and look after our environment.

Miss Hussain (Science subject leader, Eco leader, Year 5 teacher)

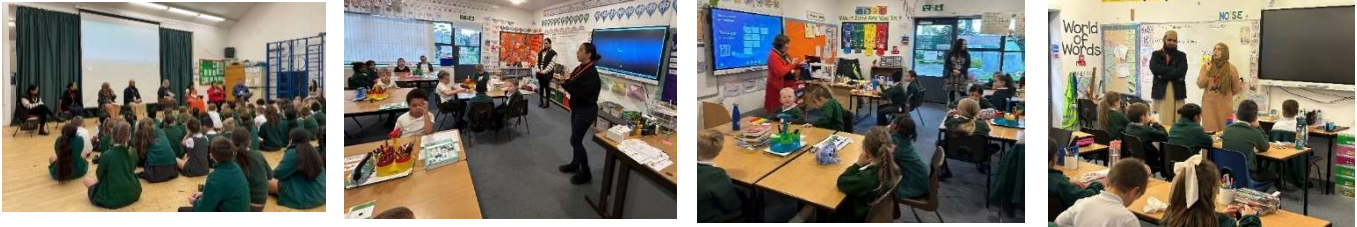
Open Event Wednesday 12th November 2024

We had the penultimate Open event. It was well attended by parents looking not only for places in next year's Reception class, but in other year groups too. Feedback from our visitors was amazing and they praised all our children on how confident, polite and articulate they are from the youngest in Reception to our oldest



in Year 6. Many said that the children and staff were all naturally warm and welcoming, and so enthusiastic about their school. Our children are amazing!

Interfaith Day Thursday 14th November 2024



We had Mandeep and Sanjeet from the Gurdwara, Imam Abied and his wife Ani from the Maidenhead Mosque, Reverend Carol and Stephen Baker to represent local churches, Mrs Paladugu to talk about Hinduism and Miss Ambrose to talk about her Jewish faith. Our external speakers were very complimentary about how knowledgeable, respectful and well-behaved the children are. We are already looking forward to more of such events at school, and would love to include speakers from other faiths, and parents too. Watch this space!

“On Thursday this week we held an Interfaith event to celebrate Interfaith week. The aim for the event was to introduce children to different religions by giving them the opportunity to be curious and ask questions to different religious experts and leaders. This links directly to our whole school vision for religious education as we strive to develop critical thinking skills whilst enhancing children’s knowledge and understanding of, and compassion for people and their beliefs, religious or otherwise. The children loved asking questions about the different religions as well as start to make some connections between them. I was so proud of how inquisitive and respectful the children were and loved seeing children talk about their own faiths and beliefs too! Thank you so much to everyone who made this event so special.”

Miss Ambrose (RE subject leader and Y3 class teacher)

Stars In School Thursday 14th November 2024



Every year, Wendy Hailes from the union UNISON comes to school bearing gifts for all our support staff – our unsung heroes! Congratulations to Miss Farnborough who was randomly selected for the main prize. It is always lovely to be acknowledged. Thank you to children who wrote short messages and made cards for our



support staff. Most days, it is the little things that make us smile. A huge thank you to every single staff member who remain dedicated and passionate about supporting all children.

Stone Age Workshop Year 3 Friday 15th November 2024

We were so pleased to be able to arrange a Stone Age workshop in Year 3 due to a last-minute cancellation! This workshop links well to Year 3’s history topic of Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages of human history and development. Some snapshots from just this morning:





At Forest School This Week:

The children have had a fabulous week this week in Forest School. Some of the children have been in the nature area looking for bugs. They used the magnifying glasses to look in great detail at the bugs they found. Year 6 helped with cutting down an over grown bush in the nature area using the loopers. Year 4 were very excited, they were shown how to light a fire using fire lighters, a fire starter flint and twigs. What could be better than learning how to safely light a fire? Do remember to supply your child with a pair of wellington boots and a waterproof coat as Forest School happens in all weathers!

Mrs Hughes and Mr Clay

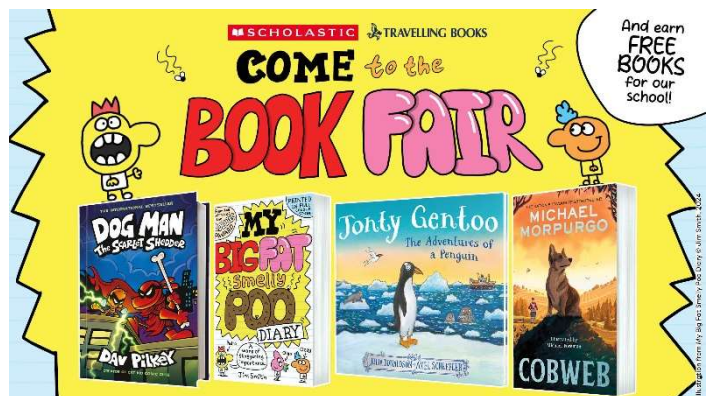


Phew! And all these on top of learning to read, write, spell, calculate amongst others things. Our staff and teachers are truly amazing! As Sanjeet from the Gurdwara taught us, that in Sikhi (yes this is the correct term to use) religion, you are encouraged to respect your teachers in the same way you respect your parents.

Next Week:

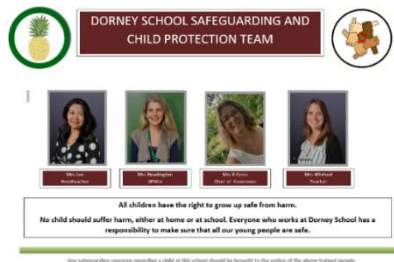
A separate email has been sent to explain some of the activities we are participating in for **Anti-Bullying Week** next week.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is also coming to school next week. Information has been supplied to parents regarding when the fair is open for you to view and purchase books. Do come and browse and grab some bargains in time for those Christmas presents and stockings!



On top of that it is **Road Safety Week**. Do keep up the great work in community safely and responsibly to and from school.

Safeguarding



I think everyone deserves to rest well this weekend. Sending you my best wishes.

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher



Reception

Larae for confidence in phonics and blending
Mannat for neat letter formation and handwriting

Year 1

Aliyar for engaging well in speech and language games

Year 2

Sophia for being a role model for everyone by working hard and always trying her best
Finley for making right choices and displaying positive attitude towards his learning during Maths

Year 3

Rose for her amazing effort in everything that she does inside and outside of class
Saveer for his fantastic effort in PE this week with Mrs Hughes

Year 4

Dom for excellent effort in Maths to understand addition and subtraction
Aleena for fantastic effort in writing and improving word choices

Year 5

Risheek for fantastic maths learning using multiplication and division. Well Done!
Ethan for always contributing fantastic thoughts and ideas during class discussions



Year 6

Theo for settling into Year 6 well, joining in with discussions and doing his best!

Phoebe P for consistently putting in 100% effort in all lessons and taking care with presentation



The advertisement features a central image of a soccer ball on a field, with a goal net in the background. In the top left corner, there is a red shield-shaped logo with a soccer ball and the text "MAIDENHEAD WARRIORS F.C.". To the right of the logo, there is a block of text. At the bottom, there is a red banner with white text and contact information.

MAIDENHEAD WARRIORS F.C.

This is an exciting opportunity for boys/girls to train on Friday evening and play matches on a Sunday. This is an exciting opportunity to play as part of the team and meet new people. All of our coaches hold FA level 1 coaching qualifications. If you are interested bring some friends and join us for a training session.

Maidenhead Warriors FC are looking for additional players to join their NEW U7 and U11 teams

For more information, contact Kam on 07900 847 730