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Dear Parents/Carers,
With the nights drawing in, the wet weather and leaves all over the ground, it must be nearly time for the October half term break. I do hope that you have good things planned with your families for a well earned holiday. I am certainly looking forward to a few Blickling walks with the dogs. Having successfully completed the Manchester Marathon a couple of weeks ago, it will be great to enjoy a few Sundays at home with no long runs planned. We have a lot of exciting plans in place for next half term, my first one at Drayton at Christmas time. Year 3 will be working together on a Christmas production and the choir and instrumentalists will be preparing for the church carol service. We very much hope that parents/carers will be able to join in these events, sharing the joy of watching the children perform and have fun together. Best wishes, Mrs Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

YEAR 6 SCIENCE:

Light and Shadows have been explored by Year 6. They have been trying to find out what happens to the size of the shadow when we move the object away from the light – looks like they had good fun investigating.



YEAR 6 TOPIC: Hola Mexico!

Throughout this half term Year 6 have immersed themselves in all things Mexican with lots of map work, research and making. They have learnt all about the Mayan tribe, writing their own non-chronological reports. While learning all about the colourful Day of the Dead festival, they have created vibrant masks.

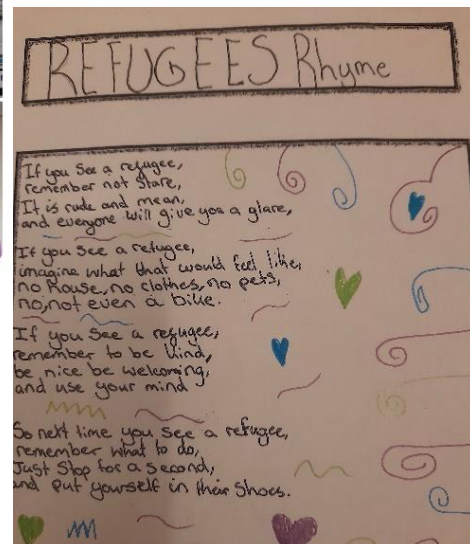
In Food Technology Mrs Taylor has linked the tasty cooking creations to Mexico, with children proudly making chilli con carne, guacamole and salsa dishes. The corridors have certainly been filled with a variety of smells. Well done Year 6 cooks, you should be proud of your culinary skills.



REFUGEE AWARENESS:

Thank you to Janet Marshall from 'Journeys for Learning' who delivered absolutely brilliant story sessions across the school on Tuesday raising awareness of the plight of refugees. Her use of social stories, props and clothing really helped to develop the children's empathy, leading to some great questions and discussion. Janet was impressed with the children's knowledge and even tweeted a copy of a Y6 poem. Thank you Mrs Innes for organising these informative, worthwhile sessions.

Thank you @DraytonJunior for a warm welcome today for Refugees, 'Just One Bag' story sessions... years 3-6 were all superb...loved your RE displays too!
#edutwitter
#RefugeesWelcome @DioceseNorwich
@DNEAT_Academies @ChrislindyJ @philosophyinks2
@goochkt



YEAR 5 HATE CRIME AWARENESS: On Tuesday 12th October Year 5 took part in a Hate Awareness afternoon, led by Norfolk Police. They learnt about Anti-Social Behaviour, how we are different and online crime. The police informed everyone that being racist online is a hate crime. They showed what to do if we are unhappy with behaviour towards us or others online. This includes talking to a trusted adult or phoning the police. Year 5 also learnt that children can be arrested from the age of 10!!!

HARVEST/FOODBANK: A massive thank you for all of the donations for our Harvest Foodbank collection this week. We have been overwhelmed with the amount received and cannot thank you enough, especially when many families are struggling at present. Mrs Taylor has kindly volunteered to take the donations to Foodbank Norwich later in the week. It is hoped that a member of Foodbank will be able to join us next term to share how they use the donations received. It was delightful to be joined by Reverend Marc for today's special Harvest Collective Worship and we are really looking forward to returning to church visits next term as Christmas celebrations begin.

