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Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER SPRING 9 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

After wishing each other a Happy New Year just a month ago, in Collective Worship we have been exploring how we can work on ensuring it is as happy a year as possible. From being 'glass half full' thinkers, to recognising that there is light at the end of the tunnel, it has been impressive to hear so many children share their thoughtful ideas with each other. Watching the clip of the struggle of the butterfly out of its crystal, created a poignant moment for us all, reminding everyone that to grow stronger and achieve our goals, we need to face challenges and develop our independence. That love of a challenge is growing well – bring on February! Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read

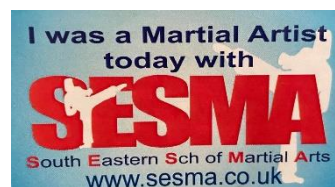


What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

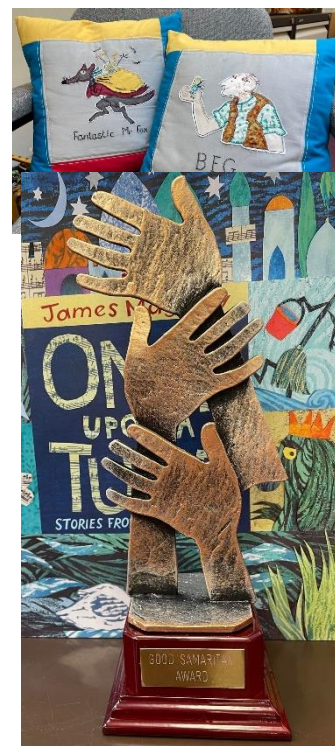
HOST A CURATE: Last week it was a pleasure to welcome Blessing to Drayton Juniors as part of the Diocese's 'Host a Curate' programme. As he trains to become a vicar, Blessing enjoyed familiarising himself with the various aspects of school life, meeting with Reverend Marc, exploring the relationship between the school and the church. His visit was definitely a two way street as Blessing led Collective Worship, sharing interesting facts about his native country, Zimbabwe and Namibia. Just ask the children what Blessing received in return for 35 cows...Good luck Blessing, we hope to see you return to Drayton Juniors.



SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES: What a variety of different sporting opportunities the children have had this half term! Last week all classes loved their Martial Arts sessions with Master Wayne. It was great to see that the activities he shared with the children were accessible to all and created much enjoyment. This week a specialist coach is delivering cricket skills sessions to all classes, with Bikeability taking place for some Y5 at the end of the week.



LIBRARY DECOR: A special thank you to the grandmother of a Y3 pupil at DJJ who cleverly created two Roald Dahl character themed cushions for our library. They are absolutely gorgeous and really add an extra special touch to the library décor. It is hoped that we will be able to source some KS2 sized colourful stools for the children and maybe a few more cushions. The library is certainly proving to be a very good space in the school used for lots of activities.



GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD: This will be awarded during Friday's Achievement Assembly to pupils (and adults) who model our CARE values. A special book will be used to record children's name and the reasons for their actions being recognised.

- Cherishing each individual
- Aiming for excellence in teaching and learning
- Relationships built on mutual respect
- Experiences that enrich lives

JUBILEE ART COMPETITION: On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years on the throne. To mark this occasion our **Spring Art competition** has a royal theme inviting children to use their art skills and imagination to design a Royal Platinum Jubilee celebration outfit or crown for the queen to wear. Maybe think

about the last 70 years and images that you may wish to include in the design. You can draw, paint or collage, or use any other medium you choose.

There will be special prizes!!! Closing date **Tuesday 1st March.**

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE: The newly designed school website is now live with the school's Twitter feed incorporated into the website homepage. Mr Silvester has already been busy adding more photos. We hope that you find it easy to locate the information that you are looking for. There are still a few gaps to fill but we will get that sorted very soon.



