



Debden CE Primary Academy

05/04/19

Another exciting and fulfilling term has drawn to a close. Highlights for the children have included: trips to Stansted Airport, The House on the Hill Toy Museum and Cambridge University; sporting events such as sports-hall athletics, hockey matches and the KS1 dance festival; plus the opportunities for curriculum enrichment that Geography Day, World Book Day and World Poetry Day provided. We enjoyed welcoming you to Frogs' class assembly, Minnows' STEM afternoon and the GPS workshops for parents. We have also been grateful to see your smiling faces at our Friday celebration assemblies and for your support at our parents' evenings. Presently, we may pause and take a moment to reflect and be thankful. We wish all of our children and families a wonderful, restful break and look forward to welcoming the children back when the summer term starts on Wednesday 24th April.

Easter Service



Thank you to all parents who were able to join us for our Easter Service this morning where we enjoyed a thoughtful telling of the Easter story by our year 6 children and uplifting singing from the whole school. Thank you very much to Mrs Dawn Saxon for accompanying us on the organ.

Skip2bfit Workshop

On Monday 25th March we hosted a skipping workshop led by Skip2bfit. Each class participated in a session led by the Skip2bfit instructor. The children were told to skip for two minutes and the rope would count the number of skips. The skipping was accompanied by a timed track, providing some music and time prompts to encourage and inform along the way. They would then rest before completing another two-minute skip. The idea of the second skip was to beat their 'personal best' the number of skips they achieved on their first attempt.

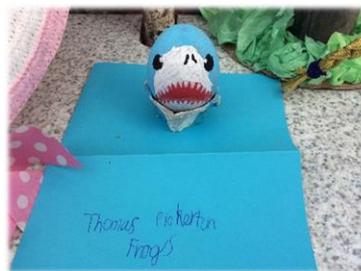
The focus was on each individual; fostering a sense of Growth Mindset, knowing that they could push themselves and achieve the next goal. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and we have seen many aspiring skipping experts since!



FODS have very generously funded a skipping kit bag containing 50 ropes, a DVD, a CD containing the skipping track as well as motivation charts to record success and certificates to reward achievement. Teachers will now use this twice a term to complete our own school Skip2bfit challenge. Thank you to everyone who purchased a rope; the school have received 6 free ropes for lunchtimes as commission.

Mrs Murrell.

FODS Egg Decorating Competition



Well done to everyone who entered the competition. There were lots of 'eggcellent' entries and it was very difficult for the teachers to choose the overall winners due to the 'eggstraordinary' effort put in. Thank you very much to FODS for organising this event and for providing the chocolate eggs for prizes. The winners were as follows:

Ducklings – Pheobe & Rory

Minnows – Ellie & Jenson

Frogs – Rose & Hayden

Kingfishers – Edward & Emelia

RBL presentation

Back in November, Kingfishers' class entered some thought-provoking poems in a poetry competition run by our local branch of the Royal British Legion. This was to commemorate 100 years since the First World War ended. Richard Cawte and Mike Clarke commented on the high standard of the entries and distributed book tokens and certificates to the writers of the three best poems. Congratulations to Faye and Oliver Y for being awarded the overall winners.



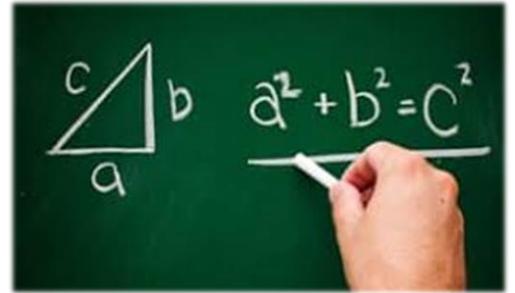
Mother's Day Assembly



Thank you to all the mothers and grandmothers who joined our celebration assembly on Friday to hear the special Mother's Day song that the children had rehearsed. John Saxon led worship during that week, where he emphasised the importance of the care and nurture of mothering. He also provided the materials for the children to make the small gifts you received. Thank you, John.

Maths Competition

On Thursday 28th March, 4 pupils were selected to compete in the regional heats of the EES for Schools maths competition at Radwinter Primary school. The questions were themed around a fictitious ancient mathematical civilisation and were very challenging! Out of 8 competing teams, the Debden team came 5th, ranking around the middle, in terms of scoring. Many teachers from other schools commented on our children's enthusiasm for the tasks and excellent behaviour. Josh reported 'It was very difficult and we had to work as a team. If I had the chance I would love to take part again.'



Zumba Performance

Well done to Kingfishers and all the members of the Zumba club who gave a toe-tapping performance of their dance moves on Wednesday. The children's coordination and timing were impressive – not to mention their stamina! Thank you to all the parents and carers who gave up their time to support this one-off event.



Hockey Match

Debden played their last hockey match of the season against Chrishall on Friday 29th March. The majority of play was with Debden in the Chrishall half, but our defence was very quick if Chrishall did manage to make a run for it. The whole team played really well, and we are delighted that our final match resulted in a 1-0 win for Debden with Edward D scoring the winning goal. Thank you to our coaches Sarah Burley and Rebecca Tobin. Year 3s, we need YOU in September to play exciting inter-school hockey. Hockey is open to years 4, 5 and 6.



