Drayton CE Junior School

NEWSLETTER Summer 9 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,
Rockets, bubbles and much more at Drayton recently, with plenty of excitement as each child brings home a pot of bubbles today. We do hope that you can make some time over half term for some family Science fun experimenting. Hands on, memorable learning experiences make such a difference to children's education and next term's residential, trips and visitors means plenty of active learning. Of course, transition and preparing the children for change will also be high on the agenda, with time to celebrate all that's been achieved so far this year. Have a great half term break when it arrives.
Best wishes, Mrs Read



What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?

YEAR 6 ROCKETS: What an absolute blast was had by all on Friday afternoon as the Y6 rockets were launched on the playground with a whole school audience! Congratulations to the winners of the 'Best Designed Rocket Award' – Harry Potter & Ron Weasley were personal favourites – and well done the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners for the furthest distance travelled. This year's furthest distance was 20m 70cm, a very worthy winner in 6F. Thank you to the Y6 children and teaching team for a superb 'Rockets week,' bringing much joy, excitement and entertainment to the classroom and school during KS2 SATs week. It goes without saying that Year 6 did themselves proud last week in every way; their hard work, support for each other and determination to do their best was out of this world. Thank you to all involved.

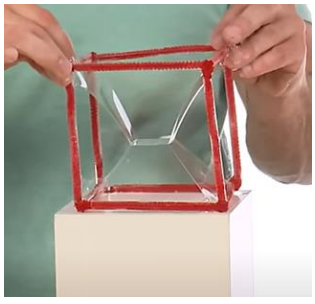





SCIENCE CHALLENGE: As part of our school's membership of an Ogden Trust science group we are aiming to get children and their families to engage and have fun with science. This week in assembly Mrs Woollsey demonstrated how to make bubble blowers from old plastic bottles, netting and even socks! All children in the school have received a bottle of bubbles (funded by the Ogden Trust group) so that they can try this experiment at home with their families. Can they make a bubble blower, giant bubble or even a square bubble? See below for ideas and website links. Enjoy!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yl1NJQ_N94

- Use an old plastic bottle and a fruit net.
- Use a plastic bottle and a piece of fabric… or a paper cup and a straw.
- For a bigger challenge, try to create a square bubble or explore your own way of creating different size and shape bubbles!
- Have fun! Share your pictures and videos on your Google Classroom class page.
- https://www.engineeringemily.com/make-a-bubble-machine-steam-activity-for-kids/
- Square bubble link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12UIOlzai5M

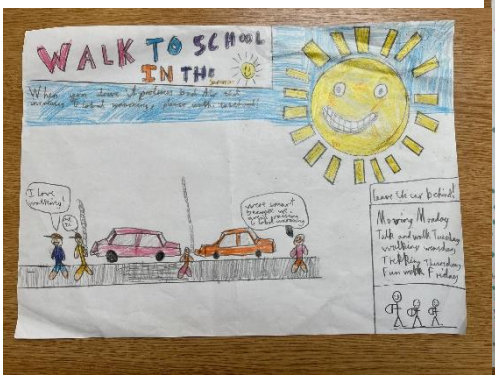


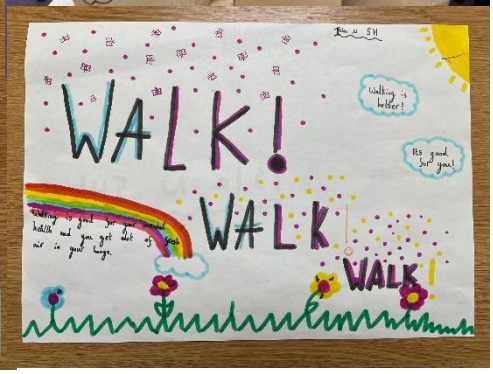
YEAR 3 CHURCH VISIT: Last week Year 3 visited St Margaret's Church where they were met by Rev Marc who taught them all about baptism in the Christian church. Thank you to Rev Marc for taking time out of his busy schedule to welcome the children to the church.
"It was good that children got to participate in the service by pretending to be Godparents and Parents".
"We learnt lots of new facts about the Christian Baptism service."" Reverend Marc made learning extremely fun".




ECO-COUNCIL COMPETITION: Congratulations to the artistic winners of the poster competition, encouraging more of us to walk to school. Lovely prizes from Mrs Brosche too – hope you grow some lovely produce to enjoy! Well done.





SCHOOL COUNCIL: Last month School Council, with Mrs Jacobs, held a successful meeting with Drayton Parish Councillors. The children expertly posed some thought provoking questions, exploring how they organise themselves, what they discuss, who can attend, how many are on the council etc. School Council were also able to communicate their concerns, for example how would the doctors and the local schools cope with more people living in Drayton? In turn, School Council shared their activities in school e.g. raising money for the Buddy Bench. Entries for the sign competition were handed over too. It was a really good joint council opportunity, something we are very keen to build on going forward. Thank you Drayton Parish Council.





