



# Dair House Spring E-Letter Issue 3

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## Head's Welcome



Dear Parents and Friends of Dair House,

At Dair House, we often speak to the pupils about the importance of being lifelong learners, something I believe applies every bit as much to adults as it does to children. You may have noticed that I have been out of school for three days this week, and I wanted to share why. This was the final part of my training to become a team inspector for the ISI, during which I was shadowing an inspection. It has involved long hours, intense focus, and a steep learning curve and I will certainly be ready for a well-earned rest this weekend! However, it has also been an eye-opening and immensely valuable experience.

It is a genuine honour to be invited into another school, to observe how they operate, and to support the process of judging whether they are meeting the standards expected of them. The experience has given me fresh insight and a deeper appreciation for the many ways schools can continually evolve and improve. Most importantly, this learning does not stop with me. Everything I gain from this training is something I will bring back to Dair House to strengthen the way we work and enrich our provision. For me, learning is a continuous journey, one that benefits not only my own professional growth but also and most importantly the pupils and staff who make our school so special.

I also hope that those of you who attended BRiYM's session this morning found Jess's insights on supporting your child's resilience both practical and reassuring. For anyone who missed it, Jess will be running the session again online on **Wednesday 4th February at 7.30pm**, and I would strongly encourage you to join as it promises to be another valuable opportunity to learn together.

Wishing you a good weekend,

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Bull

Headteacher

## Our Talented Children



### Work of the week:

**Year 2 - Riya** for his beautifully written and incredibly professional letter addressed to the baker of Pudding Lane. Riya showed fantastic historical inquiry, posing thoughtful questions about the Great Fire of London.

**Om** designed and constructing an awe-inspiring model of Pudding Lane. Both Riya and Om have shown remarkable initiative by researching a topic the class hasn't even reached yet, we were all blown away by their curiosity and craftsmanship!

**Jagveer** created a wonderful Tudor House. Jagveer captured the iconic architectural style of the period with great attention to detail.

**Sienna** for her stunning Tudor Rose. Sienna demonstrated a keen eye for design, skilfully layering a variety of materials and textures to bring the historical emblem to life.

**Year 4 - Josh** for his creative response to our classroom learning. Josh took the initiative to design and craft a regal crown fit for a Pharaoh, bridging the gap between history and art.



**Year 5 - Agastya** for his sophisticated and intricate celestial model. Agastya didn't just build the Moon, Sun, and Earth; he engineered a powered mechanism that accurately demonstrated the Earth orbiting the Sun and the Moon orbiting the Earth. A stellar example of science and engineering in action.

**Diya** for her wonderful commitment to her Mathematics work. Diya's persistence and focus have been exemplary, showing a true "can-do" attitude toward every challenge.

**Year 6** - The entire class has been working on their diary entries inspired by *The Highwayman*. Mr. Carter was incredibly impressed with the sheer volume of high-quality writing produced by every student.

**Sophie and Bella** a huge congratulations to both for being awarded their Level 1 LAMDA certificate. Their dedication to performance and communication is a credit to the school.

**Lulu** for her amazing art portfolio. It is clear Lulu has put a huge amount of effort into her work, showing off a wide range of styles and a fantastic creative talent.

#### **House Points:**

**1st - St Patrick's**

**2nd - St Andrew's**

**3rd - St David's**

**4th - St George**









## The Kindness Cup



Congratulations to Zaydan in Year 6 who was awarded the Kindness Cup this week for always being consistently kind and caring. We were especially impressed to see him going out of his way to help a classmate with their maths work. Well done Zaydan!



## Gym Squad Assembly

Incredible performance by our Gym Squad in assembly on Monday. The coordination and strength on display were top-tier! Huge well done to everyone involved and good luck for your gym competition on Sunday.











### U8/U9 Swimming Gala @ Claires Court Senior Girls

The Year 3/4 swimming team had a fantastic time at the Claires Court and Herries swimming gala on Monday.

Each swimmer competed in one length of front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke, with a few swimmers also taking part in the two-length races. There was plenty of cheering from all the schools, creating a wonderful atmosphere and ensuring everyone had great fun.

All of our swimmers performed brilliantly and achieved some excellent results, including several 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes. Our relay team also did exceptionally well, coming third, with every swimmer giving it their all.

Well done to everyone involved – we are very proud of you!

### U8/U9 Netball Fixture v Claires Court @ Claires Court Juniors

On Tuesday, the Year 3/4 Netball team travelled away to Claires Court Juniors for an exciting afternoon of netball. Claires Court had two Year 4 teams against our single mixed Year 3/4 team, meaning our players were on court for a full hour of non-stop action.

The team showed incredible determination and resilience throughout, never giving up and working tirelessly to mark their players and support one another. With three children playing in their very first netball fixture, it was wonderful to see how well they listened to instructions and how much their confidence and skills improved with each game.

I am extremely proud of every child who took part: Zara (captain), Mary, Alina, Zayna, Siya, Francesca, Soraya and Airah. They worked brilliantly as a team and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout. Zara scored an impressive seven goals, with an additional fantastic goal from Siya.

Mary was voted *Player of the Match* by Claires Court, while Zayna also received *Player of the Match* recognition from the Claires Court staff — a wonderful achievement for both girls.



Every player was exceptional, and it was truly a joy to watch such enthusiasm, teamwork and perseverance on display.

