



Dair House Summer E-Letter Issue 1

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Spring Term

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Head's Welcome



Dear Parents and Friends of Dair House,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term. The first week and a half has certainly been a busy one and has set the tone beautifully for what promises to be an exciting term ahead.

It was wonderful to see the school field come alive on Wednesday with not one but three cricket matches against Herries. Watching our Year 5 and 6 pupils playing in the warm sunshine, enjoying the game and supporting one another, really did make it feel as though summer is finally on its way.

Year 4 have also had a memorable start to the term, heading off on their very first residential visit to Marchants Hill. As you will see from the photos later in this newsletter, they had an amazing few days. My sincere thanks go to Miss Allen and Miss King, who gave up their time to look after the children, enabling them to experience the independence, resilience and confidence that comes from being away from home. These first residential experiences are such an important milestone, and one the children will remember for a long time, I'm sure!

The highlight of the week for me, though, was welcoming sports presenter Steve Rider to officially open our long-awaited MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area). If you are of a certain age (as I am), you will remember Steve as a familiar face on the BBC and ITV, presenting major sporting events over many years. After the opening, Steve spoke to our KS2 children with great warmth about highlights from his remarkable 48-year broadcasting career, which has included presenting *Grandstand*, *Sports Personality of the Year*, 12 Olympic Games, Formula One, and football coverage for both the BBC and ITV. The children really did ask some insightful questions and hung on every word as he shared story after story from his career.

The KS2 hockey match that christened the new surface was played in excellent sporting spirit and was a fitting way to mark the opening of this fantastic facility. To see this project completed before I leave is a real personal highlight, as I can remember many conversations over the years about the wish for a high-quality sports space like this for our pupils.

Listening to Steve speak to the children after the opening, it was clear that they were inspired not just by the sporting moments he described, but by his emphasis on hard work, enthusiasm and making the most of every opportunity – values that we strive to instil at Dair House every day.

Wishing you all a fun-filled May Bank Holiday weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Bull

Headteacher

Our Talented Children



Work of the week:

Reception - A massive congratulations to **Zora** for being named Star of the Term for Spring '26! Your hard work and positive attitude have shone brightly all term.

Year 1 - Mustafa, Aayra and Aaryan for their fantastic desert mind maps. They were active participants in their learning, brainstorming brilliant ideas and showing great curiosity.

Ayva and **Raul** for being inquisitive explorers! They came up with their own thoughtful questions about desert life. A special mention to **Ayva**, who demonstrated great independence by correctly using capital letters and question marks.

Joshua for showing wonderful grit and determination in Maths. Your hard work is truly paying off!

Avneet for her stunning desert artwork. Avneet captured the atmosphere of the dunes beautifully.

Year 2 - Arya for achieving her Diamond Gymnastics Level 4 Award. What an incredible display of strength and flexibility!

Arya, Anaya and **Francesca** for their vibrant and detailed topic work on African Art. They captured the colours and patterns of the continent with real skill.

Year 3 - For being a digital maestro! **Xaviyar** created two wonderful PowerPoints - one a sparkling guide to Gemstones and the other a fascinating recount of his trip to Saudi Arabia.

Year 4- Wariz, Soraya, Gio, Samar for their drawings inspired by the classic illustrations of *The Wind in the Willows*. They truly captured the spirit of the riverbank.

Josh a future literary star! Josh has written and published his very own book, *The Enchanted Bush*. To see a young writer take a project from an idea all the way to a published work is inspiring. We are so proud of your dedication to your craft, Josh!

Year 5 - Liyaa, Evie, Anna and **CJ** for their thought-provoking ESR mural designs. Their work for a public toilet mural carried a powerful message about global sanitation and the vital importance of access to facilities.

Year 6 - Bella a huge well done for completing The 12 Labours of Year 6! Inspired by the legends of Greece, Bella conquered 12 diverse challenges set by Mr. Carter. A true heroic effort!

Zaydan for earning his Bronze House Point Certificate. Your consistent contribution to your house is fantastic!

Lulu - successfully passed her rugby tackle assessment and played in her first contact match for the Maidenhead Rugby Girls' Under 12's team v Reading Abbey - earning an end of season medal.

LAMDA Success

We are celebrating some "break-a-leg" moments this week!

- **Josh (Y4), Ava B (Y5), and Evie (Y5):** For achieving a Distinction in Acting Grade 1 - Duo.
- **Lulu (Y6):** For earning a Merit in Acting Grade 2 - Combined.
- **Kaysha (Y6):** For an outstanding Distinction in Acting Grade 2 - Combined.

