



# Dair House Spring E-Letter Issue 9

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## Head's Welcome



Dear Parents and Friends of Dair House,

With only one more week to go until the Easter holidays, it has been a real pleasure to see so many of our Reception–Year 5 parents joining us for our parent afternoon visits. From creating Great Fire of London artwork to playing with Reception in the playground, it was wonderful to see you all getting so involved and to watch the children proudly share their learning with you.

Our *Secret Artist* gallery is now on display in the hall, and it has been amazing to see everyone's interpretation of our Planet Earth theme. Most impressively, we've had a huge number of staff entries, as Miss Allen was most insistent that we all took part! Although I was a little hesitant at first, I actually found creating my own piece incredibly cathartic. Setting aside time in the midst of a busy adult life to be creative was refreshing, and something I'm reminded we don't do often enough.

If you haven't already done so, please do purchase your tickets for our **Easter Event on Thursday 26th March**. We are also delighted that our new Headmaster designate, **Mr Robinson**, will be attending. He is very much looking forward to meeting the Dair House community and seeing it in action, so please do come along, say hello, and help us give him a warm welcome.

Finally to those of you are celebrating Eid today and over the weekend I would like to wish you a warm and joyful **Eid Mubarak**.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Bull

Headteacher

## Nursery trip to Burnham Beeches

Nursery took a Wednesday morning trip to Burnham Beeches and enjoyed the lovely sunshine! They saw some wood acrvings, met a friendly dog called Rosie and spotted lots of ants!







## MUGA Project Update: Week 5

Our new **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** is rapidly taking shape! We've had a busy week on-site, and the transformation is becoming more impressive by the day.

### **What's Happening This Week?**

There's been some amazing progress this week, and everything is coming together so nicely.

Next week, the team will be finishing the perimeter fencing, as well as adding some additional line markings. Finally, 15 tonnes of sand will be spread evenly across the surface to ensure optimal performance when playing!

### **Looking Ahead to Summer**

The finish line is in sight, and we are already dreaming of sun-drenched match days. We can't wait to see our students and the community utilizing this premier facility.

**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](mailto:Bursar@dairhouse.school).



## Bikeability

Our Year 6 pupils have been enthusiastically taking part in the Bikeability programme this week, developing essential cycling skills and road safety awareness. Throughout the sessions, children have built confidence riding on local roads, learning how to navigate traffic safely, signal clearly, and make responsible decisions as cyclists. It has been fantastic to see their progress and growing independence, and we are proud of the positive attitudes and effort they have shown.





## Eco Club work with Lizzie from Thomas Franks

On Thursday, the Eco Club welcomed Lizzie from Thomas Franks, who works with schoolchildren across the country on eco projects to help improve their school environments. She spoke to the club about the importance of biodiversity and reducing food waste, sharing some eye-opening statistics, including the fact that Dair House currently wastes an average of 6.8kg of food each day, enough to feed an extra 22 people. It is now over to the Eco Club to explore ways we can improve this, and they will be presenting their ideas to the whole school in assembly next term.

A close-up of the presentation screen showing a table of food waste statistics. The table has four columns: Total wastage (kg), Wastage Value (£), Plates/People, and kg CO2e. The data is as follows:

Total wastage (kg)	Wastage Value (£)	Plates/People	kg CO2e	
Daily average	6.8	19.92	22.67	43.59
Weekly average	34	99.62	113.33	217.96
Yearly average	1088	3187.84	3626.67	6974.74

Your food waste snapshot

## Y4 Trip to Oxford Science Centre

Year 4 enjoyed a brilliant visit to the Science Oxford Centre, spending the day immersed in hands-on investigation and discovery. The children were fascinated by the creatures they found while pond-dipping, and they threw themselves into a wide range of interactive experiments in the Exploration Zone. In the afternoon, they set off on a sunny woodland walk, measuring trees to estimate their age and searching for minibeasts along the way. It was a wonderful day of curiosity, teamwork, and scientific wonder — the children were great representatives of the school and their enthusiasm shone throughout.





## Year 2 Brings the Great Fire of London to Life

This week in Forest School, Year 2 took part in an exciting, memorable activity linked to their learning about the Great Fire of London. The children carefully built their own paper houses and then observed what happened when they were set alight, helping them understand how quickly the fire spread in 1666. This hands-on experience sparked lots of thoughtful discussion and curiosity, bringing history to life in a safe and engaging way.





