

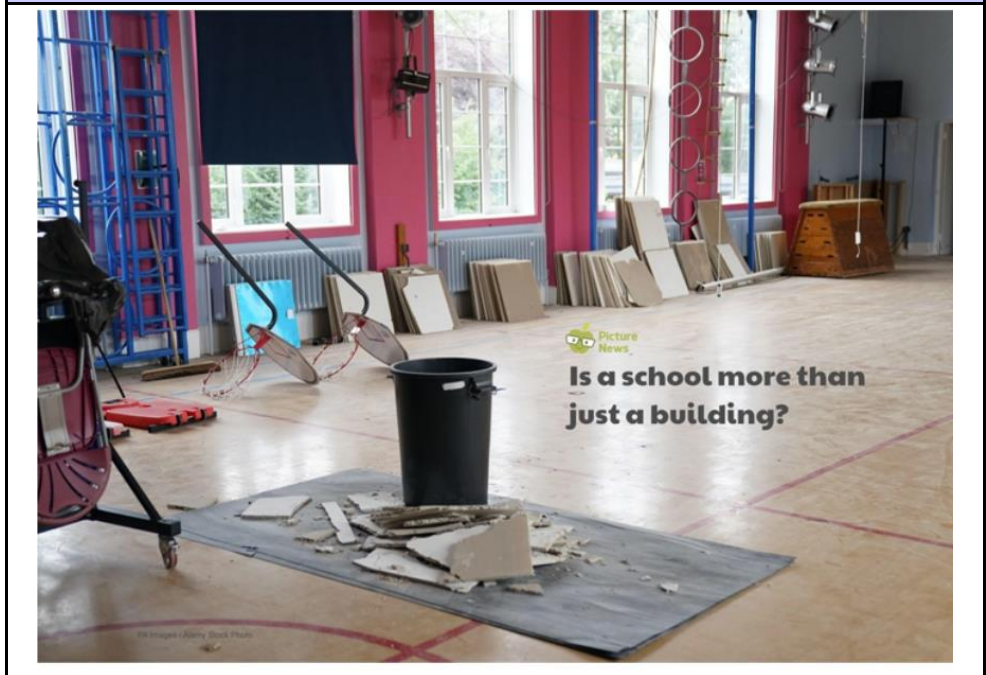
Newsletter (3) Autumn Term – 22.09.2023

What happened this week in school?

- We would like to welcome Mrs Iqbal to the teaching team, who will be teaching years 3 and 4.
- We wish Miss Seeley well on her maternity leave.
- All pupils and staff voted this week to elect the prefects. These will be announced shortly.
- Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend Tuesday's "Meet the class teacher" session after school. We will have a parent consultation at the end of October. If there are any urgent messages, please contact the office to arrange a mutually agreed time to meet with class teachers.
- We also now have a new school website. www.drwalkers.co.uk



Picture News – This week's Big Question...



Roots and Fruits Value

Peace







British Value of the term





Democracy










Attendance target: 96%

	Reception class 93%
	Years 1 and 2 94%
	Years 3 and 4 95%
	Years 5 and 6 98%
Whole school	96%

House Points

Ants		70
Badgers		79
Locusts		115
Lizards		68

Value Awards

	Reception	Harry	Creativity: Constructing a stable housing for a gorilla!
	Courage		
	Years 1 and 2	Madison	For becoming more confident
	Years 3 and 4	Phoebe	For always trying hard and not giving up
	Years 5 and 6	Sienna	For pushing herself to achieve well
	Creativity		
	Years 1 and 2	Jett	For lovely pictures of summer and seasons.
	Years 3 and 4	Jude	For playing the Ukulele really well
	Years 5 and 6	Tilly	For creativity when solving a Tudor crime
	Respect		
	Years 1 and 2	Amelia-Rae	For listening intently during the lessons.
	Years 3 and 4	Maisey	For being very polite to everyone
	Years 5 and 6	Talia	For treating everyone with respect
	Compassion		
	Years 1 and 2	Alice	For spreading joy amongst her friends
	Years 3 and 4	Amelia	For always being kind and helpful
	Years 5 and 6	John-James	For always being kind to others
	Perseverance		
	Years 1 and 2	Dolly	For excellent effort she puts into her learning.
	Years 3 and 4	Alice Cus	For trying her best in all lessons
	Years 5 and 6	Cash	For not giving up – even when it's hard
	Responsibility		
	Years 1 and 2	Jesse	For taking his role of a class buddy seriously.
	Years 3 and 4	Joey	For being a good class buddy
	Years 5 and 6	Freya	For being very helpful, even when not asked
	Hope		
	Years 1 and 2	Evie	For believing in and supporting her friends.
	Years 3 and 4	Kai	For always having a smile
	Years 5 and 6	Lillie	For trying her best, showing a positive attitude

Classroom News



Reception Red Class

This week we have learnt i, n, m and d.
You can consolidate the learning [here](#).

In maths we have begun to look at length, mass and capacity.

We have also been exploring seasonal changes for when Autumn begins on Saturday!

