



Drayton Green Primary School

Newsletter 22.5.26

Whole school attendance this week = 93.6%

Well done to **SRP D** who had **100%** attendance this week. Fantastic!
5D were close behind with 97% attendance this week. Well done everyone!

We have come to the end of another half term and the weather is looking good for the half term holiday!

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting and met the new Head of School. It was lovely for Mr Hammond to meet so many of the school community before he starts with us later this year. He appreciated your kind words and thoughts about the school moving forward.

The class photos were taken this week. Please use the QR code if you would like to buy your photo online.

The children have been given their log-in details for Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots again this week. Please can you encourage your child to spend some time practicing their times tables regularly to help them to develop their understanding and speed of remembering the times tables.

Have a safe and happy half term.

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

Thursday 4th June (and every Thursday for 6 weeks) – Brain Buddies session for Year 3 with the MHST

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)

Wednesday 17th June – Year 5 trip to Gunnersbury Park Museum

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 |
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| Reception | Arlo B | Whole class | Ali |
| Year 1 | Safiya | Kathleen | Hasan |
| Year 2 | Mariam | Saif | Kamila |
| Year 3 | Rahman | Safaah | Ahmad |
| Year 4 | Dana | Zione | Lukas |
| Year 5 | Mahmoud | Mao | Bartosz |
| | Sulayman | Amalia | Mahdi |
| Year 6 | Ayyan | Kafi | Moed |

Meet the new Head of School

Mr Hammond was very excited to meet everyone on Friday. He spent the day getting to know the staff and children around the school and was pleased to see so many parents and carers at the meeting in the morning and at the gate.

He will officially start as Head of School in September 2026 but will join the school to work alongside Ms Richter and get to know all about the school in July.

Class photographs

Your child has been given a card to take 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. If you have misplaced the card or didn't receive one, please speak with the office to get a new code.



Year 4 reading buddies

Another lovely opportunity as part of our federation with St John's was that our Year 4 children got to read with the Year 1 children from St John's this week. The Year 4s walked there very sensibly and were fantastic role models to the younger children during the reading session! The Year 1s really enjoyed reading to an older child and the Year 4s were great at showing how to read with expression and asked interesting questions about the books to keep the younger children engaged. The staff were very proud of how responsible our children were during the visit. They all enjoyed it so much, we are hoping to do another session next half term!



Safety alert!

You may have heard on the news that lots of products have been recalled because they may contain asbestos, which can be very dangerous if it is inhaled. There are warnings specifically around kinetic sand, dinosaur excavation kits and some sensory toys that contain sand. If you have bought any of these recently, please check with the company that it is safe.

The advice from the government is to seal the contaminated product in double bags and seek council advice on disposal.

Please see this news article for more information on what the contaminated products are and where they were sold:

[Dozens of toys recalled in the UK after asbestos found in play sand | Product recalls | The Guardian](#)

Dozens of toys recalled in the UK after asbestos found in play sand

Candle-making kits and rubber toys among products recalled after revelation about play sand sold by Hobbycraft



Campanians have criticised the UK government for failing to crack down on potentially hazardous toys. Photograph: Addictive Stock Creatives/Alamy

Half term activities

This half term there are lots of restaurants offering deals where children can eat for free or for £1. Some restaurants require an adult to buy a meal but lots of them are free or very cheap for the children and offer filling and healthy options and a fun meal out!

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| Asda Cafes | Chiquito | Pizza Hut | Tesco |
| Ask Italian | Franco Manca | Premier Inn | Travelodge |
| Bella Italia | IKEA | Prezzo | Zizzi |
| | Cafe Rouge | Morrisons | |

Libraries across the borough run free weekly sessions for families, including storytime, bounce and rhyme, craft activities, and chess clubs. You can also borrow books for free or just go to read in peace in the library.

Gunnersbury Park and Museum

[Gunnersbury Park and Museum is free to visit.](#) It has family friendly displays with hundreds of objects on display representing a range of themes in 9 exhibition galleries over 3 floors. They also have an outdoor playground to explore if the weather is nice!

Say hello to the animals at Hanwell Zoo

A trip to Hanwell Zoo offers a great, low-cost day out with entrance fees costing £5 for adults and £4 for children. Under-3s go free. There are lots of animals to see, including meerkats, porcupines, capybaras, flamingos and exotic birds. There's a maze close to the entrance too, near the playground, which is totally free to explore.



