



# Dair House Spring E-Letter Issue 8

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## Head's Welcome



Dear Parents and Friends of Dair House,

Thank you once again for your continued patience in the car park while the MUGA installation work is underway. I know the temporary disruption is not ideal, but hopefully the end result will be worth it. A house point to all parents who managed to turn up at the correct time today for drop off, it was much appreciated.

As a reminder:

### **Years 3-6**

Drop off time: **8.10am – 8.20am**

Children in the lower years may arrive at school with their older sibling's time.

### **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

Drop off time: **8.20am – 8.30am**

**Year 2** should drop off in the bays in front of the main entrance.

Please can I ask that you stick to these times and don't arrive early. Hopefully these staggered drop-offs will help to ease the congestion.

This Monday saw the return of our biennial House Shout, and what a fantastic event it was! The House Shout has been a much-loved tradition for at least eight years, but I can confidently say that this year's was one of the best I've seen. With a wonderful 70s theme, the children from every House threw themselves into their performances with energy, teamwork, and great enthusiasm. It was especially heartwarming to see our youngest Reception pupils taking to the stage with such confidence. The House Shout truly brings the

school together and gives children of all ages alongside our superb staff the chance to feel part of something bigger.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Bishop and her team for producing another excellent Gym and Dance show this week. The Gym Squad also wowed us with their floor routines and it was a joy to watch children from our tiniest Nursery performers to our wonderfully creative Year 6s dance with happiness and freedom. The sense of fun and pride on their faces made the whole event a real highlight of the week for me.

With only two weeks left of term, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Afternoons, where your children will have the opportunity to share their work with you. These events are always a lovely way to celebrate their progress and hard work so please do ensure you book your slot.

We are equally excited to see the entries for our Secret Artist competition, including the staff submissions—which I'm sure will be very interesting! If your child hasn't yet entered, there is still time to get creative over the weekend.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable few days ahead

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Bull

Headteacher

## Our Talented Children



### Work of the week:

**Reception** - Huge congratulations to **Bethany** for earning her Jolly Phonics Certificate!

**Year 2** - A massive well done to **Sienna**, our first student this term to complete the Reading Bingo Challenge by reading an incredible 16 books!

Celebrating **Arya's** continued progress and effort in her swimming lessons. She has now achieved her Level 3.

**Year 2 class** for their vibrant and detailed Henry VIII collages. The classroom is looking very regal!

**Year 3** - **Mary** who brought in rocks, presented them to the class and gave such a superb explanation about them. She also created her own adaptive animal which was assigned to her brother in year 6 but she also wanted to create her own.

**Alina** for her Mary Anning poster. Alina's work was a perfect blend of history and science, presented with wonderful attention to detail.

**Ayla** for her excellent crossword with clues about rocks and her soil PowerPoint that was extra homework.

**Soufiane** for his fossils and book explanation with terrific understanding and detail.

**Finn** for his rocks PowerPoint that had amazing detail and information.

**Alex** for a stunning Monet-inspired Impressionism painting of poppies.

**Year 3 class** for their mesmerising Van Gogh "Swirling Skies" artwork. They have captured the movement and colour beautifully.

**Year 5 - Diya** for an outstanding piece of descriptive writing in English. Diya used figurative language and sensory details to bring her story to life.

**Jacob** for his commitment and talent performing with his Church Band.

**Jojo** for her excellent teamwork and skill in Hockey. Her team came 3rd in the Berkshire County tournament.

**Jacob and Imaan** were both awarded "Three Cs" Certificates for consistently demonstrating our core school values.

LAMDA - A huge round of applause for **Jojo and Mia** for successfully passing their Grade 1 exams!

**Year 6 - Bella and Sophie** for their clear and informative PowerPoint presentation on Light and their informative slideshow on Business.

**Kaysha** for her outstanding research and detailed information on how the human eye works.

**William** for creating a brilliant Science Quiz about vision. His "outside the box" thinking and challenging questions really impressed us!

**Year 6 Class** for their fantastic engagement and creativity during the World Book Day Drama Workshop and for their thoughtful Mental Health & Wellbeing PowerPoints and videos in PSHEE.

LAMDA grade 2 - Congratulations to **William and Zaydan** for achieving their Grade 2 certificates.

A special mention to **Cameron, William (Y6), Charlie, Noah (Y5), and Mary (Y3)** for their superb performances and sportsmanship on the rugby pitch this week for their club's tournament.













## Kindness Cup



Congratulations to William in Year 6 who was awarded the Kindness Cup this week for helping a Year 2 boy who was stuck on the climbing poles get down safely.



## MUGA Project Update: Week 4

We are thrilled to share that the **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** has reached a new milestone. The site has been transformed over the last few days, and while there's more to do before our May debut, the vision is finally becoming a reality.

### **The Latest Breakthrough**

The heavy machinery has been busy, and we are pleased to announce that the tarmac has been successfully laid. Seeing the smooth, dark surface stretch across the area has truly brought the scale of the project to life. It's no longer just a construction site - it's starting to look more like a sporting facility.