FOOTBALL NEWS:

Year 6 boys' football

Drayton beat White Woman Lane 5-0
Drayton beat The Avenues 5 - 2

Year 5 boys' football

Drayton beat WWL 4-0
Drayton lost to Firside 4-1

Brilliant playing from both teams – roll on the next matches! You should be very proud of yourselves.

CROSS COUNTRY: Well done to all who competed in last week's races (more information to follow) against other local schools. You all represented the school superbly! I know the CC organisers were delighted to have return to a competition with over 200 pupils wearing beaming smiles. Let's just hope that the rain eases off ready for the next event.

CLUBS: This term has seen a welcome return to clubs in school: choir, ukulele, samba, tennis, rugby, football and running with others on the horizon. Thank you to staff who have given their time to make these possible.

Drayton Girls Year 5 + 6 football tournament report:

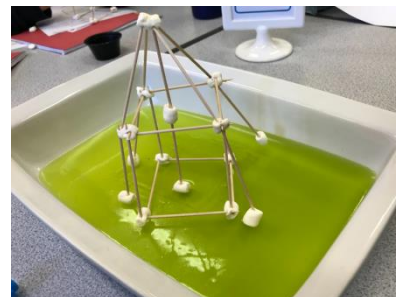
Our first game was against St. Williams. It was a tough battle as the ball went between both ends of the pitch. Summer made some good saves against hard shots. The game ended 0-0

Our next game was Firside. They were a talented side. The ball was kept around the halfway line but suddenly the ball squeezed past our defenders and scored twice. The game ended 2-0 to Firside.

Our third game was against White Woman Lane. The ball stayed in White Woman Lane's half. Both teams had lots of possession in this game but no goals. It ended 0-0.

Our next game was against Avenue and we played brilliantly as we kept the ball in their half nearly the whole game. Nina in 6F scored a brilliant goal straight in the net. The goalie couldn't get her hands on the ball. 1-0 to Drayton Girls team.

Next Erin in 6W ran up the pitch on the left as she skipped past players and struck low and hard and it went in. Brilliant goal. Next one of Avenue's players got lucky and got past the defenders. Summer, the goalkeeper, tried to catch the ball but they chipped it over. The game ended 2-1. Our last game was tough as we played a tough side; Taverham. We struggled to get the ball out our box as they kept pushing. One of Taverham's girls managed to slip a goal in against our goalkeeper. 1-0 to Taverham. We got the ball up but Taverham got the ball again and ran with it. One of Taverham's players took a brilliant strike. The ball slipped past Summer's fingertips. The game ended 2-0 to Taverham. We placed third out of six schools - well done Drayton Girls! Thank you Easton College for hosting us.



YEAR 3 SCIENCE: Sticky, messy Science fun in Year 3 by the looks of it as they built structures from marshmallows and cocktail sticks before testing how well they would withstand an earthquake – using jelly! What a great way to learn about structures...tasty too!



DJS Information Update

BOOK TOKEN COLLECTION: From Saturday October 16th the EDP's Books for Schools initiative returns in partnership with Enjoy Books More. Mrs Hone, our English Lead and avid book lover has signed DJS for this great project to help support the school library. All schools which participate will win £100 worth of books, while the school that collects the most will win £1,000 worth. Two runners-up will be given £500 worth. For more information follow the link below.

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/education/books-for-schools-2021-tokens-launched-8410464>



DYSLEXIA PARENT SUPPORT: The Dyslexia Outreach Service based in Taverham continues to provide invaluable support and resources for schools and parents/carers. Please use the link below to find further details about a course specifically designed for anyone who has contact with a child with dyslexia of school age eg. Parents/carers, grandparents, etc...Two course dates are offered, at the cost of £25 per session.

<https://www.dyslexiaoutreach.co.uk/new-home/courses/dylexia-awareness-for-parents-course/>

ONLINE GAMING/VIDEOS: There has been increased concern in recent weeks about children re-enacting the violence and language experienced whilst playing online games at home. One game mentioned by a parent recently is the Netflix Squid game. Please ensure that your child is only exposed to age appropriate games where the language and content will be suitable for your child's development stage. Should you have any concerns please do let us know so that together we can keep children safe.

