



Dair House Summer E-Letter Issue 2

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Head's Welcome

Dear Parents and Friends of Dair House,

Last Saturday I had the privilege of attending the inaugural IAPS Teaching and Learning Festival in Oxford at the Dragon School. I was accompanied by Miss Allen, Miss Khan, Mrs Fitzgerald and Miss Hughes who just like me gave up their Saturday to attend this inspiring event!

Hundreds of educators from across the country, and even some from abroad, gathered to explore creativity, curriculum design, inclusion, technology, and wellbeing in Prep school education. With over 30 inspiring speakers including research based key notes from Bill Lucas and Kate Jones (for those in the know they are teaching royalty), the energy was

tangible from start to finish and we all left invigorated full of ideas to improve our own teaching.

There's a famous quote that says, 'A teacher never stops learning' and at Dair House this is very much the case. Continuous professional development is the key to every teacher's success and it makes me reflect on how lucky we are that staff want to take the time to learn and grow, so that your children get the very best from us in the classroom.

I do hope that you enjoy seeing the joyful learning that has taken place this week. Highlights for all of us must be our VE Day picnic (thank goodness the weather was good!) and the Year 3 Viking assembly which showcased to me how much progress the children have made since joining Year 3.

Currently as I write this, the whole school are enjoying an afternoon in the sun, connecting with nature and enjoying the company of each other. It is heart warming to hear the hum of busyness in the air and see all the children from Nursery to Year 6 enjoying the joys of being outside. Watching our Year 6s work so closely with our youngest children is a delight and shows how very special our Dair House community is.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Bull

Headteacher



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Our Talented Children



Please see below the pupils achievements both inside and outside the school.

Work of the Week:

Strava Challenge: During the Easter holiday, a vast number of Dair House pupils enthusiastically participated in the Strava Challenge, engaging in a wide range of sporting activities such as running, cycling, walking and swimming.

The challenge encouraged pupils to set personal goals, push their limits, and celebrate their accomplishments. Mrs Bishop was extremely impressed and awarded each pupil a wristband.

A fantastic way for pupils to stay active, build resilience, and enjoy the outdoors. Well done to everyone who took part!

Reception: **Aaryan and Josh B** were awarded a certificate for successfully learning 42 sounds taught in Jolly Phonics. Well done!

Year 3: Sébastien attended various cricket trials before Easter and has been selected to represent both the U8 and U9 Phoenix cricket teams at Ealing Cricket Club, an excellent achievement as he is only aged 7! The ECC is a prestigious West London cricket club, with teams in the Premier League Middlesex League!

Wariz has focussed incredibly well to improve his drawing skills. He has created a stunning sketch of a viking dragonship. Well done for your perseverance, determination and creativity!

Year 4 Rivers and Mountains: Year 4 pupils researched rivers and mountains and showcased their findings through a variety of impressive projects, including beautifully designed posters, booklets, stunning 3D models, (and engaging PowerPoint presentations which they shared with their class). The posters were filled with detailed illustrations and interesting facts about major rivers such as the Thames and the river Ganges, as well as mountains such as Mount Fuji and Mount Kilimanjaro.

A truly inspiring display of learning!

PGL Certificates : Year 4 pupils were awarded certificates in recognition of their impeccable behaviour and attitudes during their recent PGL residential trip. Congratulations to all of Year 4 for representing the school so brilliantly!

Year 5: Lulu took the initiative to create a collection of stunning animal sketches entirely on her own accord, using YouTube. Her passion for art and dedication to improving her skills were evident in each detailed drawing.

Her commitment and passion to learn independently and striving for excellence in her artwork is truly inspiring.

Well done to Lulu for showcasing such creativity, perseverance, and artistic work! (Please click the pictures below).

Year 6: Georgie was awarded a special trophy at rugby this week, 'Last Girl Standing'. Due to RFU rules, this is the last season that Georgie can play with her team at Beaconsfield. She has thoroughly enjoyed playing with a squad of 40+ boys, being the only girl for quite a few seasons. Her teammates also awarded her an England rugby top and Red Roses cap. Georgie will continue her rugby career at Marlow.

