

## Newsletter

### Year 6 London Residential



Our London residential was another huge success this year. Year 6s had a jam-packed 3 days, watching an evening performance of 'The Lion King' view London from above at Horizon 22, visiting famous landmarks and museums and travelling around London on the tube. It was a pleasure to spend time with them. **Year 5 parents can now secure a place on the 2027 London residential on ParentPay – Deadline is 19<sup>th</sup> July.** For more information, please speak to Mr B.

### Derbyshire Fire & Rescue visit



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Fire & Rescue Service

Year 2 and Year 6 had a fantastic visit from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service. The children learned important fire safety messages, explored the fire engine, and enjoyed finding out more about the work of firefighters. Thank you to the team for such an interesting and memorable visit.

### Sports Day



A massive thank you to everyone who came to support our lovely school. What a great turn out, the rain tried to test us but the sunshine won in the end.

A huge well done to everybody, lots of our school values shown today 😊

Thank you for your continued support.

### Staveley Art Celebration Event



Thank you to all of the parents that came into school to see their children receive medals from the Staveley Town council. They were awarded by Councillor Elaine Tidd.

The art club were invited to draw or paint their views of the past and present. We looked at Staveley past and present which linked with the Heritage project run by Staveley Town Council. The children talked about Poolsbrook Park and how it had changed, they decided to create pictures about the Park as their vision.

We were very proud of everyone for taking part and the winners Lottie, Charlotte and Sophie's work will be made into a tapestry with others schools winners artwork. The tapestry will be hung in Staveley Hall. When we know more details about this we will let you know.

### **Writing Workshop with Lisa Williamson**



Year 6 joined Year 6 classes from across the Trust in an online writing workshop with local author – Lisa Williamson. We really enjoyed exploring description and uses our senses to create atmosphere. We even wrote our own stories about 3 random nouns – A potato, the zoo and the tooth fairy!

### **Y4 Manchester Museum Visit**



Year 4 had a wonderful day looking around the museum. They were lucky to take on a 'Time Odyssey' challenge. It took our children on a quest through the museum – both physically and virtually – using a fun, interactive gamified learning experience. They met characters lost in time: Revna – the Viking of the Sea, Cheng – a Trainee Scribe from Ancient China, Felix – future leader from Roman Britain, and Hori – a tomb painter from Ancient Egypt. Together they worked in teams to tackle five quests and open the time portal to get their chosen character back home.

### **June Parent Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for our June coffee morning. We were joined by Becky and Amy from NeuroHub who gave some great advice, offered the opportunity to chat about lived experiences as parents of Neuro-diverse children and shared some of the support and events on offer from the NeuroHub. We will share lots of their upcoming events on Class Dojo but parents can get regular updates by signing up to their newsletter on their websites. Parents who wish to know more can also speak to Mr Beeden and the Inclusion Team.



### **Dads & Lads Lunch**



Thank you for coming to our lunch event to celebrate Father's Day. We really hope you enjoyed your day.

### **Y1 Trip to Lea Green**



Year 1 had an amazing day at Lea Green. The children took part in a variety of exciting outdoor activities designed to build confidence, teamwork, and resilience. They were brilliant.



## **Thank you**

Thanks to Connor who owns CGC 'Home care Services' who has purchased the school new toasters for our community room.



At CGC, they are a caring and enthusiastic team with over 15 years of experience in providing 1:1 care and support for children and young adults with disabilities. They prioritise a person-centred approach and offer individualised care to meet unique needs. He also runs some sessions from our school building. Please contact them if you or someone you know needs our support. <https://www.cgcare.org/>

## **English Morning**

Thank you to the parents who was able to attend their child's English lesson. They were really happy to share it with you.

## **Redhill KS2 Maths Quiz**

4 of our Year 5s gave a valiant effort when challenged against schools across the Trust this month. They were tasked with solving a range of Maths problems against the clock. They were brilliant. Well done Heeya, Heyansh, Miffy and Layton!

## **Sun Reminder**

As the weather warms up and the sun shines brighter, it's important to ensure our children are well protected from harmful UV rays during school hours. Please apply sun cream to your child before they head off to school each day. Even on cloudy days, UV rays can still penetrate through and cause damage to their skin. Please also ensure that children bring a water bottle and sun hat. By taking these simple precautions, we can help ensure that our children enjoy the outdoors safely and avoid harmful effects of sun exposure.



## **Car Park**

Please do not park in the staff car park between 8:00am and 4:30pm. These spaces are reserved for staff only and must remain available throughout the day.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

## **DuckBrook Pantry**

Poolsbrook Social Welfare, S43 3LP. Open every Thursday from 10am – 4pm.

Do you know about DuckBrook Pantry? It is a local community pantry offering affordable food and fresh essentials each week. We visited the pantry last week with a few of our parents and intend to go again on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June @ 9.30am. If you would like to visit with us, please book your place through the school office.



## Attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96%+

### Key

Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed

| Class                        | Attendance for June | Winning Class                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NEST & Nursery – Mrs Orme    | 93.3%               | <b>WELL DONE</b><br><br><b>Reception</b> |
| Reception – Mrs Pickering    | 97.6%               |                                                                                                                             |
| Year 1 Miss Smyth            | 96.1%               |                                                                                                                             |
| Year 2 Mrs Daysh             | 95.3%               |                                                                                                                             |
| Year 3 Mrs Siddall           | 90.9%               |                                                                                                                             |
| Year 4 Mrs Wright / Draper   | 92.9%               |                                                                                                                             |
| Year 5 Miss King / Miss Hill | 96.6%               |                                                                                                                             |
| Year 6 Mr Beeden / Miss Hill | 89.4%               |                                                                                                                             |
| Whole School                 | 93.63%              |                                                                                                                             |

## Absence following a School Holiday

We regularly experience absences following a school holiday. Although many are valid, unfortunately we are having an increasing number of absences due to holidays, which run into the academic year. Sadly, we have become aware that some parents are asking their child to lie to school staff regarding the reason for their absence. This is uncomfortable for the child and promotes being untruthful, which goes against our school values.

For wellbeing reasons, we will carry out home visits for children who are absent following a school holiday.

## Holiday requests during term time

Any requests should be an official school Leave of Absence Request form which is available on the school website or collectable from the school office. This should be handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2013 came into force. The regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid, this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

## Upcoming Key Dates

You can find a comprehensive list on our website or at this link: [Duckmanton Key Dates](#)

## Local Academy Board of Duckmanton Primary School

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Miss S Scarborough | Chair of Governors/ LA Governor |
| Mr C Martin        | Community Governor              |
| Mrs E Levers       | Headteacher                     |
| Mr J Beeden        | Staff Governor                  |
| Mrs M Lane         | Community                       |
| Mr D Barlow        | Staff Governor                  |
| Mr M Copestake     | Parent Governor                 |

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