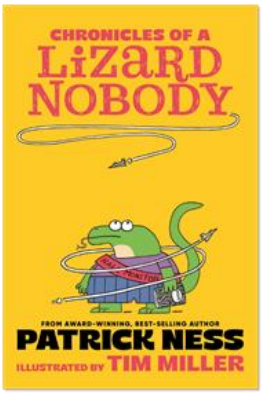
Drayton CE Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,
With a half term longer than most, learning continues at pace at Drayton Juniors, especially with children now settled into their new classes. Year 3 have their first trip to Norwich Castle coming up and this week Norfolk Children's Book Centre kindly provided the valued opportunity for Years 4, 5 & 6 to meet acclaimed author Patrick Ness.It was a super afternoon, where Patrick inspired us with his weird and wonderful animal facts and story reading. His message for children to follow their dreams and use their experiences for good is one that fits in well with our C.A.R.E values.
Best wishes, Mrs Read

What has been happening at Drayton Juniors?



INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR: This term 5C have been joining residents at Badgerswood on Wednesday mornings as part of our intergenerational choir. Thank you to Mrs Leigh for organising this project which benefits the children and residents so much. If you take a look at Badgerswood Facebook page you'll quickly see that Wednesdays are a real highlight of the week for the residents. Next term everyone will enjoy the final get together with some intergenerational Christmas singing on December 11th, which 5C parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

SPORTS: The football season has certainly started with a whole host of matches for the Y5 boys, Y6 boys and girls' football teams with plenty of successes to cheer about. Well done to them all, and a big thank you to Mrs Finch, Mr Lambourne, Mr Arden and all who've driven the minibus. Thank you for washing the kits and returning them so promptly. Last Friday the Cross Country season started. Congratulations to all the children who participated – those two laps in the sunshine at Sprowston Rec must have been tough!

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH: Super well done to the DJS choir who did themselves proud at St Margaret's Pet Service on Sunday 5th October. What a great event this is with a menagerie of animals to keep everyone entertained. Thank you for the invitation Rev Marc and thank your hard work with the choir Mrs Leigh and Mrs Lambourne, who've already moved onto Christmas music preparations.



School scoops silver award

Drayton CE Junior School is celebrating achieving a silver RE Quality Mark.

The accolade was awarded by the Religious Education Council and reflects the school's values and the pivotal role the subject has in the curriculum.

Abbey Howell's leadership of RE and World Views was highly praised and the lead assessor said she was "extremely well supported by leaders and governors to sustain the school's further development in RE".

Abbey said: "What a fantastic accolade, which is a real testament to the exceptional dedication and commitment of all staff and students at the school.

"With a school focus developing young leadership and further increasing pupil engagement in lessons, it was great that children's active engagement and enthusiasm in discussing and asking philosophical questions was celebrated.

"The recognition that pupils 'find joy in learning' was appreciated by all."

PROUD: Headteacher Alison Read and RE lead Abbey Howell with pupils Ethan Hulcoop, Amelia Wright and Ellis Dickerson.

One pupil told the assessor: "I love RE because there are no right or wrong answers. We can share our beliefs and views and we respect others' beliefs."

The school thanked Chris Allen, the diocesan RE adviser, for supporting the development of the subject at the school over the last few years.

RE QUALITY MARK: We're famous! At the end of the summer term our RE leader, Mrs Howell, successfully led Drayton Junior's RE Quality Mark assessment. We were delighted to be awarded the silver standard (with elements of gold). This is real testament to Mrs Howell and whole team's hard work and dedication delivering a great RE curriculum for pupils. Well done to the pupils who spoke to the external assessor – your knowledge, enthusiasm and questioning made us all very proud.

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SEND CAFÉ: On Friday 4th October our SENCO Mrs Lamb led an informative SEND café for parents/carers, supporting parent understanding of SEND policy and procedures. Thank you to those who attended, we hope that you found it useful. If you are considering an assessment for your child, please speak to Mrs Lamb who is able to signpost parents to accredited companies that are recognised by the LA.

Further support for parents can be found on the school website:
https://www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk/parents-community/parent-support/



DJS Information Update

GOVERNOR UPDATE: Thank you to Mr Kevin Haylock, who has been Drayton Junior's Chair of Governors for the last year. Your time and hard work has been appreciated by us all. Whilst Mr Haylock remains as a governor, last week Mrs Kay Swann joined the Governing Board, kindly agreeing to take on the role of Chair**.** As a former Headteacher and experienced Chair, Mrs Swann will no doubt be a great asset to the school. She has already visited the DJS team and will no doubt be in attendance at school events. (Letter to follow from Mrs Swann.)

END OF DAY COLLECTION: Please help us to keep children safe by reminding them that if the adult collecting them from school is not there, then they should make their way to the school office or speak to the adult on the playground at the end of the day. Only adults listed by parents as authorised contacts on the forms in the office must collect children from school. If you wish to add names to your child's authorised adult list then please contact the school office.

