



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to congratulate all of the children who took part in our Head Boy and Head Girl elections.

Speaking in front of their peers takes real courage and confidence, and we are incredibly proud of every child who put themselves forward.

Today, we were also delighted to present our pin badge awards to children who have consistently demonstrated our school core values. It is always wonderful to celebrate the kindness, resilience and positive attitudes shown by our pupils each day.

This week, we also welcomed families for our Meet the Teachers evening for children starting Nursery and Reception in September. It was lovely to meet so many new families, and we are excited to welcome them properly into our school community later this year. Finally, with some sunshine and warmer weather forecast for half term next week, we hope everyone enjoys a restful and enjoyable break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the final half term of the academic year.

Mrs Burgess
Headteacher

LETTERS HOME

Y56 Girls Tennis Team - Select

Father's Day Breakfast - Nursery

Nurture Group Fab Finish - Select

Year 5/6 Mixed Athletics Team - Select

Year 5/6 Quad Kids Athletics - Select

Sports Awards Save the date - Select

Sports Captain Applications - Y5

Y5 Wicked Theatre trip opportunity - current Y4

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

25-29th May - HALF TERM

Mon 1st June - Back to School

Mon 1st June - Y1 Local Walk

Tues 2nd June - Delphinus London Trip

Weds 3rd June - Volans Trip

Thurs 4th June - Dorado Trip

Fri 5th June - Y6 Legoland

Tues 9th June - Nursery Farm trip



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STARS, VALUES & MUSIC AWARDS - MAY

Our star of the week awards is an opportunity for our teachers to give great praise to the children who show hard work, determination and enthusiasm amongst other things, to the children who really stand out that week. Values awards are also given out each week to children who show us how they live by the Great Denham Primary values. Music awards are given to the children that show excellent participation and musicality in lessons.

	Week 1 - 04.05.26		Week 2 - 11.05.26		Week 3 - 18.05.26	
	STARS	VALUES	STARS	VALUES	STARS	VALUES
Little Stars	Aubree	Elyse	Esme	Roman	Cyrah	Sehej
Tucana	Larisa	Jaxon	Isabella	Archie	Elsie	Davina
Columba	Arielle	Darcey	Luca	Lenna	quinn	Leo
Phoenix	Zaki	Mersiha	Rayan	Kayla	Amaira	Zara
Aquila	Fatima	Jesse	Erin	Sienna	Charlie	Michelle
Pavo	Evie	Kayla	Tiffany	Sienna D	Patrick	George
Cygnus	Martin	Jenson.C	Leo	Florence	Martin	Amelia .C
Volans	Zaviyaan	Neda	Preciousgift	Tino	Ariana	Joshua
Delphinus	Maryam	Theo	Jesse	Ariah	Grace	Amira
Dorado	Zara	Ada	Lucas	Sienna	Manev	Spencer
Lacerta	Junior	Sophia	Fikky	Freya	Aisha	Sri
Draco	Harlee F	Ariah				
Serpens	Sidney	Billy	Ella	Oliver	Kashvi	Bella
Auriga	Arthur	Ellen	Finley		Harry	Emilis
Perseus	Jake	Finn			Trixie	Matthew
Orion	Joshua	Millie P	Janelle	Jaco	Elijah	Karolina
Circinius	Harleen	Arley	Lionel	Aliyah-Marie	Lizzy	Eric
Vela	Rose	Emilia		Afia	Jasmine	Amber
Carina	Kayhan	Kieran	Lauren	Romeo	Emmanuela	Alex
Cassio	Amy	Eliza	Megan	Ilyas	Nesonna	Elise
Cepheus	Rose	Logan	Austin	Harriet	Hugo	Radin
Andromeda	Divya	Elsie	Lexi	Alaa		

SPORTS UPDATE

Time flies when you are having fun and our wonderful sports teams have had a super half term! We are finishing the half term on a real high and are very pleased to share with you the achievements from this half term.....

Year 5&6 Girls cricket league

The girls have thrown themselves into each week with great determination and increased confidence, which has been great to see. The result shave been very mixed, with some games being won or lost by only a few runs.

A team finished: 6th

B team finished: 10th

A team: Alayna, Allayah, **Ellie**, Elsie, Jasmine, Maya H, Maya S & Teigan

B team: Dahlia, Darcey Indianna, Karla, **Layaan**, Phoebe, Rose & Zoe

Year 5&6 Girls Rounders league

The girls continued to play well in this league against opposition from year 6 teams. Rain affected play on our planned finals night, therefore the final matches will be played on Tuesday 2nd June where year 6 will be playing for 1st/2nd place and year 5 for 7th/8th. We are excited to see the girls play in their final match and wish them all the best of luck!

Year 6 team: Alla, Divya, Edith, Elsie, Harriet, Laura, Maddie & **Maya**

Year 5 team: Aliyah, Amelia, Amelie, Arley, Evie W, **Maya**, Scarlett & Teigan

Year 5&6 Boys Cricket league results

A team - finished 5th

B team - finished 8th

A team - Cian, Jacob, James, Jacob, Leo, Maheer, Pavit and Teddy

B team - Gerasim, Harry, Lincoln, Logan, Miles, **Maxey, Myles**, Teddy

Multisports festivals

Well done to Serpens, Carina and Circinus for attending their multi sports festivals this half term.

After half term we are excited for National school sports week (15th-19th June), start of the athletics league, tennis tournaments and dare we say it....training for our September fixtures!



Year 1

YEAR GROUP UPDATE

The children have had a fabulous first half of the summer term and have shown so much enthusiasm towards our project, 'Are We Too Small to Make a Difference?'

We received a mysterious message in a bottle from Pirate Pete, who is travelling around the world and has noticed lots of litter in the oceans. He wondered if we have the same problem in our local waterway. On our walk to the river, we discovered that litter is also a problem in the River Ouse and discussed how this litter may eventually end up in the sea. The children have been learning about continents and oceans, including which continent we live on. Pirate Pete also sent us the book *Duffy's Lucky Escape*, and the children have been learning about how litter impacts animals in the ocean. The Year 1 children have rewritten the story and are looking forward to reading them to the Reception children after half term.

In art, the children have been learning about the artist Kelly Quinn and discussed what they liked and disliked about her work. They used her sea turtle artwork as inspiration for their own pastel turtle art.

After half term, the children will be going 'under the ocean' to explore the amazing animals that live there. They will also be learning about Jacques Cousteau and how his inventions helped ocean explorers.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



Year 2

YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 2 have had a wonderful start to our new topic all about London! We were very lucky when Paddington gifted us our very own afternoon tea experience. The children enjoyed tasting traditional scones with jam and cream and even made their own cucumber sandwiches.

In class, we have been learning about famous London landmarks and discussing what makes London a city. The children have loved exploring maps, photographs and facts about the capital city. We have also been busy writing non-fiction pages for Paddington to help teach him all about London and its famous sights.

We are all very excited for our trip to London after half term, where we will have the opportunity to see many of the landmarks for ourselves and bring our learning to life!





School Disco





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WHO WILL BE CROWNED THE WINNERS

of our **SUMMER** Fete

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ANNOUNCED &
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WINNING STANDS. ALSO
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