Carlotta: Congratulations to Carlotta, who was awarded a certificate for successfully completing the Marie Curie Swimathon 400m challenge in 00:10:15!

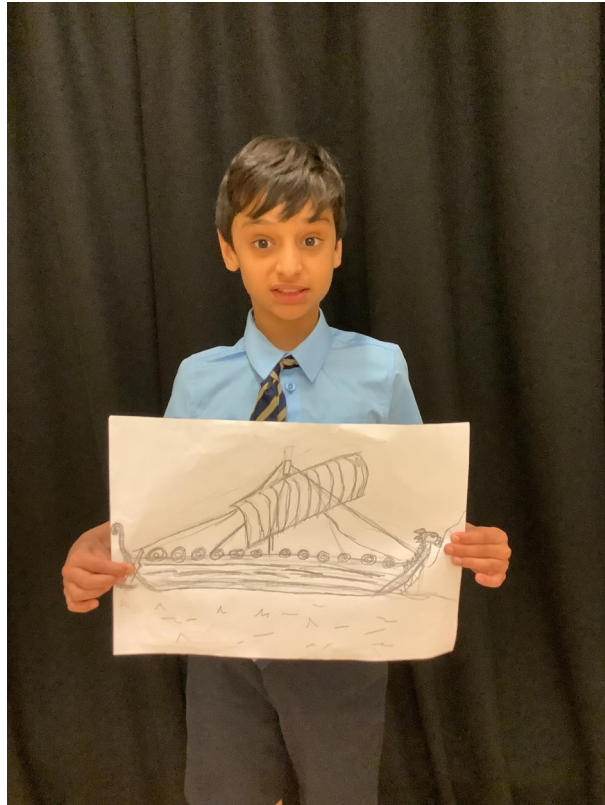
House Point Certificates: Congratulations to **Jojo** and **Jacob** who received their Bronze House Point certificates.



1 - Aaryan and Josh B



2 - Sébastien



3 - Wariz



4 - Year 4: River and Mountain



5 - Year 4: PGL Certificates



6 - Georgie



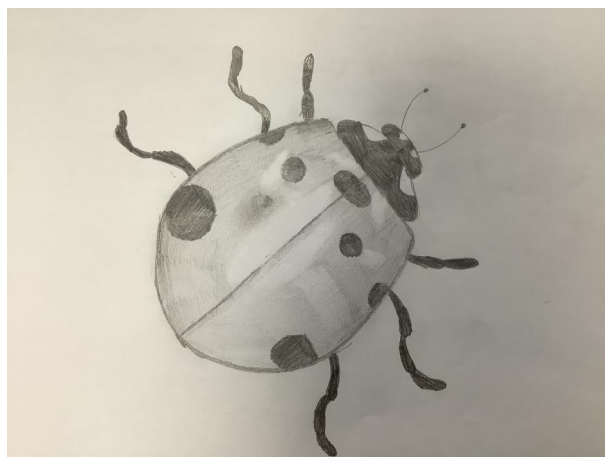
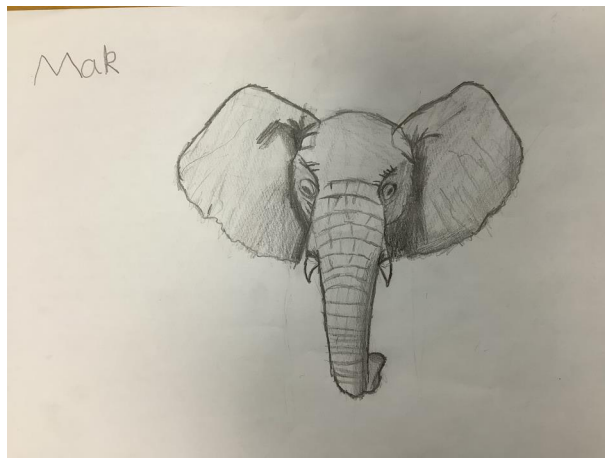
7 - Carlotta