## Y6 Trip to Ashmolean Museum

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the Ashmolean Museum, where they explored a wide range of fascinating artefacts linked to the Greeks. The visit brought their classroom learning to life and gave Year 6 the opportunity to see real ancient Greek objects up close which deepened their understanding of past civilisations.





## Year 5 Swim Gala



A huge well done to all our Year 5 pupils, along with Mary from Year 3, who represented the school so brilliantly at this morning's Dair House Year 5 Swimming Gala.

The children showed fantastic determination and resilience, demonstrating just how much progress they have made this year. For some, swimming can feel quite daunting, so it was especially pleasing to see those who have previously experienced "water wobbles" face their fears with such courage. They truly embodied the Dair House spirit by taking part and giving their best.

Swimming is an essential life skill, and we are incredibly proud of every child who took part today. Every effort was an achievement worth celebrating!

A special mention must go to Jacob, who showed exceptional confidence and determination. Having initially been entered for half-length races, he challenged himself to swim full lengths in two strokes and took part in the relay race. This was a fantastic accomplishment and a wonderful example of perseverance.

Well done to all our swimmers for their efforts this term. Even though the Year 5's have finished their block of swimming, I would like to challenge the children to continue

developing their confidence and technique through swimming opportunities outside of school, whether it be for fun or by joining a club. I would be happy to recommend local clubs if needed so please contact me at [lbishop@dairhouse.school](mailto:lbishop@dairhouse.school)

## Work of the Week

### Reception

Congratulations to **Ludo** and **Keanu** for receiving their 42 Jolly Phonics Sounds Certificate.

**Ava, Aisha, Ludo, Amal, Haaris,** and **Haris** all showed off their excellent handwriting skills for their Mother's Day pieces.

### Year 2

**Francesca, Freddie,** and **Riyen** - wrote letters to Blue Peter about reducing plastic waste and made eco shield designs to accompany them.

Well done to **Arya** who was awarded the communication certificate for Climbing Club.

### Year 3

**Ayla** and **Wren** produced amazing poems inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine.

Congratulation to **Finn** who wowed Mrs Richards with his excellent poster and PowerPoint all about DNA.

### Year 4

**Josh** created a wonderful piece of pharaoh art inspired by the work of Inji Efflatoun.

Well done to **Rudra** and **Callum** who wrote incredibly descriptive magic pyramid poems. They really impressed Miss Allen with their ideas and imagery.

### Year 6

Mr Carter shared how impressed he was with all of **Year 6's** creative Backstories for the Lady of Shalott.







## Kindness Cup

This week, the Kindness Cup was awarded to Antos in Reception. On World Book Day Antos shared his books with one of his friends, so that he he had a book to swop at the end of the day in the book swop shop. Thank you for being so kind.





Pictures Of The Week













## Reminders for the week ahead

Monday 23rd March: 14:00 onwards - Year 6 Parents' Afternoon

Monday 23rd March: Y3 trip to Verulamium Museum

Tuesday 24th March: Spring Concert 6.30pm

Tuesday 24th March: U8 – U9 Football Fixture Herries v Dair House at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre

Wednesday 25th March: Y1 Assembly 8.30am

Wednesday 25th March: PTA uniform shop will be open 3.15pm-4.45pm

Thursday 26th March: Y2 Assembly 8.30am

Thursday 26th March: PTA Easter Event 3.15pm -5pm

Friday 27th March: End of term 12pm - EYFS and KS1, 12.15pm Year 3 & 4, 12.30pm Y5&6

**On another note If your child was awarded a cup or shield at last year's Celebration Day, please return it to the office by the end of term so we can have it engraved and ready for this year's winners!**

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday April 22nd - Start of Summer Term

## Summer Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

Following an email sent on Thursday with our Summer Term Extra-Curricular Clubs Brochure. The Engage portal for clubs will go live at **6pm Monday 23rd March**.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the extra-curricular provision, please do not hesitate to contact me [schooloffice@dairhouse.school](mailto:schooloffice@dairhouse.school)



## Easter Camp

Ready to crack on with some Easter plans? 🥰

We're back this spring with an action-packed Easter Camp that's all about high energy and big smiles. If you're looking for a way to keep the kids entertained, we've got the perfect mix of creativity and movement!

**When:** Monday 30th March – Thursday 2nd April 8:45am - 4pm

**Pricing:** £55 per day

### What's on the Agenda?

- **Sports & Games:** From team challenges to classic playground favourites.
- **Arts & Crafts:** Spring-themed creations.
- **Action-Packed Fun:** New activities every day to keep the boredom at bay.