DJS Information Update

STAFF UPDATE: Please be aware that Mrs Abbey Howell will not be in school for the next two weeks due her having her rescheduled operation. We wish her all the best with the procedure along with making a speedy recovery. During this period we are very fortunate that Mrs Claire Kerin has kindly agreed to teach 5H providing a familiar face along with consistency in teaching. Also, Mrs Helen Hone will not be in school this week, with cover for 3H currently being arranged. If parents in 5H or 3H have any questions or concerns while their respective class teachers are absent from school please contact the office in the first instance and Mrs Read or Ms Cope will be in touch. Thank you.

ABSENCE REPORTING: Please call the office daily by 9:30am. For safeguarding reasons the office has to account for the whereabouts of all children. Unfortunately, in some instances the school has not been able to confirm the whereabouts of children until late in the morning when a welfare call by the police may have been triggered. Please help us by keeping the school office informed promptly.

DROP OFF BY CARS: Traffic on the roads continues to be busy, especially at drop off and collection times. Unfortunately some parents have been witnessed dropping children off either by the bus stop, on double yellow lines (on the corner) or even in the road, holding traffic up behind them. The safety of the children always comes first so please choose a safe place to drop children off in the morning. Better to add an extra few minutes to your journey than put lives at risk. Thank you to the parents who have shared their concerns, as well as Mr Adrian Smith (caretaker) and Mrs Linda Plane (lollipop crossing patrol) who support and monitor the safety of the children on the roads around the school.

BIKE SHELTER: Coming soon... Watch this space.

EXPLODING YOGURTS: The dining room has unfortunately been victim to increased cases of exploding yogurts, presenting rather a lot of mess at lunchtimes. If your child is having a yogurt in their packed lunch, it would be helpful if they could come inside a small plastic bag so that we can try and contain the mess. It may also keep your child's school sweatshirt a little cleaner for a while! Thank you.

EARRINGS: Please be reminded that for health and safety reasons school policy is that only small studded earrings can be worn by children at school. Hooped earrings should not be worn.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL: Year 6 residential booked at Eaton Vale, 16th – 18th May 2022. you to those who have already completed and returned permission slips, along with making the non-refundable deposit of £60. The deadline for doing this is **Monday 7th February** so there is plenty of time. If you have any questions about the residential, please let the office know and a member of the Year 6 team will get in touch.

3I & 3S TRIP MONEY: Apologies for the delay, refunds are currently being sorted by the office.

BOOK TOKEN COLLECTION: The EDP's Books for Schools initiative is well underway. 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.

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Did you receive any gifts this Christmas that could be donated to the PTA for future fundraising events? The PTA are keen to receive good quality unwanted gifts that can be used as prizes going forward. Your unwanted gifts will be very gratefully received and should be sent to the school office. Thank you.



DATES LIST 2021/22

January	
February	
Wed 2nd	a.m Y6 Alien Attack!
Thur 3rd	Y5 bikeability; p.m Harry Potter themed learning
Fri 4th	Y5 bikeability; Parents' evening information letter emailed to parents
Mon 7th	Y6 residential deposit payment deadline
Fri 11th	Parents' evening booking opens; end of term
Wed 23rd	a.m Y5 small group @Norwich School Maths Challenge
Fri 25th	a.m Y6 small group @Norwich School Maths Challenge; p.m Y5/6 Cross Country@ Horsford Primary
14th – 18th	Half Term Week
Mon 28th	Parent consultations 3:30 – 6.00 w/c 28 th Art day (Freda Kahlo themed) for all classes
March	
Thur 3rd	Parent consultations 5:00-7:00
w/c Monday 7th	Year 4 Hilltop Residential (2 nights per group) TBC
April	
Mon 4th – Tues 19th	Easter Holiday
Wed 20th	Term starts
May	

w/c Monday 9 th	Year 6 KS2 SATS Week
Mon 16 th – Wed 18 th	Year 6 Residential
Mon 30 th – Fri 3 rd	Half Term – 2 nd June Queen's Platinum Jubilee
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.