Open Morning

We look forward to welcoming new families on Monday 30th April from 9-10:15am for our open morning. Thank you, to those parents and staff who have offered to display an advertisement board on their property and to those who have collected leaflets to distribute. Please support us by spreading the word – why not like our page on Facebook and share our flyer on social media? Let's share what our special, nurturing school has to offer.

Key Stage 1 Dance Festival

We hope there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and see the dance after the Easter holiday.

'On Wednesday 27th March Minnow Class went to Rickling School for the Dance Festival. We watched all the other school do their amazing dances and then we showed everyone ours. It was great fun even though we felt a bit nervous.'

Erin Year 1 and Brewster Year 2

KS1 Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Toy Museum and Castle

'On Friday 22nd March we went on a trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle and Toy Museum. There were lots of funny toys like the mirror that makes your head long. We really enjoyed playing with the puppets and looking at all the old toys. When we went to the castle, we saw all the old things that were used when people lived in castles. We also saw the training area the knights used to learn how to fight. We had a fantastic day.'

Keira Year 1 and Ellie Year 2



Volunteer Appeal

Our school library is a popular resource area for children of all ages. We are appealing for any parents or grandparents who would be able to support this provision at lunchtimes. We would be most grateful of help on any lunchtime except Thursday which is already covered. If you are able to help, please reply via the school office – thank you.

School Payments

We would prefer payments to be made by **debit card only** using the online payment system (SCOPay). However, we will continue to accept cheque payments until August 2019. From September 2019, the school will accept online payments only.

If you have not yet registered with SCOPay, please contact the school office who will be able to issue an online registration code. Please click on the link below to access online payments. You will also be able to find quick reference and video guides on how to use the system.

[SCOPay Login](#)



STARS of the WEEK	
<p>Ducklings</p> <p><i>Pheobe & Andrew</i></p> 	<p>Minnows</p> <p><i>Ted & Ellie</i></p> 
<p>Frogs</p> <p><i>George & Riley</i></p> 	<p>Kingfishers</p> <p><i>Charlie & Oliver Y</i></p> 

Reminders:

Swimming

Swimming for Minnows will resume on Tuesday 30th April. Please ensure your child has their full swimming kit with them every Tuesday (costume, swimming hat, goggles and towel). The last swim session for Minnows will be Tuesday 9th July

Parking outside School

Please may we remind parents that parking outside the school is not allowed, particularly during pick up and drop off time. We have had reports of parents parking alongside the side gate, which makes crossing the road significantly more hazardous when the children are coming out of school.

Music Lessons

Guitar lessons with Alan Green resume on Wednesday 24th April. Flute, piano and saxophone with James Free resumes on Wednesday 1st May and drum lessons with Stuart Pringle resume on Tuesday 30th April.

If your child is interested in music lessons, please contact the school office. Instruments available for tuition are guitar, drums, piano, flute, clarinet and saxophone.

Kind regards

Mrs Fradd

Dates for your Diary - please note, these may be subject to change if unavoidable circumstances happen.

Monday 8 April - 22 April - Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23 April - INSET Day
May 2019 - KS1 "Test" period

W/C 13 May - KS2 Test week
 Thursday 23 May - reading/phonics workshop for parents 9.00 - 10.15 - details to follow.
 Friday 24 May - Frogs STEM - then celebration assembly.
 Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May - Half-term.
 W/C Monday 3 June - Science week
 W/C Monday 10 June - Year 1 Phonics screen week.
 Friday 14 June - Ducklings STEM - then celebration assembly.
 Wednesday 3 July - Sports Day - picnic lunch from 12pm and races at 1pm.
 Friday 5 July - Ducklings class assembly - parents invited - 2.40pm.
 Friday 5 July - Summer summary reports out
 Monday 8 July - 9.30 - Dress Rehearsal
 Tuesday 9 July - 2pm - KS2 performance
 Wednesday 10 July - 6pm - performance.
 Sunday 14 – Wednesday 17 – Year 6 Kingswood
 Wednesday 24 July - 9.30 - Leavers service & Awards celebration - 2pm.

Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events for April & May 2019

Services:

April 7	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
April 14		Palm Sunday	
	9.45am	Procession starting at Village Shop	
	10.00am	Palm Sunday Service	John Saxon
April 14	6.00pm	Annual Meeting of Parishioners	
April 19		Good Friday	
	10.00am	Walk of Witness	John Saxon
April 21		Easter Day	
	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
April 28	9.15am	Choral Matins	Home Team
May 5	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
May 12	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
May 19	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
May 26	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon

Events:

April 23	2.00pm	Memorial Service for Joan Taylor	Hilary Davey
May 5	2.00-4.00pm	Plant & Book Sale	

NB Please note the times of the Procession and the Service on Palm Sunday. The above times are correct.

The Service does not begin at 9.15am as shown in other places.

A short service (said) of Morning Prayer is held every Friday at 9.00am in the Chiswell Chapel in the Church.