

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome our new governors: Amy Barbor, Charlotte Beaulah, Magali Pullino, Scott McMillan and Sofian Ragab to the Local Governing Body. They bring a diverse range of skills across industry and we look forward to working closely with them to continue to grow and further develop our school.

This week the parent council met to look at the progress and learning of the pupils at Davies Lane. The focus was on the depth and breadth of our curriculum and the skills and language acquired by the children. Parents were able to look at a range of books, observe some lessons in action and have a look at the school data.

Parents in the group recognised the depth of learning, the mastery of key concepts and skills and the quantity of work achieved across a range of subjects. The group commented on how relevant the curriculum is to the pupils and the world we live in today. This is reflected in the data for spring term.

I wish you a good rest over the half term, we look forward to seeing you for the last stretch of the academic year on Monday 4th June.

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

Davies Lane Local Governing Board

We received an excellent response to our request for nominations for new members of our Local Governing Board and we are delighted to inform you that

Amy Barbor
Charlotte Beaulah
Scott McMillan
Magali Pullino
Sofian Ragab

who are all parents, with children at our school, have all been appointed as Trust Board Appointees on our Local Governing Board.

We really have been able to recruit from a truly talented group of people. If you felt unable to put yourself forward for this occasion but feel you wish to contribute further to school in other ways, please do not hesitate contacting the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

27 th May - 31 st May	HALF TERM
3 rd June	Children Return 8:55am
4 th June	Year 1 workshop – Jack & the Bean stork
4 th June	Year 4 trip: Walthamstow Wetlands Centre (Teak + Chestnut)
5 th June	Parent/Child Choir Workshop (9:15am-10:45am)
5 th June	French Day – Children to wear red, white or/and blue to celebrate
6 th June	Year 2 Trip: Paradise Wildlife Park (Ash & Birch class)
7 th June	Year 2 Trip: Paradise Wildlife Park (Redwood & Rowan)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Children attending teatime club are to be collected from our Mornington Road entrance. For all other after school clubs, please use the main Davies Lane entrance to collect children.
- Please note the school office closes at 4:30pm. If you need to contact the school after 4:30pm select option 2 on the telephone answering system.
- **If you are taking your child to breakfast and teatime club, please make sure payments are made via parent pay two weeks in advance.**
- Please remember to inform the school, 24 hours in advance if you want to cancel breakfast or teatime club or you will still be charged.
- Make sure your parent pay accounts are up-to-date.
- Please note that you can contact the school via email on – office@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk
- PARENT PAY SCHOOL MEALS REMINDER We would like to remind you that if you have children year 3, 4, 5 or 6 you are required to prepay for school meals via parent pay
- Your child may still be entitled to free school meals. To find out if you meet the eligibility criteria please use the following link: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals>

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	<u>MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>WRITERS OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>SCIENTISTS OF THE WEEK</u>
RECEPTION	DAVIT (HAZEL)	UZAIR (HAZEL)	NATHANIEL (ASPEN)
YEAR 1	ERMAN (JUNIPER)	ALINA (JUNIPER)	RUQAYYA (JUNIPER)
YEAR 2	LUQMAN (REDWOOD)	IBRAAHEEM (ROWAN)	AMELIE (REDWOOD)
YEAR 3	BIANCA (POPLAR)	NOAH (OAK)	DEREN (POPLAR)
YEAR 4	RUHAN (TEAK)	SAMIR (CHESTNUT)	ALISON (WILLOW)
YEAR 5	JAYDEN (OLIVE)	ANDREI (HOLLY)	MARSHUK (SPRUCE)
YEAR 6	JAMES (MULBERRY)	OLIVIA (MULBERRY)	RYHANA (MULBERRY)
ACORN OF THE WEEK		JOSHUA (ASH)	

Are you reliable, dedicated and a good team member?

We are looking for enthusiastic new people to join our team of midday staff at Davies Lane Primary.

The role will involve supervising children and organizing playground activities.

Hours: Monday – Friday 11:45 – 1:15

If you are interested in joining our friendly and hardworking staff, please contact the school office on 0208 539 2466 for an application pack or to arrange a visit.

Closing date: Friday 7th June 2019

The Parent Council (PC) met yesterday and had a very interesting update from the School Learning Council (LC) on what they had been doing. The LC had developed a questionnaire and asked children around the school for their views on a number of issues, including 'Do you think you are treated with respect in the school?' (Yes), 'Do you usually know what you are trying to learn?' (Yes) and 'What other areas should the school improve?'

Development points from the LC for the school included, encouraging greater negotiation of targets between pupils and teachers, helping children understand the difference between attainment and progress, and providing more information and help in community languages. The LC also plan to discuss playground behaviour and the organisation of play in more detail with the School Council. All recommendations from the LC are then fed back to the School Leadership Team where they will be discussed and actioned or responded to. The PC were incredibly impressed with data collection, report writing and presentation skills of the LC and it was decided that the LC should write a future 'Head Teacher's' piece for the school newsletter, so look out for that in a future edition!

The PC then broke into focus groups

Data Group - The PC looked at data from Y1 and Y6. The data was very strong for both attainment and progress. Equally importantly, where individuals and groups are not doing as well as they should, the school are aware and are focusing in on these areas.

Book Group - The PC were able to look through books on all the newer curriculum subjects e.g. philosophy and engineering and agriculture. Parents were blown away by the level of critical thinking shown by children with the beginnings of this observed from as early as Y1. The books show that the new curriculum is giving children an opportunity to think and reason for themselves, instead of just being fed information. In art books a huge range of artwork using different styles and mediums was seen.

Observation Group

Parent saw lots of engaged children, learning interesting topics and, as in the books, evidence of learning where children are using reasoning and justification rather than learning by rote.

In AOB the ongoing problems with traffic management at drop off and pick up were discussed and the school will be looking at various ways to try to take this forward.

FREE MAY HALF TERM CYCLING SCHOOL 2019



28-31 May

Ages 4-9

Buxton School

Entrance via staff car park on Courtenay Road E11 3PY

Cycle Confident are running FREE Bikeability training courses for Waltham Forest children aged 4 to 9 this May half term. Book your place now!

Visit cycleconfident.com for more information and to sign up.

WALK

ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 17TH MAY 2019

THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES

1	CYPRESS/HORNBEAM/REDWOOD/POPLAR	100%
2	MULBERRY	99.6%
3	WILLOW	99.4%
26	ROWAN	94.7%
27	ASPEN	94.5%
28	HAZEL	93.7%