To book on please contact [bursar@dairhouse.school](mailto:bursar@dairhouse.school)

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8:45AM - 4PM  
MONDAY 30TH MARCH - THURSDAY 2ND APRIL  
£55 PER DAY

A STAFF-LED WEEK FILLED WITH LOTS OF  
FUN, ARTS AND CRAFTS, SPORTS, AND  
GAMES!

CONTACT MR ARTHUR AT  
BURSAR@DAIRHOUSE.SCHOOL TO  
RESERVE YOUR PLACE

## Next weeks Menu

WEEKLY MENU		WEEK 2		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Chocolate Buns(Wheat, Soya)(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Main Attraction</b> Gambon Stilet(Egg, Milk, Wheat)</p> <p><i>Hotel Chicken Available</i></p> <p><b>Vegetable Stilet(Egg, Milk, Wheat, Celery)</b> <i>Vegetarian Version Available</i></p> <p><b>On The Side</b> Oven Baked Chips(V, Ve) Garden Peas(V, Ve) Roasted Peppers(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Extras</b> Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Fajitas(Wheat)(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Main Attraction</b> Gambon Stilet(Egg, Milk, Wheat)</p> <p><i>Hotel Chicken Available</i></p> <p><b>Vegetable Stilet(Egg, Milk, Wheat, Celery)</b> <i>Vegetarian Version Available</i></p> <p><b>On The Side</b> Oven Baked Chips(V, Ve) Garden Peas(V, Ve) Roasted Peppers(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Extras</b> Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Rice Pudding(Milk, Soya)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Carrot Cake(Wheat, Egg)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Main Attraction</b> Chicken Boster Meat(Celery)</p> <p><i>Hotel Chicken Available</i></p> <p><b>Mixed Vegetable Curry(Celery)(V, Ve)</b></p> <p><b>On The Side</b> Pilau Rice(V, Ve) Baked Cauliflower(Celery)(V, Ve) Garlic &amp; Coriander Nant(Wheat)(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Extras</b> Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Pear &amp; Blueberry Crumble &amp; Custard(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Carrot Cake(Wheat, Milk, Egg)(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Main Attraction</b> Beef Lasagne(Wheat, Milk)</p> <p><i>Hotel Chicken Available</i></p> <p><b>Roasted Vegetable Lasagne(Wheat)(V, Ve)</b></p> <p><b>On The Side</b> Thyme Roasted Courgette(V, Ve) Steamed Carrots(V, Ve) Garlic Buns(Wheat)(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Extras</b> Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Fruit Trifle(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Easter Shortbread (Wheat)(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p>

PLEASE NOTE: INGREDIENTS MAY CHANGE AND NOTIFICATION WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LUNCH DINNING ROOM BEFORE LUNCH

## PTA Update



The PTA uniform shop will be open on **Wednesday 25th March 3.15pm until 4.45pm** a good opportunity to get organised with all your summer uniform.

Dear Parents,

We would like to invite you to our first PTA event of 2026, our Easter Family Event on **\*Thursday 26th March\*** from 3.15pm until 5pm. This year we invite you to visit our Easter Bake Sale and refreshments stall, and for children there is an Easter Egg hunt, Easter Craft activity and an opportunity to enter and take part in the Easter Bonnet Parade led by the Easter Bunny.

For those entering the Easter Bonnet Parade, children are invited to be creative and make a bright and colourful Easter bonnet at home to wear at the event. All children entering the Easter Bonnet Parade will receive a prize. The event will take place in the Playground/Playing fields of the school, and the program of events is as follows.

- Easter Bake Sale & Refreshments Stall– open from 3.15pm until 5pm
- Easter Egg Hunt – KS1 3.15pm until 3.45pm, KS2 3.45pm until 4.15pm
- Easter Craft -3.15pm until 5pm (additional cost)
- Easter Bonnet Parade – The Easter Bonnet Parade will be led by the Easter Bunny at 4.15pm.

Tickets for the Egg Hunt are £5 and are required for children only, siblings are welcome. The Easter craft activity is available for additional £3. Tickets are available at PTA events [www.pta-events.co.uk/dairhousepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/dairhousepta)

Looking forward to seeing you at the event.


PTA

JOIN OUR PTA



# EASTER EVENT

Thursday 26th  
march  
3.15pm until 5pm



Egg Hunt, Bake sale,  
easter craft, Easter  
bonnet parade & visit  
by easter bunny

Tickets available via  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/dairhousepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/dairhousepta)

## Contact



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