



Drayton Green Primary School

Newsletter 14.2.25

Whole school attendance = 93.1 %

The class with the highest attendance is: **4G** with **100%** Amazing!

We have had a very busy half term with lots of exciting events, activities and trips taking place. This is also the end of our first half term as part of a federation with St John's Primary School. We have seen some big changes to the school, including starting the Primary Knowledge Curriculum, a highly recommended, knowledge rich curriculum. The children are enjoying showing us their new found knowledge on a wide range of subjects and are interested to know more as each topic progresses.

Our new phonics scheme, Read, Write Inc. is also going well. Most children have made great progress this half term, they are confident when moving to different groups around the school and they will start to bring home their reading books that match to the level they are working on. Please make sure these books are returned every Friday in a book bag or folder so that the children can be given the next set to read. The children should be able to easily read the books that are sent home to encourage a love of reading, please encourage them to read the books at least 4 times over the week to develop their fluency and expression when reading.

As part of the federation, our staff are now able to share expertise across the two schools, with increased opportunities for professional development and collaboration across a wider network of colleagues to offer advice and training in specialist areas.

We hope that in the future our federation will enable our two schools to work together on more joint projects such as sports tournaments or cultural events so that we can bring our two communities together and offer the children a wider range of opportunities.

After the half term we will be holding parent/carer meetings, which will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress so far and ask any questions you may have about the new curriculum. Please ensure you fill in and return the letter given to you so that we can arrange the appointment times. We will do our best to give you the time you asked for, or as close to that time as we can, but please be aware that we need to fit in all of the parents/carers so your time may be earlier or later than you have requested. Please let us know if there are any issues with you attending at that time.

Certificate winners

Well done to the following children who were awarded a certificate in assembly this week or last week for their efforts with their work, behaviour and attitudes.

Reception – Adam, Holly, Janat, Sarah, Sham

Year 1 – Aiden, Akorede, Elynaz, Kamila, Mikaeel, Nadine, Omari, Sasha, Sarah

All of 1D class were awarded the award for **trust** – well done 1D!

Year 2 – Aliya, Dana, Ezraah, Nagi, Rahman

Safer internet day

Tuesday 11th February was safer internet day. The children discussed in assemblies and in class the ways that they can keep themselves safe online. Please can we remind parents/carers that you should be monitoring what your child can access online at all times. It is not enough to assume that a child/age block or only using Kids Youtube is safe as we have heard of cases where children are seeing unsuitable content or accessing inappropriate sites!

This year's theme is '**Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online**'. Please take some time to consider how you protect yourselves and your personal details online and please speak with your child/children about being cautious about what they see/hear and being critical about what they read online, they should not believe everything they see or read online!

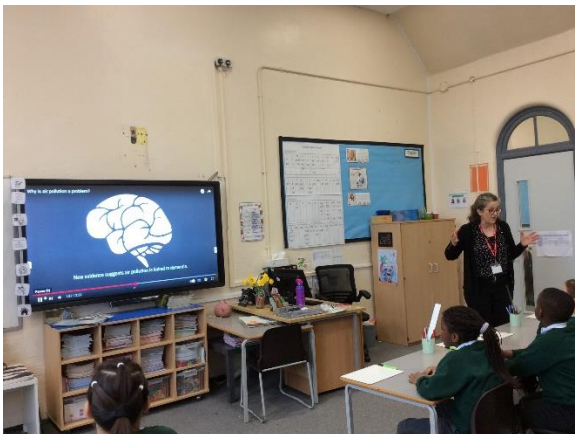
If it sounds too good to be true, it is more than likely a scam!

Year 4 air quality workshops

This week, Year 4 have been learning about air quality. They have been looking at why it is important to improve the quality of the air around us, how it affects us physically and what we can do to help.

They did some experiments to check how clean our air is, they swabbed the windows in different places and analysed the results to see if they were cleaner on one side of the school and predicted why this might be.

We all committed to trying to walk to school more often, if possible, or parking further away from the school and walking the last part of our journey to try to limit the pollution around our school.



Dates to remember

Friday 14th February – School closes for half term – at 3:15pm (usual time)

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – school closed for half term

Tuesday 11th March – KS2 Parents evening – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 12th March – EYFS/KS1 Parents evening – Reception, Year 1 and 2

Celebration party

A huge well done to the children who were invited to our celebration party this week to celebrate their achievements this half term! The achievements included; improving their attendance and punctuality, working hard and achieving fantastic scores on Times Tables Rockstars and being a brilliant role model by always trying their best in their work.

If your child didn't get a chance to attend this half term, don't panic, we will be holding another celebration party every half term! Teachers will be looking out for who to nominate based on their effort and achievements.

We can't wait to see what wonderful things the children will do this half term!



Changes to school after half term

To help us to keep all children safe when coming to school and help everyone to arrive on time we are making a change to how the children come in to school in the mornings.

Starting after half term there will no longer be a soft start to the day. Children and parents will be allowed on to the school site from 8:35 as usual but children must stay with their parents.

A bell will ring to alert parents that school will start in 2-3 minutes and the children will then line up. At 8:45 the teachers will collect the children in the line and take them into the classrooms.

Nursery, Reception and ARP children will not line up outside – they will come into class as usual at 8:45 or at their starting time.

The parents will then leave the site and all gates will be closed by 8:50. If you need to speak with a teacher, please send a message via Dojo or speak with them at the end of the day to allow the children to enter promptly and begin their lessons.

Although the gates will remain open to allow parents/carers to leave, if any children / families arrive at the Drayton Green gate after 8:45 they will need to walk around to the front office to sign in so please remember to be on time!