



Drayton Green Primary School

Newsletter 14.3.25

Whole school attendance this week = 95.3%

The class with the highest attendance this week is: **5D** with **100 %** Fantastic effort 5D!

This week we have been scientists and we have been doing lots of different experiments for science week. The children swapped classrooms to work with different teachers and have been fascinated by the changes and scientific reactions they have seen during the experiments. The science fair was also a big success, with all children being able to see the fantastic projects that had been created across the school.

Everyone is looking very smart in their uniforms, thank you to all of the parents who are helping us to keep up the school values and ensuring your children have the correct uniform and appropriate clothing for the weather. Please can you make sure that all children wear plain black trainers or school shoes every day, preferably with Velcro fastenings if they cannot tie their laces yet.

Our parent/carer meetings were very well attended this week and it was lovely to hear the wonderful comments about the children from teachers and parents. We hope you found them useful! If you were unable to attend your meeting, please speak to your class teacher to arrange an alternative time or phone call to discuss your child's progress in school.

Phonics books

All of the children who attend the Read, Write, Inc. phonics groups will now be bringing home their reading books every Friday. They will have a book that they have read during the week in their phonics sessions and a similar book that practices the same sounds.

Please can you make sure that both books are **returned every Friday!**

The children in other groups need to use the same resources and we may not be able to give children new books if they have not returned the previous ones.

All of our reading books are brand new and they cost a lot of money to replace so please support the children to look after the books and return them on time to school.

We have provided a plastic wallet, however if you would like to buy a book bag to keep the books in safely, they are available from the school uniform supplier: www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk

Dates to remember

Wednesday 19th March – 9:00 – 4D class assembly

Friday 21st March - Red nose day dress up day – wear bright colours and crazy hair day

Wednesday 26th March – 9:00 – 3D class assembly

Wednesday 26th March - Friday 28th March - Book fair after school in the gym

Wednesday 2nd April – 9:00 – 3G class assembly

Science week

The children really enjoyed the opportunity to swap classes each day to try a different experiment. The experiments ranged from skittles changing the colour of water to investigating the length of shadows. They also made slime, volcanoes, fireworks in a glass and lava lamps to see the changes when different ingredients are mixed together. Some children also built catapults to investigate and then test how far they could launch a ball of paper. Everyone had a very exciting week and we hope to have inspired some future scientists to perform great experiments in their future careers!



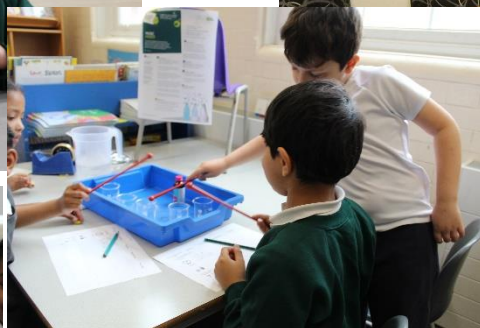
I loved it when the elephant toothpaste exploded everywhere!



The lava lamps were my favourite because they looked really cool!



I really liked it when we changed classes!



We made slime and it was so sticky and gooey!



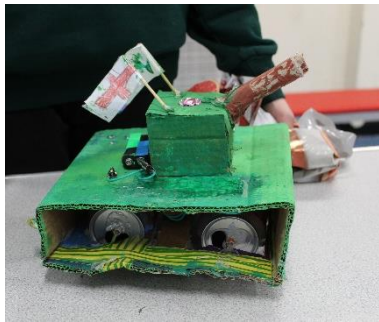
I enjoyed everything in science week!



Science fair

So many children brought in fantastic science projects that they had made at home, it was so difficult to decide on our finalists! Everyone explained their projects to their classes and the classes voted on their favourite projects. The projects with the most votes were displayed in the hall and all of the classes then got a chance to see the projects during the afternoon. Parents were also invited to see the projects after school.

The projects were amazing and the children had all worked very hard so it will be very difficult to decide on our winners! The winners will be announced on Monday in assembly and there will be prizes for all of the winners and certificates for all of the finalists.



4D class assembly

Well done to 4D who presented a lovely assembly on democracy to show us what they had been learning about in history. The children acted and said their lines well in front of a large audience! Despite the technology problems, the assembly was a success and showed us how flexible the children can be when they adapted their assembly to work around the powerpoint presentation not working on the day. Great job 4D!



Comic Relief

On March 21st we are raising money for Comic Relief. The children can come to school wearing bright colours with crazy hair - big hair, colourful hair, anything wild and wonderful.

Please donate to Comic Relief on our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-drayton-green-primary-school>

We have already reached our target of £100, which is fantastic!! We would love to raise as much as we can so please keep donating. Please share this link with all of your friends and family to help us reach our target!

We can't wait to see all of the crazy hair styles!

Parent workshops

Our school therapeutic lead, Tasmin is very kindly running some parent support groups that everyone is welcome to attend.

This group is aimed at supporting children that have any additional needs and who may need a bit of extra support. The group will offer parents/carers the chance to ask questions and get support with strategies or ideas to try at home that may make routines easier or help to avoid anxiety and upsets at home.

The sessions alternate between mornings and afternoons to help to accommodate different working hours or appointments.

You are welcome to attend all, some or even just one session if you feel it may help you and your child/ren.

Each session will be 45 minutes long and we will provide tea, coffee and biscuits.

The sessions are on Thursdays:

20th March – 14:30 pm

27th March – 9:00 am

3rd April – 14:30 pm

Attendance

Some parents have received letters to invite them to attend a parent workshop on attendance, this is aimed at supporting any children who have fallen below 90% attendance however all parents are welcome to attend if you feel it would be useful for you!

The workshop will provide strategies to help with morning routines and you will be able to ask questions about your child or family to see how we can help to improve their attendance and punctuality.

Date: Friday 21st March

Time: 9.00am

Location: School Gym

If you have received a letter, it is very important that you can attend as this will help us to support you to improve your child's attendance!

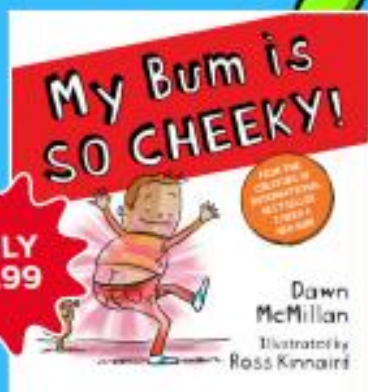
As we approach the Easter holidays, please can we remind parents that we will not be able to authorise any additional holiday dates around the school holidays. Any children that are absent on the days before and after the holidays will be contacted and you may be asked to provide medical evidence of any illness.

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Date: After School
Wednesday 26th March
Thursday 27th March
Friday 28th March
Location - School Gym