COVID 19 UPDATE: Thank you to all parents/carers who have kept the school informed regarding LFT/PCR testing, as well as those who have continued to regularly do lateral flow testing up to twice a week. The office continues to closely monitor suspected/confirmed Covid 19 cases in each class. We are not required to inform parents/carers when there is a suspected/confirmed case, however we continue to work closely with parents sharing information when it is appropriate to do so. If there are 3 or more cases in a class, this is classed as an 'outbreak' and parents will be informed. Unfortunately social media can share inaccurate information so please be reassured that the school is following government guidance.

Please help us to keep all in our school community safe through continued regular LFT testing, regular handwashing, social distancing where possible and looking out for symptoms of Covid 19. (School staff continue to do LFTs at least 2 x a week.) Doing a LFT prior to returning to school after the half term break would be advisable.

OUTSTANDING DINNER PAYMENTS: Payments should be made by Friday 12th November. After this time outstanding payments will be passed on to NCC legal team. Please do speak to the office if you are experiencing difficulties so that we can provide any help/support if it is needed. All information shared is confidential.

LOCAL RUN EVENT: Norfolk Gazelles have shared information about a new running event in Norwich on Sunday 24 October in which children aged 4-12 can race a nice, flat 2km (with or without a parent/carer). There is the Fawns 2km Trot, for children aged 4-12 accompanied by an adult, and the Calves 2km Canter, for children aged 4-12 racing unaccompanied. Races start from 9am and each entry costs £5 (accompanying adults are free). For those aged 11+, there is a 4x5km relay and an individual 5km sprint.

Participants will be able to experience a real race, with a chip time, a finishers' medal and a number on an officially measured course. Any young athletes registered with UKA will get a "powerof10" time too. Entries and teams need to be registered by Friday 22 October.

<https://www.norfolkgazelles.co.uk/big-stampede.php> for more details.



FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: How you heard of the Spree Fundraising book which provides access to 1,000s of local offers? It is now completely online; a great way to save money whilst supporting Drayton Junior School. The Friends have subscribed to this local fundraiser and the special link is below:

<https://www.spreebook.com/Norwich/fundraiser/Drayton-Junior-School/779>

Please take a look and help us to raise funds to support additional provision at the school. Currently we are exploring ways to develop the school grounds for more outdoor learning opportunities.

****Please note that the children's Christmas Card designs have arrived and will be coming home today/tomorrow. Orders must be received by Monday 8th November. Proceeds go towards the school.****

DATES LIST 2021/22

October	
Fri 22 nd Oct	End of Term
25 th – 29 th	HALF TERM WEEK
November	
Mon 1 st	Return to school
Thu 4 th	Parents' Evening (online) 15:30 -18:00
Mon 8 th	Parents' Evening (online) 17:00-19:00
Wed 10 th	Individual Photos a.m
December	
Wed 1 st	Flu Team in school
Tue 7 th	Year 3 dress rehearsal
Wed 8 th	Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle Museum; 6pm Year 3 Christmas performance to parents

Thu 9 th	9:30 Year 3 Christmas performance to parents
Fri 10 th	Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle Museum
Thu 16 th	10:30 Christmas Carols Service rehearsal; Jack & the Beanstalk pantomime (virtual)
Fri 17 th	10am Whole School Christmas Church Service End of Term
20 th Dec – 5 th Jan	Christmas Break Sunday 19 th – Carols by Candlelight at the church (musicians and choir to perform)
January	
Thur 6 th	Spring Term begins
February	
14 th – 18 th	Half Term Week
March	
w/c Monday 7 th	Year 4 Hilltop Residential (2 nights per group) TBC
April	
Mon 4 th – Tues 19 th	Easter Holiday
Wed 20 th	Term starts
May	
w/c Monday 9 th	Year 6 KS2 SATS Week
Mon 16 th – Wed 18 th	Year 6 Residential TBC
Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	Half Term
June	
w/c Mon 6 th	Year 4 Times Table Check (3 weeks)
Mon 27 th	City Sports 15:30-18:00 TBC
Tues 28 th	City Sports 13:00-17:30 TBC
Thu 30 th	City Sports 13:30-17:30 TBC
July	

Please see the Norfolk County Council 2021/22 School Calendar for further details.