SCHOOL DINNERS: Thank you for ordering your child's lunches in advance and providing packed lunches if needed. The system is working well, but please do get in touch with Mrs Terrington or Mrs Hastings if you are experiencing difficulties ordering.

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STAFFING: This term we bid a sad goodbye and good luck to Mrs Jennis and Mrs Wallace, lunchtime supervisors who are leaving DJS for new adventures. Thank you for everything.

PASTORAL TEAM: If you would like to speak to a member of our Pastoral Team, Mrs Clarke or Mrs Lane, then please contact the office – admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

FRIENDS OF DRAYTON JUNIOR: Please check the dates list for Y3/4 and Y5/6 disco dates. While the children have lots of fun on a Friday evening, the Friends also raise valuable funds that has been used to subsidise year group trips. Help is always appreciated by the Friends so please do consider volunteering.

Just a few hours can make a massive difference and it can be good fun too.

If you are interested please contact the school office admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk with your contact details and The Friends will be in touch.

DATES LIST 2024/25

October	
Mon 21st	After school: Y5 Boys' football v Queen's Hill (home@DIS)
Thur 24th	After school: Y6 Boys' football v Falcon (away)
Wed 23rd	Parents' Evening 17:00 – 19:30, in school.
Thur 24th	Rev Marc Collective Worship 10:00; Last day of term.
Fri 25th	INSET
28th – 1st	HALF TERM WEEK
November	
Mon 4th	Start of Term; Flu Immunisation catch up visit
Wed 6th	Individual Photographs a.m; Parent consultations for parents/carers with pupils with SEND
Thur 7th	Y3 trip to Norwich Castle (see separate information for Y3 parents/carers)
Fri 8th	Y6 Maths Café 9-10 parent/carers invited – refreshments in the hall 8:50am
Mon 11th	St Margaret's Church Remembrance service, 11:00, DJS wreath laid by Y6 representatives.
Fri 15th	Y4 Maths Café 9-10 parent/carers invited – refreshments in the hall 8:50am ; NPSAA Cross Country, Falcon Junior, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start.
Fri 22nd	Y3 Maths Café 9-10 parent/carers invited – refreshments in the hall 8:50am Friends; Y3/4 school disco – 18:00 – 19:30
Mon 25th	9:15 iRock Performance – iRock parents/carers invited
Thur 28th	Rev Marc Collective Worship 10:00; 5pm Drayton Christmas Lights switch on – DJS choir attending
Fri 29th	Y5 Maths Café 9-10 parent/carers invited – refreshments in the hall 8:50am
December	
Mon 2nd	Y6 Crucial Crew visit p.m (The Nest)
Fri 6th	NPSAA Cross Country, Eaton Park, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start; Friends Y5/6 school disco – 18:00 – 19:30
Wed 11th	a.m 5C Intergenerational Choir Christmas Concert @ Badgerswood (5C parents/carers invited)
Thur 12th	6pm Y4 Christmas performance to parents/carers (more information to follow)

Fri 13th	9:30 Y4 Christmas performance to parents/carers (more information to follow)
Mon 16th	Norfolk Music Hub Online Pantomime
Tues 17th	Norwich Philarmonic Orchestra & the DJS choir (more information to follow)
Wed 18th	Christmas Service@St Margaret's 9:30 Y6 ; 11:00 Years 3,4 & 5 pupils only.
Fri 20th	End of Term
23rd Dec – 6th January Sun 22nd 18:30	HOLIDAY – **Term starts Tuesday 7th January 2024** Carols by Candlelight, St Margaret's Church, DJS choir & musicians.
January	
Tue 7th	Term starts
Thur 16th	NPSAA Cross Country, Taverham Junior, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start
Fri 31st	Y3/4 Friends' Disco tbc
February	
Wed 5th	Y5 bikeability (course 1)
Thur 6th	Y5 bikeability (course 1)
Fri 7th	NPSAA Cross Country, Horsford, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start
Wed 12th	Y5 bikeability (course 2)
Thur 13th	Y5 bikeability (course 2)
17th – 21st	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 24th	Term starts
Wed 26th	Y5 bikeability (course 3)
Thur 27th	Y5 bikeability (course 3)
Fri 28th	Y5/6 Friends' Disco tbc
March	
Fri 7th	NPSAA Cross Country, Old Catton, 13:45 arrival – 14:00 start
April	
Fri 4th	End of term
May	
w/c 12th – 16th	KS2 SATS Week for Y6
Mon 19th	Y4 bikeability

Tues 20th	Y4 bikeability
June	
w/c 23rd – 26th	City Sports Week

Please see the Norfolk County Council 2024/25 School Calendar for further details.