



Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Summer 2 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Life in school is certainly returning to 'normal' with the delicious smell of cooking wafting down the corridors, beautiful music playing from all directions and children getting so excited about the prospect of owls visiting the school. This week Year 6 have ordered their script and music for the end of year production, proving that life may be different but we can certainly provide a rich, enjoyable experience for our learners at Drayton. While many of us may feel 'zoomed out,' it has been superb to hear the children sharing their learning in Friday's Zoom Achievement Assembly – Year 3's turn this week!

Thank you to everyone at DJS for working so hard to help us stay connected and moving forward with our learning – your care for the children is second to none. Best wishes, Mrs Read

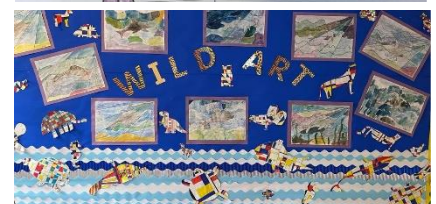


What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 10th – 16th MAY 'NATURE': Collective Worship & Assemblies this week are all focussed on recognising the importance of a healthy mind, as well as exploring different ways to manage our emotions positively. Nature is this year's national theme. Lots of children seem to have enjoyed football, cycling and playing this weekend. Yesterday we managed some 'hot chocolate breathing' and today the value of a good night's sleep was shared. After several trips to enjoy the bluebells at Blickling, I don't seem to be able to get enough of them.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY: The delicious smell of baking bread returned to the corridors at DJS, along with beaming smiles from budding Year 3 bakers. This week Year 4 have turned their hands to homemade burgers, homemade tomato sauce and homemade chips – yum yum yum! Thank you Mrs Taylor for continuing to provide such valuable hands on experiences for the children – they love it, even the washing up!

RACE AND ETHNICITY: Following a presentation about 'Lifting Global Communities' by Allana Gay at the recent Diocese conference for Headteachers, we have joined the Diocese Race & Ethnicity Working Group. Issues such as racism will be focused upon, working with other schools exploring ways to include a greater multicultural dimension into the curriculum, building children's understanding of the world around them. It looks like an incredibly worthwhile and exciting project so watch this space. For more information why not take a look at BBC schools for KS2 children - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zqtnvcw> - where there are some useful videos for children to watch.



YEAR 3 HOOT WITH ME!: Today Year 3 excitedly welcomed three feathered visitors to the school playground as part of their topic on Predators. As the children got to meet the owls from 'Hoot with Me' they asked an array of interesting questions about these beautiful creatures, whilst sharing their impressive knowledge. What a treat it was to have a visitor come to the school hide!

YEAR 4 CLAYTASTIC!: Well done to Year 4 who have been busy making clay sealife creatures. In Friday's Achievement assembly we were all wowed with their knowledge of seahorses as well as loving the balloon continent work. Thank you to 4L who invited Mrs Read to join them as they painted their sea turtles.



SUCCESSFUL SWIMMERS: Special congratulations to all of our Year 4 & Year 5 children who achieved their distance awards last week. It was great to share certificates in Friday's assembly (10m, 25m, 50m). Swimming is such an important lifesaving skill, especially with us living so close to the sea.



DJS Information Update

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Tuesday 18th May a.m; Classes having PE on this day should bring a school sweatshirt and t-shirt to school to change into. They need to wear clothes and footwear appropriate for PE as usual.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY: From 7th June we have a vacancy for Lunchtime Supervisor, Monday – Friday, 6 hours a week. Please see the office for details or Educator Solutions job vacancies.

FSM: Edenred vouchers have been ordered for families in receipt of Free School Meals for May half term week. Please speak to the office if your family circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for FSM. Alternatively use the link: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL: NCC have advised the school that the School Crossing Control (Linda) will not be in place on the afternoon of Friday 21st May. Please take special care on this afternoon crossing the road.

YEAR GROUP PLAYTIME BUBBLES: From Monday 17th May, in line with government guidance, children will be able to play in year group bubbles (as opposed to class bubbles), providing wider social interaction opportunities. We are really proud of how the classes have coped with the current situation and know just how much they will enjoy playing with their friends in parallel classes. Children will continue to work in class bubbles in school with assemblies/Collective Worship via Zoom. Please do contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL TIMETABLE: It is hoped that by the start of September that the school can return to its usual start/finish times, however this will not be confirmed until the end of June/early July and is dependent on Covid19 government guidance.

INTERVIEWS: Finally, please be aware that Deputy Head interviews take place next week. Although these will be conducted remotely, we are planning to involve the children and staff team where possible. More information to follow.

DATES LIST SUMMER 2021

May	
Tuesday 18 th	Individual school photos
Wednesday 26 th & Thursday 27 th	Y6 Gressenhall trip (subject to government guidance)
Friday 28 th	Non uniform day in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance / Last day of term
w/c 31 st May – 4 th June	Half term Break
June	
Monday 7 th	Term starts; Assessment week: Reading and Maths
Monday 14 th	Assessment week: SPAG
July	
Monday 5 th	6:30pm Year 3 parent/carer transition meeting (zoom)
Tuesday 6 th	End of year reports go home
Wednesday 7 th	Y5 Pleasurewood Hills (subject to government guidance)
Thursday 8 th & Friday 9 th	High school transition days
Tuesday 13 th	Reports clinic for parents/carers (online)
Wednesday 21 st	End of Term/school year