IGA / Gymfinity Kids Competition

Our 5 gymnasts reached new heights this week representing their club in a Gymfinity competition in Luton where they achieved some truly amazing results:

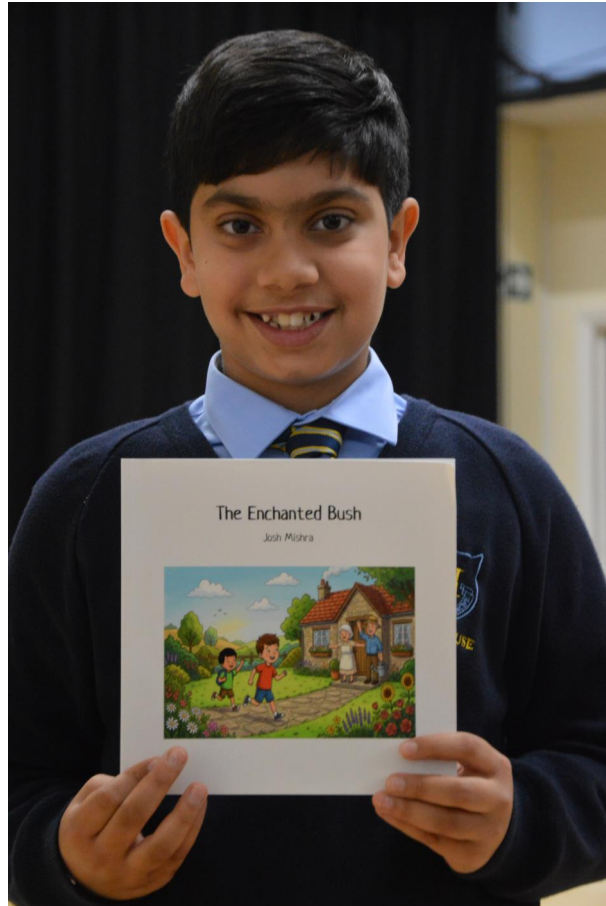
- **Diya (Y5):** Won two medals, including a Silver for her floor routine.
- **Anna (Y5):** A clean sweep! Anna earned five medals, including Gold for both floor and bars, and was crowned the Trophy Winner for Overall Performance.
- **Ava H (Y5):** who achieved bronze in beam.
- **Lulu (Y6):** achieved bronze medals in bars, beam, vault and for her overall scores on the day in her age category.
- **Annabelle (Y6):** who also achieved bronze in beam.

We are so proud of all our high achievers this week!













Kindness Cup



Congratulations to Noah in Year 5 for receiving the Kindness Cup. This week he was extra caring in the playground when a younger pupil got hit. He has also been very helpful in the classroom, helping friends read. Well done Noah.

A special shout out also to Agastya who showed great care of an upset classmate, making suggestions for activities to cheer them up and being a great encouraging friend.



Game On: Our New MUGA official opening!

It was a pleasure to welcome parents, governors, and all the children this morning for the opening of our long-awaited MUGA, and we would like to thank everyone who came along to support the event.

We were delighted to welcome sports presenter Steve Rider, who officially opened the facility by cutting the blue and yellow ribbon. The MUGA was immediately put to use with a Year 5/6 hockey show match, followed by an engaging talk for our KS2 pupils about Steve's career. During the talk, the children asked thoughtful and insightful questions.

We hope that the children went away inspired by his career in sports journalism and presenting, with the key takeaway being the importance of making the most of every opportunity and recognising that there are many different careers in sport. Hopefully, he has inspired some of them to write their first report on our next fixture!

What was only recently a construction site is now a high-quality, all-weather space that will support school sport throughout the year and make cancelled fixtures due to waterlogged pitches a thing of the past.

We also look forward to welcoming local sports clubs who wish to use the facility all year round for training and matches.

Host Your Event Here!

Are you looking for a venue for your summer fixtures or sporting events? Our MUGA could be the perfect home for your team. For booking inquiries and further details, please contact Bursar@dairhouse.school









Y5/Y6 Netball v St Mary's

On Tuesday, the Year 5/6 Netball team, joined by Mary from Year 3, took part in a netball tournament at St Mary's School in Gerrards Cross. The event was organised, run, and umpired by St Mary's Year 10 and 11 pupils.

It was a fantastic afternoon, with 10 schools taking part in a lively and competitive atmosphere.

Our Dair House Year 5 team, which included Mary, performed brilliantly. They demonstrated strong defending, excellent passing, and some fantastic shooting from Liyaa. Finishing 4th out of 6 in their group was a great achievement, especially as they were competing against several Year 6 teams.

The Year 6 team also had an outstanding tournament. Their quick movement and effective one-two passing caught many opponents off guard, alongside some solid defending. They finished 2nd in their group, earning a place in an exciting 3rd/4th playoff, which they went on to win.

William was named player of the tournament following a brilliant performance!

It was an enjoyable and successful afternoon for everyone involved, well done to all the players!



Y5/6 Cricket v Herries

What a spectacular day for our cricketers! We are thrilled to report a clean sweep in our recent fixtures against Herries. Every single team displayed incredible skill, sportsmanship, and determination, resulting in a series of well-deserved wins across the board.

It was a brilliant performance from all our players, but a few individuals truly stood out for their contributions on the pitch.

Star Performers

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to our Players of the Match:

- A Team: Sophie. Sophie's performance was nothing short of masterclass, leading the team with both her technical precision and competitive spirit.
- C Team: Ava H & Anna. A fantastic joint effort! Both girls showed great improvement and played pivotal roles in securing the C Team's victory.

Match Highlights

The energy on the field was electric. From sharp fielding to some impressive boundaries, our players proved that their hard work during training is paying off. More importantly, the camaraderie and encouragement shown between teammates were the real highlights of the day.