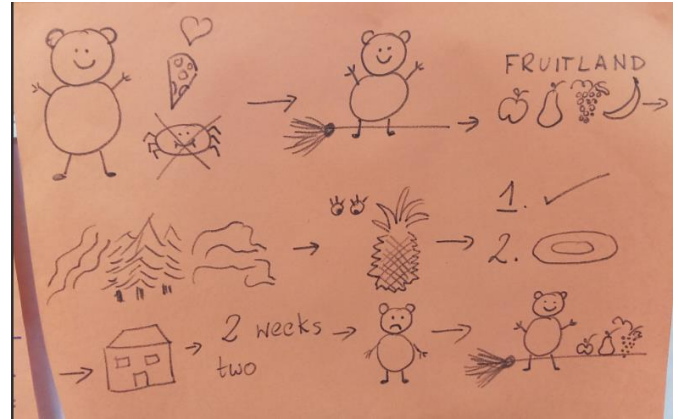
Red class have been learning an Autumn song to help them to remember the changes that occur.
You can listen to it [here](#)

There have been lots of opportunities to be creative and to develop our fine motor skills too!



Years 1 and 2 Orange-Yellow Class

This week, we have been working on questions, statements and exclamations. Year 1-2 came up with really intricate questions to Freddie the Bear whose adventure we will be describing in the next few days.



In maths we have been working on finding 1 more and 1 less than a number. I am delighted to say that Orange/Yellow are pretty successful in this area of maths.



Years 3 and 4 Green-Blue Class

This week in English, the children have been planning and writing up a 'How to defeat a monster' story. They worked really hard on this all week before publishing it onto bordered paper.



In Maths this term, we have started on our 'Place Value' topic and the children have been efficiently working out Fluency and Problem-solving based questions.

It was lovely to meet some of you on Tuesday afternoon. I am very happy to be your children's new teacher and look forward to getting to know them and you.

Mrs Iqbal



Years 5 and 6 Indigo-Violet Class











In History this week we have been conducting a murder investigation. We looked at various secondary sources and answered the following questions:

1. How was Anne killed?
2. Why was Anne killed?
3. What else could we learn about Henry and Anne?



Anne Boleyn sketched by Gabriella Alder

Class buddies of the week

			
Reception	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
			
Ellen and Noah	Loki and Evie-May	Phoebe and Joey	Ralph and Lillie

Information

Improvements –

More developments in the EYFS learning area... Mud kitchen stations have been put up alongside a water activity stations.



New school website

Please be informed that the school has a brand new website.

www.drwalkers.co.uk



Jackets

We have a large number of different rain/wind jackets we are making available to our pupils, even though not formal school uniform. We would appreciate a donation of around £3-£5, as it is brand new and of good quality. The jacket also folds up into a small pouch. They will be available from the office from next Monday.



Class representatives

Parents are kindly requested to nominate themselves for representing classes:

- Red class (Reception) – Mrs Doran (Jake's mum)
- Orange-Yellow Class (Years 1 and 2) - TBC
- Green-Blue class (Years 3 and 4) - TBC
- Violet-Indigo class (Years 5 & 6) - TBC



Macmillan Coffee Morning



You are invited for tea and coffee on Friday 29th September at 8.30am to 9.00am for Macmillan cancer support. Please let the school office know if you are able to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reception Open days



Open days are very important opportunities for parents and carers of prospective pupils to come into the school.

We love showing parents around our school!

- A tour of the school with a senior teacher/ leader
- Opportunity to see the school in action with pupils
- Picking up an information pack
- Your opportunity to ask questions

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Dates and times

- Thursday, 12 October 2023 at 09.45-10.15
- Friday, 3 November 2023 at 09.45-10.15
- Monday, 4 December 2023 at 09.45-10.15
- Thursday, 11 January 2024 at 09.45-10.15

Applications

Parents need to make an online application for a Reception school place by **15 January 2024**.

Information



25.09.23	KS2 Dance Lesson 1.30pm to 2.30pm
27.09.23 to 29.09.23	Year 6 Residential to Skreens
29.09.23	Years 3 & 4 Assembly – parents are invited to attend
29.09.23	MacMillan Coffee morning 08.30am-09.00am – more information to follow
02.10.23	Potential Afternoon Tea for Grandparents - TBC
04.10.23	Walk and Roll to School Day
05.10.23 to 10.10.23	School Book Fair
09.10.23	Dogs Trust – Dog Safety Workshop
06.10.23	Autumn School Census Day – Please book a school dinner to help the school.
12.10.23	Dr Walkers Open Day 09.45am to 10.15am
13.10.23	Years 5 & 6 Assembly – parents are invited to attend
13.10.23	Mini Reports for parents
16.10.23	Paul Sturgess (Guinness Book of Records tallest Football Player) visiting school
17.10.23	Parent consultation evening 15.30-18.00
18.10.23	Parent consultation evening 15.30-18.00
20.10.23	Harvest Assembly Years 1 & 2 Assembly – parents are invited to attend
23.10.23 to 27.10.23	Half Term



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Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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	School closed: Holidays		School closed: Bank Holiday		School closed: Staff training (INSET)		School days		Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term	Monday, 4 September 2023 – Wednesday, 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term	Thursday, 4 January 2024 – Thursday, 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February – 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term	Monday, 15 April 2024 – Tuesday, 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday – 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days

You are strongly advised to check with the school before making any holiday or other commitments.