DJS Information Update

SCHOOL PAYMENTS: Our new cashless system will go live a little later than planned (w/c 17th June). Please see the information letter emailed by the office team who have been very busy getting the school ready for 'School Money's' introduction. Logins to follow after half term.

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YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES: Please see the link below for Year 6 parents/carers to order their child's Y6 Leavers' Hoodies.
Last order date: 29th May 2024
https://www.hartlandhoodies.com/school-leavers-hoodies/drayton-junior-school-leavers-hoodies



YEAR 3/4 CRICKET: Unfortunately the Y3/4 WNDSSP Cricket tournament at Langley was cancelled at short notice this week. We know the children due to go were disappointed 9as was Mrs Hone), but please know that once a new date is set, this will be shared. Keep practising your bat and ball skills.

SWIMMING: A message from our swimming instructor, Mr Burley:
It has come to my attention that the boys uniform for swimming has been causing some confusion. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify school policy on the appropriate swim wear for boys. When your children attend their lesson I am teaching them to be safe and confident around water. The best clothing for this would be what they are more likely to be wearing in similar situations e.g holidays, local pools and at the beach. I am not training your children as competitive club swimmers, therefore it is not necessary for them to wear skin tight swim wear. Opposite are example of what I feel is and is not appropriate Swim Wear.



ABSENCES: Gentle reminder for parents/carers to call each day that your child is absent from school due to illness. Thank you to everyone who does this as it greatly supports safeguarding in the school.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: Drayton Juniors are very happy to let you know that this year we began participating in the 'Working on Worries' project. It is designed to help children who are having difficulty with worries and anxiety. Mrs Clarke has been trained in a therapy called Parent-Led Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). Parent-Led means that Mrs Clarke will show parents how to use this skill with their child. The course is 8 sessions which can be either delivered face-to-face or online. You will learn some strategies to help your child overcome difficulties with worries and anxiety.
If you would like any more information then please contact Mrs Clarke, who is available Monday and Friday mornings or via email admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk.'



Link to Working on Worries leaflet: https://www.canva.com/design/DAFuV1ZW0bc/FVd0jy0GKvAY5mDGtI3Npg/edit

ATTENDANCE: Whole school this year so far: 95.21**%** - persistent absence 11.9%

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.1%	94.76%	96.07%	94.83%
Persistent Absence			
10.1%	14.3%	9.3%	14.1%





DATES LIST 2023/24

May	
Fri 24th	School & Community Team@DJS
27th – 31st May	HALF TERM
June	
Mon 3rd – Wed 5th	Year 6@Eaton Vale Residential
Wed 5th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Thu 6th	Year 5/6 mixed Cricket@Horsford, 10:00
Fri 7th	Y6 Maths Group@ Langleyp.m; Friends' Father's day/Special person shop p.m (see Friends' email for further details)
Tues 11th	Year 4 LEGO STEM workshops in the hall (drag race cars, towers & bridges)
Wed 12th	Year 3 Banham Zoo trip
Fri 14th	Norfolk Day of Welcome
Fri 21st	Year 3/4 mini tennis competition@Easton, 10:00
Mon 24th	City Sports, Field Finals, 3:30 – 6:00pm
Tues 25th	City Sports, Track Heats, 1:00 – 5:30pm
Wed 26th – Fri 28th	Year 6 transiiton@Aylsham High School
Thu 27th	City Sports, Track Finals, 1:30 – 5:30pm
Fri 28th	KS2 Panathlon competition@THS, 10:00
July	
Mon 1st	Year 6 Gressenhall Trip
Tues 2nd	3:30 – 4:15 DJS Summer Music Concert for parents: choir, musicians, Samba Band
Wed 3rd	Y2 Parent Information evening 18:00
Thu 4th	Y6 Team Building Transition Festival@THS, 10:00; Y5 Pleasurewood Hills trip
Mon 8th	a.m Y5/6 Sports Day (THS students to support)
Tues 9th	a.m Y3/4 Sports Day; Y7 THS parent information evening
Wed 10th – Thu 11th	Year 6 Transition days@THS & Hellesdon High; Y2 transition day@DJS – further details to follow

Fri 12th	Year 6 Transition@Hellesdon High; SCITT Teacher last day in 5H; Year 5 STEM day@THS; Y6 Leavers' disco
Mon 15th	Reports go home
Wed 17th	Reports Clinic 3:30-4:30pm
Fri 19th	Year 6 Leavers' Service@St Margaret's Church@9:30; Last day of the school year.

Please see the Norfolk County Council 2023/24 School Calendar for further details.