**Scores:**

- Dair House A – Drew 1–1 Claires Court Year 4 A
- Dair House Year 3/4 A – Won 2–0 vs Claires Court Year 4 B
- Dair House Year 3/4 A – Drew 2–2 vs Claires Court Year 4 A
- Dair House Year 3/4 A – Won 2–0 vs Claires Court Year 4 B
- Dair House Year 3/4 A – Lost 1–2 vs Claires Court Year 4 A
- Dair House Year 3/4 A – Lost 0–1 vs Claires Court Year 4 B

Overall Score: Dair House WON 8 – 6



## U10/U11 Netball Fixture v Claires Court @ Claires Court Juniors

On Wednesday, our Year 5/6 pupils took part in another exciting netball fixture against Claires Court Juniors. We faced a very well-trained Year 6 team with a strong shooter, which encouraged our Dair House players to work even harder on court.

Both teams showed excellent teamwork and determination. The A team was captained by Bella and the B team by William, who both led their teams brilliantly with clear direction and encouragement. There was lots of calling for the ball, great movement to find space and some fantastic shooting at the huge 10-foot posts!

This match was a valuable learning experience and has helped us identify areas to focus on as we prepare for the upcoming IAPS Netball Tournament, for which 10 of our players have been selected.

Well done to Annabelle, Manya and William for scoring some fabulous goals. A big congratulations also goes to every player for their hard work and teamwork, as without their efforts the shooters would not have had the opportunities to score.

**Scores:**

**A Team:**

1–0 to Dair House

2–3 to Claires Court

3–0 to Dair House

**B Team:**

1–3 to Claires Court

2–1 to Dair House

**Overall score:** 9–7 to Dair House

A fantastic effort from everyone involved!



## Little Dair Nursery

Hickory dickory dock... look at these little clocks! Our nursery children have loved learning the rhyme and creating their very own clocks.



## Welcome back Soufiane

It is a pleasure to see Soufiane re-join his peers in Year 3 this week. Every student brings a unique spark to our school, and Soufiane has been very missed during his absence!



## Certificate of Appreciation

In appreciation of the excellent work we carried out in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, we have been awarded an RBL certificate of appreciation.



## Pictures Of The Week





















## Reminders for the week ahead

Sunday 1st February : Gym Squad - Floor and Vault Competition

Tuesday 3rd February: IAPS Swimming Gala - Qualifying Round at Maltmans Green School

Wednesday 4th February: BRiYM parents workshop on-line 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday 4th February: U10/U11 Football v Claires Court @ Claires Court Juniors - 2pm

Thursday 5th February: Y5 Assembly

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 11th February	Josh Quigley Visit
Thursday 12th February	Year 1 visit to Windsor Castle
Wednesday 25th February	Parents' Evening 5pm-8pm

## TikTok Account

Want to see us in action? We've launched our official TikTok account!

Expect to see:

- Behind-the-scenes.
- Student highlights and celebrations.
- Quick updates and fun challenges.

**Tap the link below to follow the fun:**

[https://www.tiktok.com/@dairhouseschool?is\\_from\\_webapp=1&sender\\_device=pc](https://www.tiktok.com/@dairhouseschool?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc)

## uKids February Holiday Camp

**Half Term Fun is Just 2 Weeks Away!** 

The countdown is officially on! In just two weeks, we'll be welcoming @usportsxukids for an action-packed February Half Term Multi-Activity Holiday Camp.

Whether your child is into Super Sports, Operation Outdoors, Crazy Crafts, or Brain Busters, there will be something to spark every imagination. It's the ultimate way for ages 3–11 to stay active, get creative, and make lasting memories.

Spaces fill up fast as the date gets closer! Secure your spot now for final details, pricing, and bookings: [u-kids.co.uk/camps/south-bucks-holiday-club](https://u-kids.co.uk/camps/south-bucks-holiday-club)



## Next Week's Menu

WEEKLY MENU				
WEEK 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Morning Snack</b> Cheese & Crackers, Fresh Fruit & Milk <b>Vegetarian Day Main</b> Macaroni Cheese Served With Garlic Bread, Broccoli & Carrots <b>Vegan</b> Option Available <b>Vegetarian Dish</b> Tomato Pasta Bake Served With Garlic Bread, Broccoli & Carrots <b>Vegan</b> Option Available <b>Dessert</b> Jelly Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurt	<b>Morning Snack</b> Croissants, Fresh Fruit & Milk <b>Main Dish</b> Cumberland sausage served with mashed potato, peas, sweetcorn & Gravy <b>Halal</b> Option Available <b>Vegetarian Dish</b> Vegetarian Sausages Served with mashed potato, peas, sweetcorn & Gravy (V, Ve) <b>Dessert</b> Orange Cake Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurt, Jelly	<b>Morning Snack</b> Cheese & Tomato Pinewheels, Fruit & Milk <b>Main Dish</b> Roasted Chicken, Served with Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medley & Gravy <b>Halal</b> Option Available <b>Vegetarian Dish</b> Cauliflower Steak Served with Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medley (V, Ve) <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Mousse Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurt	<b>Morning Snack</b> Bagels & Butter, Fresh Fruit & Milk <b>Main Dish</b> Beef Chilli Con Carne served with rice, roasted carrots and cabbage <b>Halal</b> Option Available <b>Vegetarian Dish</b> Veggie Chilli Con Carne served with rice, roasted carrots and cabbage (V, Ve) <b>Dessert</b> Strawberry Cheesecake Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurt, Jelly	<b>Morning Snack</b> Homemade Flapjack Fresh Fruit & Milk <b>Main Dish</b> Crispy Chicken Wrap, Served with Chips, Green Beans & Peas <b>Halal</b> Option Available <b>Vegetarian Dish</b> Crispy Veggie Wrap, Served with Chips, Green Beans & Baked Beans (V, Ve) <b>Dessert</b> Choc Chip Cookie Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurt, Jelly

FOR ALLERGEN INFORMATION PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

## Contact



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