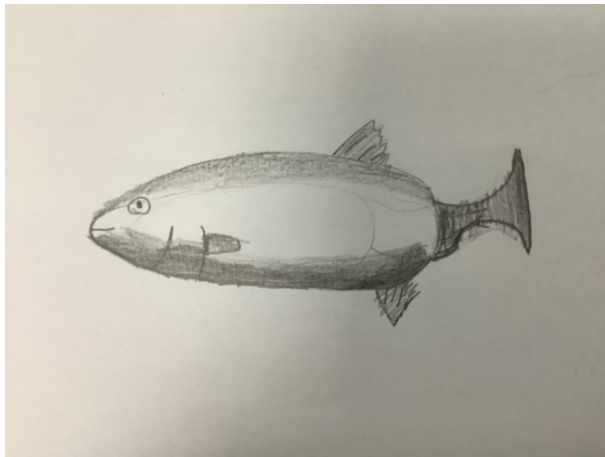


8 - Jojo and Jacob



9 - Lulu







The Kindness Cup



The Kindness Cup was awarded to **Noah**. At the school residential, Noah was recognised by his teachers as showing a fantastic caring attitude. Not only did he continuously help his friends, he was also attentive to his teachers, always offering to take their trays for them. Well done!



10 - Noah awarded The Kindness Cup



Year 3 Assembly

On Thursday, Year 3 took us on an exciting adventure back in time to AD 793! We learnt about the Anglo-Saxons and the first Viking attack on Lindisfarne. We were treated to a Viking campfire and saga about Odin creating the universe. Highlights of the assembly included songs, *Dragon Ships!* and *Who'd be a Viking Woman?* and seeing the children's foil art of longboats. Well done to all of Year 3!





VE Day Celebrations!



The whole school came together in a vibrant red, white, and blue to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. A wonderful atmosphere filled with enthusiasm and pride.

The pupils participated in a wide range of activities that helped them learn about the historical importance of VE Day, reflecting on the courage and resilience of past generations.

To mark the occasion, everyone gathered for a picnic on the school grounds, enjoying the sunshine. The picnic was decorated with Union Jack flags and themed settings. Afterwards the whole school came together in an assembly that helped us reflect on why VE Day is so special. After a two minute silence of reflection we finished with a good old fashioned sing-song of 'Pack Up Your Troubles' and 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'.

A memorable day of learning and celebration, honouring a historical moment in history while bringing the school together in unity and remembrance.













Outdoor Classroom Day



The whole school embraced Outdoor Classroom Day. Pupils participated in a wide range of activities, such as naming the different types of trees, planting flowers in Wellie Boots, flying paper aeroplanes, poetry recitals and making Bee Cafes and Bug Hotels. All designed to connect the pupils with nature and inspire hands-on learning. Thank you to all of you who donated pots, wellies, plants, compost and more. We couldn't have done it without you!

What a successful day, reinforcing the idea that learning can happen anywhere and inspiring pupils to appreciate the outdoors!



11 - Year 3 Class Poetry Competition Outside









Happy Birthday!



Dair House School would like to wish the following pupils a very Happy Birthday:

Kamran

Tommy

Rudra

Ava H

Jojo

Rowan

Noah

Wishing you all a fantastic day!



PTA Update



Dear Parents,

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 14th May 3.15pm to 4.30pm – PTA Uniform Shop Sale. We have a reasonable stock of blazers for anyone needing one for class photos and Celebration Day.

