

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Parent Council met this week and the school led topic being addressed was 'high prior attainers' with the aim to establish if the expected levels of progress are being made.

We looked at data for children working at a greater depth (GDS) for the Autumn term. The school is aiming for 15% GDS in Autumn with an aspirational 35% working at GDS by year end. The data shows most year groups ahead of the 15% target and two of the year groups needing to focus on GDS in reading and writing.

The school also provided data on the progress of children that achieved GDS at the end of the last Key Stage by providing the percentage of these children that are currently working at GDS. A number of year groups demonstrated over 50% of the children were achieving GDS after only one term. This data allows the teacher to track individual progress.

Lessons were observed in Reception, Year 3 and 6 and there were positive comments around how engaged the children are. The 18/12 structure of teaching, which provides support for both those who require additional help and those at GDS, was evident. Progress across the year groups was clearly seen, the children were also keen to show evidence of their progress. Year 6 were working at a very high level.

Those who reviewed the books across the year groups commented that as a parent it is difficult to benchmark GDS but noted that the work was of a high standard and that progress from the start of the year was evident.

Representatives from the School Learning Council talked about how they had reviewed maths books and found the work was consistent across classes in each year group.

They are enjoying Shanghai Maths which gives more opportunity for challenge. Shared reading has also brought joy and reading different texts has improved their writing styles and vocabulary. There is a focus on spelling and the children have access to dictionaries and a spelling booklet to practise spellings.

The Learning Council told us their motto is be safe, enjoy and achieve and they thanked the Headteacher for making the curriculum more exciting and improving the playground equipment.

Merit Books were discussed - it was clarified that work in these books is child-led. Merits are awarded based on the standard of work. Merits are also awarded for each completed homework project. We discussed consistency across classes and will obtain further feedback from parents for the next parent council meeting.

We discussed attendance and punctuality and the Parent Council is asking for support from all parents and carers in ensuring their children come to school on time every day as we do not wish to see children's learning impacted by lateness and non-attendance or attendance levels slip below the national average.

The Parent Council

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

9 th February	Craig in for family session (10am-11am) (11am-12pm)
12 th February	Engineering day (Reception to Year 6)
15 th February	Reception Science Museum Trip (Hazel & Maple class)
15 th February	Year 4 Visitor – Creative Biscuit (Teak & Chestnut)
15 th February	Coffee Morning – Esafety (9am-10am)
15 th February	Last Day
18 th -22 nd February	Half Term
25 th February	Return to school 8:55am

Important attendance notice

Dear Parent/Carer, please ensure that when you call the school office for absences you select the right extension. Please note prolonged absence (3 days or more) for medical reasons will require medical evidence in addition to parental notes. This can be in the form of a doctor's note/ certificate or appointment card. Absences will not be authorised without medical evidence. Please hand all medical evidence into the office. We encourage parents to make doctors/dentist appointments outside of school time so as not to disrupt your child's learning.

The school code for Bug Club is - apc7



VALENTINES DISCO

THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY

ALL DISCOS NORTHSIDE, ENTRANCE VIA INFANTS

PLAYGROUND No tickets available at the door DISCO 1 -

Rec/Yr. 1 3.30 - 4.15 DISCO 2 - Yr. 2/3 4.30 - 5.15 DISCO 3 -

4,5,6 5.30 - 6.30 Any enquires contact Fodlnews@gmail.com



WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	<u>MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>WRITERS OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>SCIENTISTS OF THE WEEK</u>
RECEPTION	MAYA (ASPEN)	ZAYNAB (ASPEN)	JARVIS (HAZEL)
YEAR 1	ILYAS (JUNIPER)	SOFIA (JUNIPER)	EDEN (JUNIPER)
YEAR 2	NEVAEH (ROWAN)	HAMZA S (REDWOOD)	CLEO (REDWOOD)
YEAR 3	ENIO (POPLAR)	SAMIR (OAK)	GEORGE (POPLAR)
YEAR 4	SAMMY (ELDER)	KOBA (CHESTNUT)	ALIFE (WILLOW)
YEAR 5	YAHIA (HOLLY)	SANCHANNA (SPRUCE)	AMMAARAH (OLIVE)
YEAR 6	TAEYLEN (WALNUT)	OLIVIA (MULBERRY)	ANAS (CYPRESS)
ACORN OF THE WEEK		SAFWAN (PINE)	

The Davies Lane Eco warriors

The Davies Lane Eco warriors are pleased to announce a competition to promote energy efficiency in our school. We are looking for eye-catching informative posters to remind people to turn off non-essential lights and electrical equipment.

The winning posters will be displayed around the school at key points such as light switches, computer stations and printers. Please use your fabulous science vocabulary and persuasive skills to create bright and colourful posters and help our school save energy, money and the planet! Here are some examples from other children to spur you on...



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

ATTENDANCE %
FOR WEEK ENDING 1ST FEBRUARY 2019
 THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES

1	REDWOOD	98.1%
2	MAGNOLIA	97.8
3	TEAK	97.3%
26	POPLAR	93.3%
27	HAZEL	91.7%
28	CHESTNUT	89%