



# Denton West End School

## Newsletter

April 2024



Welcome to the April newsletter. We welcome two new children to our school, Selena and Valentina. They have made a good start settling into the daily life of the school.

### Staffing

We are very sorry to say that Miss Marro left us at the end of last term to further her career. We will miss her very much for her hard work and dedication to the welfare of the pupils. She will be very much missed by children, parents and staff. However, we wish her all the very best in her new career.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Martin who worked as a cleaner at school as she retires.

### Events last term

Y6 visited Stockport Air Raid Shelter.

The children had an important assembly on water safety from a guest speaker.

The whole school enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. The children (and parents) had gone to great efforts with costumes.

The nursery children have watched chicks hatch in their classroom.

Y5 had a visitor to school to learn about the Stone and Iron Ages.

KS2 and KS1 children took part in a virtual presentation from the author Guy Bass.

The reading challenge reward was a great success with a carousel of Easter activities. More and more children are meeting the challenge so please keep up the good work with regular reading sessions at home.

Thank you to parents for helping on school trips and contributing to the cost. Without this continued support the trips would not go ahead and the children would lose an important part of their learning experience.

Please check the website and Facebook for updates on all of the work we do in school.

### Parents' Evening

This was extremely well attended. The atmosphere in school was very positive and children were so excited to show their parents their work and around the classrooms.

Thank you for answering the questionnaire. We had 319 responses which is much higher than last year. I hope parents are finding the online questionnaires easy to answer. Here are the results:

		Yes	No	Un-sure
1	I was able to look at my child's work.	99	1	
2	I had a one to one conversation with my child's teacher.	99	1	
3	I can see the progress my child has made.	99	1	2
4	I know how to support my child at home.	99	1	2
5	I find staff approachable and able to ask questions about my child.	99	1	
6	The school environment is welcoming.	99		1

(Some figures do not total 100% due to rounding.)

As always, here are some of your comments:

- Excellent as always. Really enjoy seeing my child's progress.
- Really enjoyed looking through my daughter's work, her teacher gave lots of positive feedback and was very helpful, and I was able to ask questions. Thank you
- No wonder X is thriving - the support she is receiving is outstanding. Could not be happier.
- Very high standard of teaching. Lovely work being produced. I am happy with my son's progress
- A fantastic parents' evening. We are very pleased with our daughter's progress and was lovely hearing such nice comments from her teacher. Thank you
- What a fantastic parents' evening! The teachers are so dedicated and passionate and it just shines throughout on evenings like this!
- We are really pleased with the education our son receives. He seems to thrive with X and always wants to do his best. Thank you.



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### Parents' Evening (continued)

I know that a minority of parents would like longer appointments but this is not possible within the time constraints and so we have to limit appointments to five minutes. If there are any issues these can always be followed up with the class teacher as we have an open door policy.

### Easter Egg Competition

There were many entries for the competition. The standard was exceptional and is probably one of the most imaginative we have ever seen. As always, it is very difficult to choose one from each class but I am pleased that Miss Marro helped us with judging this year's worthy winners. Well done to every one who entered. We raised £217 which will go to contributing to school trips.



### Bake Sale

This was another highly successful event. Thanks you to everyone who, baked and bought the cakes. The queue



at the start was snaking around the playground and down the pavement so you can tell how well supported the event was. Well done to our raffle winners Corey Fraser, Neve Lister, Matthew Cooper, Sofia Tuson and Penny Stevenson.

Thank you also to the parent helper, staff and Y6 children who manned the stalls.

We raised £646 to go towards the Milly-Rose Foundation. Altogether this year we have raised a staggering £3067 for the charity. Thank you for your continued support.



### Bag2School

As part of our fundraising for the Milly-Rose Foundation and to help the environment we are collecting clothing for re-use. You should have received a flyer with this information.



Please bring any good quality items to school in your own bin bag on Wednesday 1st May. Please do not drop this off before that date as we have nowhere to store bags in school. Bags can be brought to school by your child or dropped off at the main entrance. Many thanks.

### Saint George's Day



This is on Tuesday 23rd April. As part of the DfE initiative to promote British Values, our children who are part of the uniformed organisations, can wear their uniforms. Many of you will know that St. George is the patron saint of the scouting movement.

If your child is not a member of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts they may wear a red rose to mark the occasion. The children have had assemblies in school to inform them about St. George.

### Reminders

Please could I ask that you ensure your child has all of their belongings when they arrive at school? The staff in the office often have to take many items to class at the start of the day because children have forgotten coats, bags, PE kits, water bottles and other items. This seriously impacts on the staff's day when they need to make safeguarding calls which are a priority.

Could I also remind parents to be polite to staff? We have a very small minority who are not courteous to staff either in person or on the phone. All staff are working hard to do the very best for your child. If you should want more information we have a policy on the school website 'Anti Social Behaviour Policy' that you can read. Many thanks in advance.



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### Forthcoming Events

Y6 SATS will take place from Monday 13th May until Thursday. Please ensure that Y6 children are in school on these dates as the SATs are a statutory requirement for schools. Thank you.

Monday 22nd April-Y1 are visiting Delamere Forest  
Monday 22nd April will also be a Spanish themed day in school with a special lunch open to all.

Wednesday 1st May-collection for Bag2School

Thursday 2nd May-Y3 Viking Day

Monday 20th May-Y6 visit Outdoor Elements

Wednesday 22nd May-Sports Day.

Details to follow.

### Dane Bank Green Space

I am pleased to say we now have links with Dane Bank Green Space and are able to communicate to you some of the activities that are taking place in the local community. These promise to be really exciting and a great way to bring the community together. We are also hoping to take groups of pupils to the space during the school day.

Saturday 20th April- COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY ON DANE BANK GREEN SPACE

From 10am: we have over 2,000 plants to set out along our new Sensory Trail.

All volunteers welcome - bring a trowel or small spade.

Sunday 21st April-ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

Leaving St George's Church/ Community Centre at 12 noon.

Parade down Windsor Road to Thornley Park.

Community event until 3pm with music, Morris dancers, food stalls and more.



### Attendance

School attendance is good. We average 96% which is an improvement from March. Children arriving late for school has also reduced which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to our school community and keep up the excellent work.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REGISTER		NAME	DATE
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
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57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64
65	66	67	68
69	70	71	72
73	74	75	76
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89	90	91	92
93	94	95	96
97	98	99	100

Hopefully, when the better weather arrive this will continue to improve.

Additionally, as you know, holidays in term time are not permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents must request leave of absence if they are taking their child out of school. Increasingly, parents are not being honest about these absences. Where children tell us they have been on holiday it will be marked as unauthorised as per the discretion of the school. This causes distress to the children as they then feel they cannot tell the truth. Please ensure you complete the form.

### Summer Weather

If we should have sunshine please can you ensure your child wears sun cream, has a hat and brings water to school? Children may bring sun cream to school if it has their name on and they are able to apply it themselves. They should not share the cream with friends.



### Holidays

Monday 6th May-Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May-Half term holiday starts

Monday 10th June-school returns