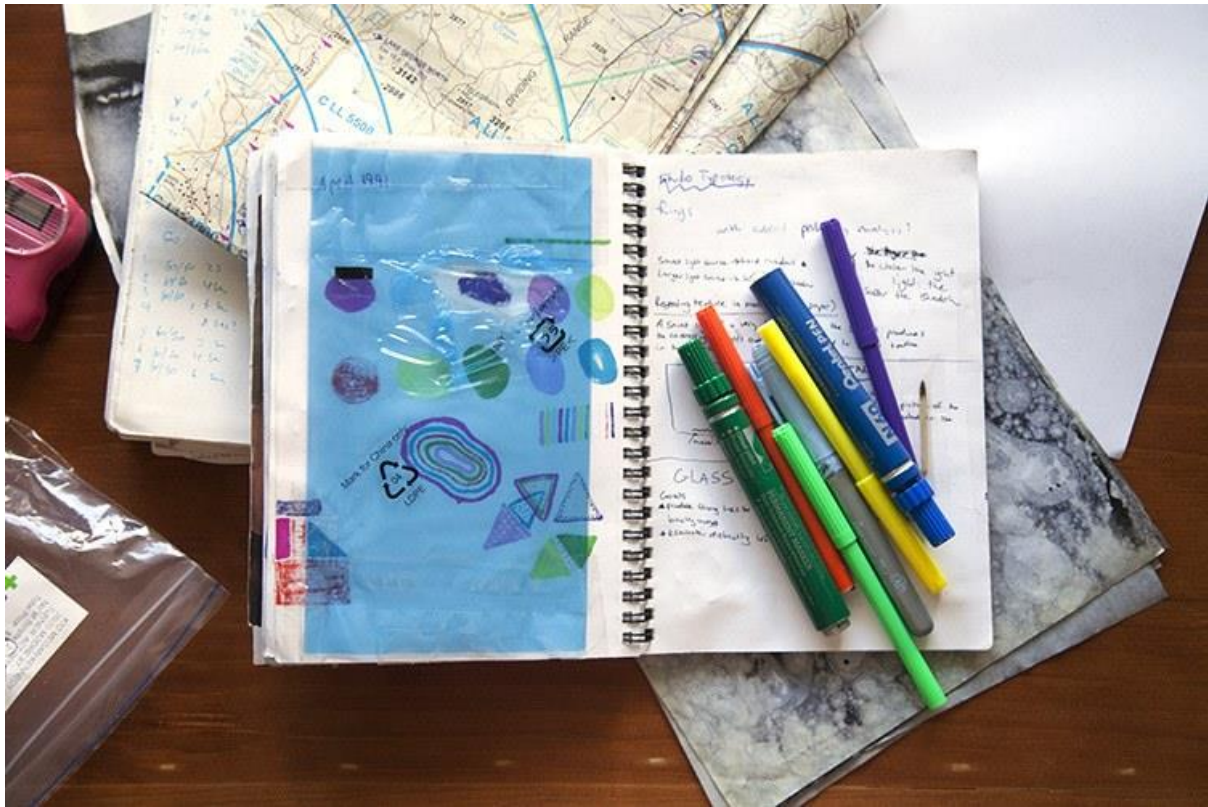
Evening Parent Social Event - POSTPONED - new date TBC

Saturday 5th July – Camp Out

Many thanks & enjoy your weekend.

The PTA

Upcoming Dates



Important Dates for your diary:

Wed 14th May

Open Morning (10 am -12 pm)

Y3-5 Next Schools Meeting (online) 5.30pm

Wednesday 14th May

PTA Uniform Shop Sale (May 3.15 pm to 4.30 pm)

Thurs 15th May

Poetry Recital Final

Fri 16th May

Form Reps Meeting (8.30 am)

Fri 16th May

Wildlife Day

Mon 19th May

Optional Parents' Evening

Wed 21st May

Parents' Evening

(Reception: Tues 3rd June &

Thurs 5th June)

Educational Visit:

Mon 19th May- Fri 23rd May

Yrs 5&6 Residential Croft Farm

Assemblies:

Thurs 15th May

Year 5

Thurs 5th June

Year 2

N.B. Assemblies start at 8.30. All parents attending assemblies will be invited for coffee/tea in the dining room from drop off.

Fixtures:

Tues 13th May

Whole School Cross Country Race 2pm

Wed 14th May

Yrs 5&6 Cricket vs Long Close (A)

Tues 20th May

Yrs 3&4 Cricket vs Long Close (H)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Contact



If you have any questions, comments or achievements to feature in the newsletter please contact Ms. Rose in the School Office:

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