

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

October is **Black History Month** and, in our school, the aim is to thread diverse narratives into our history curriculum. We want to ensure that we learn how all our histories are inter-connected in many ways and that understanding history will lead a better and fairer future. This month, each class will focus on trailblazing black women such as Malorie Blackman, Mary Seacole, Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Olivia Morris and Phillis Wheatley.

Harvest



Our school's harvest celebration and learning are in full swing! Next week Year 5 showcase their learning at assembly alongside a very special guest from the local foodbank. On Monday, we welcomed again local farmer William Emmet to speak to the children about local farming and harvesting. The only disappointment was that he was unable to bring in his tractor due to the heavy rains. His knowledge and family history of farming always surprises us and we learnt so much how climate change is farming's greatest challenge and threat.



Curriculum Workshops

Thank you to parents and carers who attended the English and Phonics curriculum workshops. We hope you found these useful. Thank you for your positive feedback and comments. All presentations can be found on the school website. The next session is Maths:

Y1-Y6 Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 9.15am

EYFS Thursday 17th October 2024 at 10am



Thank You



A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Walker for another amazing signage. The children love their Forest School and the sign below will be placed on the outdoor classroom to inspire more outdoor adventures. Do please donate any spare children's wellies so that as many children as possible can participate.

Our school was also a lucky winner of a golden ticket from a national stationery supplier. We have been able to exchange the ticket for three month's supply of classroom stationery. Thank you GLS!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Thank you for taking school attendance seriously, and for being considerate with off-site parking. We are also grateful for your help in ensuring our children take pride in their school uniform. Do, as always, speak or email class teachers with any questions or concerns so that your queries can be dealt with promptly.

Parents' Consultation Day

Do look out next week with details on how to book your virtual slot for parents' consultation day **Monday, 4th November 2024**. Parents are invited to look at their child's books and work on **Wednesday, 23rd October 2024 at 3.15pm**. If you are unable to make to either or both, do reach out to your child's teacher who will be able to help you.

Harvest Donations

Just a little reminder that started collecting food donations for Slough foodbank. If you are able to donate any spare cans/packets of dried food, baby diapers and regular household toiletries for the collection, please bring them in to school by **Monday 7th October 2024**. Thank you

Dates For Your Diary

Y5 Harvest Assembly for Y5 Parents – Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 9am - please come through the side gate next to the nature garden, a member of a staff will open the gate at 8.50am

EYFS – Maidenhead Advertiser Whole Class 1st Day Photograph – Friday 11th October 2024

The Kids Lunch Company Taster Session for Parents – **Friday 11th October 2024** – back gate will open at 3pm to welcome the parents to taste a variety of the amazing sandwiches that The Kids Lunch Company has to offer. Please come along and help yourselves.

SEN Coffee Morning for Parents with Mrs Headington – **Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 10am**. Please come via the school office if you wish to attend.

Y1-Y6 Maths Curriculum Workshop for Parents – Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 9.15am – please come through the side gate next to the nature garden, a member of a staff will open the gate at 9am

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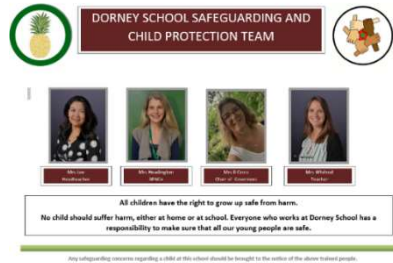
Flu Vaccination for all year groups – **Friday 25th October 2024** – please refer to a parentmail

Half Term – 28th October to 1st November 2024



Teacher/Parent Consultation Day – Monday 4th November 2024 – more information how to book will be sent to parents next week
School opens to children **Tuesday 5th November 2024**

Safeguarding



Have a good weekend.

Mrs Sharifah Lee



Reception

Amreet for being super helpful in the classroom and at tidy up time.
Farren for her amazing work in phonics.

Year 1

Zhuri for a fantastic piece of writing about What the Ladybird Heard.

Year 2

Vincent for great focus, sharing his ideas and trying his best in class.
Otilie for being focused and good effort in writing.

Year 3

Keira for creating an amazing poster showing off everything you have learnt about skeletons in science.
Mason for always putting your best effort into everything you do! Well done and keep it up.

Year 4

Imogen for being a kind and caring member of our class and beautiful presentation.
Savannah for contributing so well in class and always putting in your best effort.

Year 5

Isabelle for excellent writing in English using super vocabulary.
Sebastian for excellent effort and focus in Maths when learning about rounding.



Year 6

Emilia for her FANTASTIC contributions in class and for producing an excellent non-chronological report.
Zackary K for setting into Year 6 very well and already being a great member of the class.

International Walk to School Month



Living Streets are running a fun Autumn Street Safari activity over the month of October with another trail for families to get involved with and another opportunity to encourage all the children to walk/bike/scoot to school! Some of the resources will be available on Purple Mash.



Are you a parent/guardian with a child between the ages of 5-11?

We want to learn more about the challenges and difficulties when feeding your children healthy foods during the Cost-of-Living Crisis



If you are interested in taking part in an interview, please email:

Hannah.froome@brunel.ac.uk

£15 voucher for taking part!

This study is being conducted by a doctoral researcher and has been approved by the College of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences Research Ethics Committee (Brunel Research Ethics Approval: 44814-MHR-Jun/2024- 51239-3)