[Hanwell Zoo](#)

Fun Sized Kids Club – Child Friendly Film Screenings
Weekly at 10:30 am on Saturdays
Ealing Project 1 Hight Street London, W5 5DB
Cost: £3.50

<https://www.ealingproject.co.uk/fun-sized-kids-club/>

Please have a look at the Ealing arts and culture website for more information on what is on around the borough;

[Ealing arts and culture – News and information on the cultural life of our borough](#)

Ealing arts and culture

News and information on the cultural life of our borough

Check out the latest news on how Ealing Council are developing the plans outlined in our cultural manifesto. See what is on for you to enjoy this month, join classes and experiences, share your ideas, find opportunities to get involved or search our directories – one of spaces to hire, the other of local creatives offering their skills.

Adult conduct in and around school

We would like to remind all members of our school community of the importance of treating one another with kindness, patience and respect, both within school and in the wider community. Our children learn a great deal from the behaviour modelled by adults, and we appreciate everyone's support in helping to create a safe, positive and respectful environment for all families.

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 Nursery, the children have been learning about collages and water painting. They created their own wonderful artwork inspired by the famous painting *Tiger in a Tropical Rainstorm* by Henri Rousseau. The children enjoyed exploring different colours and textures to make their own jungle masterpieces.

In Maths, we have been learning about the different ways the number 7 can be represented. The children explored showing 7 using ten frames, fingers, numerals, and objects. They enjoyed counting and finding creative ways to make the number 7.

In English, we have been reading our class book *The Three Billy Goat gruff*. The children have taken part in lots of imaginative play, pretending to be goats crossing the river and acting out the story together.

Reception

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning - To solve subtraction problems using a bead string.

English

This week in English, we explored story characters and wrote sentences about them. We also created a missing person poster for a character from a story.

Understanding of the World:

In Understanding of the World, this week the children had the opportunity to learn about who our Prime Minister is and what they do.

As we reached the end of our topic on Kings and Queens, Reception celebrated by having a tea party and dressing up as kings and queens.

Year 1

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been practising solving addition problems to 20 and counting to 100.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning to retell 'The Selfish Crocodile' using expanded noun phrases.

Other Subjects:

Geography

This week, we have been learning about the continent of Australia. We also completed a drawing of the Sydney Opera House.

PSHE

This week, we talked about the difference between kind and unkind hands.

Year 2

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning about telling the time to the o'clock and half past. Practice telling the time at home!

English

In English, this week, we have written our narrative based on the story 'Secret Sky Garden'. We have been focusing on writing full sentences with a full stop and capital letter.

Other Subjects:

Science

This week, we have designed our own dream gardens and describe the materials we used and why. i.e. I used metal to make the pool fence because it won't blow down easily and is water resistant if it rains.

PSHE

This week, we have been learning about emergencies and the importance of identifying if a situation is risky or unsafe. We also talked about who to call when you are in an emergency situation and what to say on the phone.

Year 4

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to convert pounds into pence and pence into pounds.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning to plan to write a non-chronological report about the Stuarts.

Other Subjects:

Science

This week, we have been learning about the water cycle and solids, liquids and gases.

RE

This week, we have been learning about Diwali traditions.

Year 5

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to map coordinates

English

In English, this week, we have been learning to plan and write chronological reports about New Zealand

Other Subjects:

History

This week, we have been learning about children during the Industrial Revolution

Science

This week, we have been learning about Our Galactic Neighbourhood.

We have had a lovely week with Brain Buddies during our last session.

Year 6

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been consolidation our understanding of fractions of an amount and adding mixed numbers.

English

In English, the children wrote incredible descriptions of our character Kensuke. They focused on different ways to start a sentence to add the most impact.

Other Subjects:

PSHE

This week, we discussed belonging and including others.

Art

This week, we continued to paint like the Expressionists. We painted our own versions of The Skiff by Renoir.

SRP

Maths

In maths this week,
Group one
We are identifying groups with more and fewer.
Group two
We are adding two-digit numbers without regrouping.

English

In English, this week, our book is 'Croc needs to wait'
This has helped us to learn the importance of waiting and keeping good relationships. We continue to use colourful semantics to support our sentence structure.
Phonics
Phoneme of the week is 'igh'
We are blending CVC words which include our phoneme of the week.
Handwriting
We are focusing on lower case letter formation. Using finger spaces in our writing and staying on the line.

Other Subjects:

Art

We made a crocodile visa. We cut complex shapes to support our fine motor skills

British values / life skills

We have introduced the subject 'British values.' We have started with 'helping each other'. We are learning how to make our own toast/ cut our fruit and wash our plates.

Topic

We are learning to improve our waiting skills. We have played games like duck, duck, goose to strengthen our turn taking skills. We also had an egg and spoon race demonstrating the need to take our time and not rush.