



Drayton Green Primary School

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Whole school attendance this week = 93.6%

Well done to **Reception** who had 99% attendance this week. Amazing!

Year 6 were very close behind with 98.6% attendance this week. Well done everyone!

This week has been another busy week at Drayton Green!

The Year 6 children took their SATs this week and we were all very proud of how they tried their best and were very responsible, arriving at school on time and ready to do the tests.

The rest of the children around the school were also very sensible and moved around the school quietly so as not to disturb the assessments. They also coped well with any changes to their timetable so thank you for being flexible and caring towards the Year 6 children!

The full governing body for the Federation visited the school on Thursday. They did a learning walk to see the children in the classrooms and members of our Senior Leadership Team presented information to them about different areas of the school. They were pleased to see the positive changes that have been made across the school and commented that the behaviour in the classrooms was excellent, with all children calm and engaged in their work.

Next week is the last week of this round of clubs, we hope the children have enjoyed their sessions this half term! You will receive a letter explaining which clubs will be on offer for the next half term very soon. Make sure to return your letter quickly as the clubs are often very popular and spaces fill up quickly!

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the PGL meeting for the Year 6 children who are going on the residential trip next month. We hope you found it useful and if you have any further questions or concerns, please speak to Mrs Howard or ask in the school office.

Dates for your diaries

We have lots of exciting events and important dates coming up in the next few weeks. Please keep these dates in your diaries so you don't miss a meeting, workshop or dress up day!

Thursday 16th April (and every Thursday for 6 weeks) – Brain Buddies session for Year 5 with the MHST

Monday 11th – Friday 15th May – Official SATS assessment week for Year 6 children

Tuesday 19th May – School photographs being taken

Wednesday 20th May – meet the new Headteacher in the gym 9:00am

Wednesday 20th May – Year 4 visiting St John's for reading buddies.

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May – Half term holiday – school closed to all children

Monday 1st June – children return to school.

Tuesday 2nd June – SRP trip to the Urban farm

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th June – Year 6 residential trip (PGL)

Certificate winners

Each half term we will be focusing on one of our school values and awarding certificates at the celebration assembly.

The value of this half term is **respect**.

Well done to the children who received a **person of the week** certificate, for their excellent behaviour or attitudes throughout the week!

We also have a certificate for **presentation**, which will be awarded to the child in each class who has worked to improve their presentation or who consistently presents their work neatly.

Well done to the children who received a certificate this week for their fantastic effort and achievements!

	Respect	Person of the week	Presentation
Year 1	Emilia	Ahmed Z	Amjad
Year 2	Khari May	Zia	Elynaz
Year 3	Silsila	Mia	Ahmad
Year 4	Kiamy	Zudaysi and Saja	Nada
Year 5	Aliyah Julian	Chloe Bilal	Abdulbasid Mariem
Year 6	Year 6 all received a special certificate for their hard work and dedication to the SATs this week		

Meet the new Head of School

Mr Hammond has been appointed as the new Head of School and will be officially starting in the role in July. He will be holding a parent meeting next Wednesday (20th May) at 9am in the Gym for any parents who would like to meet him and find out a bit more about him.

All parents are welcome to attend!

If you are unable to attend this meeting, he will try to hold another meeting soon after he has started at Drayton Green and you will be able to ask any questions then.

Class photographs

On Tuesday the photographer will be coming to school to take the class photographs. If your child is new to the school or has not had a photograph taken this year they will also have an individual photo taken but unfortunately there is not enough time to retake all of the children's individual photographs during this session.

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform on Tuesday and looks clean and tidy. If they are having a haircut this weekend, do not have any lines or patterns cut into their hair and all hair accessories for long hair need to be in school colours.

Your child will be given a card to bring home with a QR code on for you to use to buy the photographs online, if you would like to. You do not have to buy the photo but you are welcome to buy it if you would like to.

Year 6

The Year 6 children have worked really hard this week on their SATS and all of the staff are so proud of how much they have achieved this year!

It was not all hard work this week. To help the children unwind from the stressful mornings, Mrs Howard planned a super science experiment to investigate evolution and adaptation. The children investigated which type of “beak” was best adapted to collecting food. They used spoons, chopstick and pegs to find which beak was the best suited to collect and eat insects in different environments. As they could not use real insects, sweets were used in their place. The children got to take these home after the experiment too!



The year 6 children were invited to use the playground at our federation partner school- St John’s. The children were able to play on the wonderful play equipment and even got a change to see St John’s roof-top playground. Being part of a federations has allowed for a growing number of opportunities for all of our children. We are looking forward to our next visit to St John’s and having them come and visit us too.



Our week at Drayton Green

This is what we have been learning about this week in each year group.

Please use this to speak to your children about what they have been learning and to support them to remember what they have covered each week.

We will also share information and photos on Class Dojo of lovely pieces of work and event or activity days as they happen.

Nursery

This week in Maths we focused on the number 6, we practised counting and number writing through different activities and games. We also explored the artwork *Tiger in a Tropical Storm* by Henri Rousseau. We looked carefully at the stormy jungle scene, the bright tiger, and the different shapes and colours in the painting. Inspired by the artwork, we created our own watercolour paintings to make rainy jungle backgrounds and animal pictures. During story time, we enjoyed reading *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and joined in with repeated phrases from the story. The children loved talking about the troll and acting out parts of the tale together. We also spent lots of time developing our fine motor skills by playing with putty, stretching, rolling, squashing, and shaping it in different ways.

Year 1

Maths

This week, we learnt about quarter and half turns. We also learnt about left and right.

English

This week, we started reading a new book, 'The Selfish Crocodile' and learnt about the features of a letter.

Other Subjects:

Science

This week, we identified which of plants we eat and discussed whether all plants were edible.

PSHE

This week we talked about the PANTS rule and identified adults that we can trust.

Year 2

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to non-unit fractions and how they can be represented. We are also looking at equivalent fractions.

English

In English, this week, we have written our procedure text about how to make an urban garden. We are starting to look at writing a narrative to retell our story 'Secret Sky Garden'.

Other Subjects:

Science

This week, we have been learning about matter and watching a solid melt into a liquid.

Computing

This week, we have been learning about how we can program technology to get it to follow instructions.

Year 6

The children completed their SATs tests this week.

Also, see the wonderful science experiment and trip to St John's on previous page.

SRP

Maths

In maths, this week, we have continued to learn to add two-digit numbers without regrouping. We have explored how this will help us when adding coins.

Handwriting

We are focusing on lower case letter formation. Using finger spaces in our writing and staying on the line.

Topic

We are learning to follow instruction with step by step colouring sheets and games like 'I spy'

English

In English, this week, our book is 'monkey needs to listen' This book has been very helpful in class, therefore we are continue to read and learn the importance of listening and following instructions.

We continue to use colourful semantics to support our sentence structure.

Phonics

Our phoneme of the week is 'ee'
We have been blending CVC words which include our phoneme of the week.

Other Subjects:

Art

We have made a jungle collage. We explored where some monkeys live and what other animals live there too.

British values / life skills

We have introduced the subject 'British values.'
We have started with 'helping each other'.
We are learning how to help in the class and how to help at home. We helped to wash our plates and learnt to sweep the class. Many were excited to use the Hoover.

Anything Special:

We enjoyed saving the toys from frozen blocks. The children used pipettes and warm water to melt the ice and free the toys. This was aimed to strengthen their fine motor skills.