Well done to everyone involved! We look forward to carrying this momentum into our next set of fixtures.



Y4 Residential Trip

On Wednesday, Year 4 headed off to PGL Marchants Hill in Surrey for their residential, and what a fantastic time they had. The weather was exceptionally kind, with sunshine throughout their stay, allowing the children to make the most of every activity. From sensory trails and evening arts and crafts to obstacle races, climbing and plenty of laughter on giant stand-up paddle boards, Year 4 truly had a whale of a time. They even managed to keep their rooms tidy – something their parents will no doubt be hoping continues when they return home! Beyond the fun, the residential provided valuable opportunities for the children to develop important life skills such as teamwork, resilience, independence and confidence. Our thanks go to Miss Allen and Miss King for going above and beyond to make their stay a truly memorable experience.









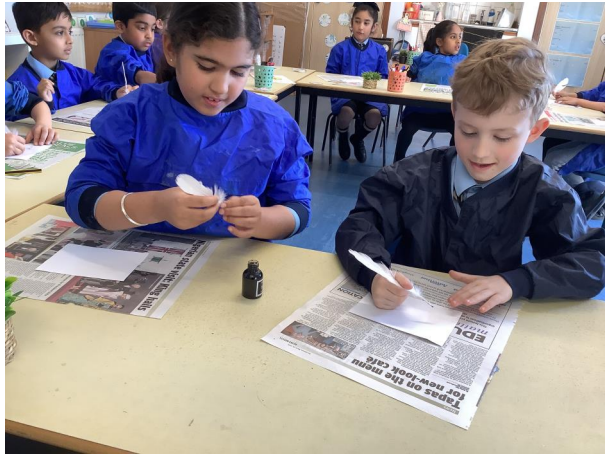




Pictures Of The Week











Reminders for the week ahead

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May - U8/U9 Cricket Fixture v Claires Court @ Claires Court Juniors - 2pm start

Tuesday 5th May - Y5/6 Trip to Infosys London

Wednesday 6th May - U10/U11 Cricket Fixture v Claires Court at Claires Court Juniors - 2pm start

Thursday 7th May - Y3 Trip to Discover Bucks Aylesbury

Friday 8th May - Disney Day Y6 Charity Day

Upcoming Events

Monday 11th May - Friday 5th May: Y5/6 Residential Culmington Manor

Tuesday 12th May: Y3/4 Cricket v Herries @ Dair House - 2pm start

Wednesday 13th May: Next Schools Meeting 5.30pm online

Thursday 14th May: Y1 Assembly 8.30am

Friday 15th May: Form Parents' Meeting 8.30am

Sunday 17th May: IAPS Triathlon Monkton Manor Bath

Dates from the PTA:

Tues 9th June - PTA bake sale @ Sports Day

Sunday 28th June - Mad Hatters Tea Party / a celebration for Mrs Bull

Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th July - Camp Out

Next Weeks Menu

WEEKLY MENU				
WEEK 3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Morning Snack Cheese & Tomato</p> <p>Morning Snack Shortbread(Wheat)(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Mozzarella & Cheese (Wheat, Milk)(V) Vegan Version Available</p> <p>On The Side Green Beans(V, Ve) Buttered Baby Corn(V, Ve) Baked Potato(V, Ve)</p> <p>Everyday Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Pineapple(Wheat, Milk)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Chicken in Black Bean Sauce (Wheat, Fish, Soya) Hold Chicken Version Available</p> <p>Vegetable Gyoza with Tomato Sauce (Wheat, Sesame, Soya) (V, Ve)</p> <p>On The Side Couscous(Wheat)(V, Ve) Roasted Peppers(V, Ve) Green Beans(V, Ve)</p> <p>Everyday Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Mixed Berry Cheesecake (Wheat, Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Carrot Cake(Egg, Wheat, Milk)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Roasted Pork Loins Hold Chicken Version Available</p> <p>Mushroom & Tarragon Gnocchi(V, Ve)</p> <p>On The Side Roasted Potato(V, Ve) Roasted Carrot(V, Ve) Crispy Potatoes(V, Ve)</p> <p>Everyday Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Chocolate Mousse (Milk, Soya)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Crackers & Cheese Slice (Wheat, Milk)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Chicken Korma(Calery) Hold Chicken Version Available</p> <p>Lentil & Butternut Squash Curry(Calery)(V, Ve)</p> <p>On The Side Steamed Rice(V, Ve) Spiced Cauliflower(V, Ve) Sweetcorn(V, Ve)</p> <p>Everyday Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Apple & Apricot Crumble & Custard(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Blueberry Cake(Wheat, Egg)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Garlic Cod Fish Fingers(Fish, Wheat)</p> <p>Fishless Fingers(Wheat)(V, Ve)</p> <p>On The Side Oven Baked Chips(V, Ve) Garden Peas(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve)</p> <p>Everyday Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Blueberry Eton Mess(Milk, Egg)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>

PLEASE NOTE: INGREDIENTS POST CHANGES AND NOTIFICATION WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LUNCH DINNING ROOM BEFORE LUNCH

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