### **What's Next?**

Now that the ground is set, our focus shifts to security and structure:

- **Fencing Installation:** The team have begun erecting the high-quality perimeter fencing.
- **The Final Layer:** The specialist rubber polymeric surfacing has started to be applied. This will provide that professional, high-grip, and cushioned finish that is much kinder to the students' joints during matches!

With the foundation now down, the dream of summer fixtures is becoming a reality. We are already seeing high interest in our brand-new surface!

**Secure Your Spot:** We are currently taking expressions of interest for summer bookings. To find out more about availability and rates, please contact [Bursar@dairhouse.school](mailto:Bursar@dairhouse.school).





## Prefect Lunch

Our Prefects enjoyed their lunch with Mrs. Bull in her office last week! These sessions are more than just a chance to catch up; they are a vital bridge between the student body and the school's leadership.

Over some yummy food, the team shared a wealth of feedback and fresh ideas aimed at making school life even better for everyone.



## House Shout

What a Monday! The energy in the hall was electric for this year's House Shout, and it's safe to say the bar has been set incredibly high.

From the first note to the final bow, the spirit of competition was matched only by the sheer volume of the singing. Here is the breakdown of an unforgettable afternoon:

The judges' table had some serious musical weight this year. We were honoured to welcome guest judges from the British Army's musical corps, who brought their expert ears to the scoring process.

Taking home the trophy with a rendition of ABBA's "Mamma Mia." was **St Patrick's** , with a close **2nd place to St George's**.

The level of preparation was evident across every House, but the sheer joy coming from the stage and bravery from William with his solo during the winning performances was what really tipped the scales.

A massive well done to every student who participated- you all made your House proud!





## Gym and Dance Show

The show must go on! Even with Mrs Bishop's bad back, our wonderful EYFS and KS1 gym and dance show went ahead and was a fantastic success.

A huge well done to all of the youngest children in our school who took part so confidently. They performed their dances and gym routines beautifully; all set to music from different movies. The children were full of smiles from start to finish, showing everyone that dance and gymnastics really can be great fun!

Thank you to all the staff who helped during the Nursery and Reception dances. Although Mrs Bishop couldn't join in this time, Mrs Blencowe kindly stepped in to help, and the Nursery children loved having her there.

We were so proud of every single child. Not a single tear in sight—just lots of happy faces and brilliant performances! It was also lovely to see so many parents and families come along to watch and show their support. Thank you for helping to make the event such a joyful occasion.

The excitement continued with our **Key Stage 2 performance – and what a show it was!** The hall was filled with energy, smiles, and fantastic dancing from start to finish.

The children have worked incredibly hard to learn their routines and should be very proud of what they achieved. Each class contributed their own creative ideas while developing the dances, which made the performances even more special and unique.

It was wonderful to see everyone taking part with such enthusiasm and clearly enjoying themselves on the dance floor. We hope you enjoyed watching the show as much as the children enjoyed performing it!











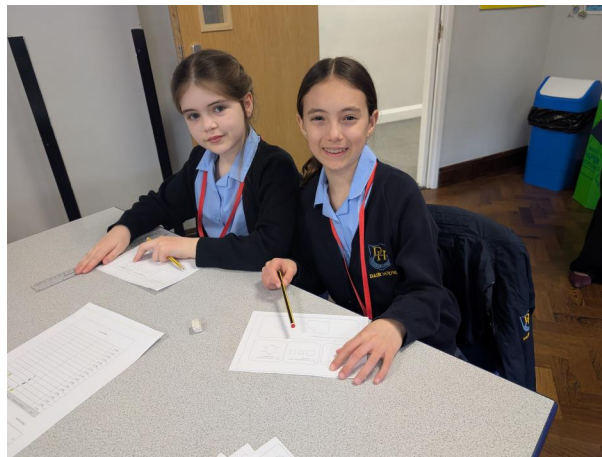




## Year 5 girls trip to STEM Day at The Marist

On Thursday 12th March, the Year 5 Girl's all had a wonderful time participating in a STEM day held at the Marist school. They explored a range of STEM activities including coding buggy bots to make them move and light up, building a looping marble run out of foam piping, racing against each other in a Mathematical relay and finding out what ice cream made with liquid nitrogen really tastes like. The girls were a credit to the Dair House in both their conduct and work ethic and has hopefully continued to grow their enjoyment and curiosity of the STEM subjects.





## Y4 Assembly

Our Year 4 assembly was a real treat this week and a first for Dair House, as the children took us on a fascinating journey through the rich history of Slough. We met remarkable figures from the past, including astronomers William and Caroline Herschel, artist Cecil Aldin, and even Queen Victoria. We were then delighted by a visit from Mr Mars (brilliantly played by Josh), who shared the importance of the Mars factory on the Slough Trading Estate. The children cleverly transported us into a Willy Wonka-style innovation lab, exploring imaginative ideas for more sustainable chocolate—from plantable, seed-filled biodegradable wrappers to chocolate bars made with crickets! Year 4 sang beautifully, acted superbly, and delivered what we believe is their best assembly yet. At its heart, the message was clear: the

future of what we do, and the world we shape, is firmly in the hands of our children. A huge thank you to Miss Allen for creating such an informative, creative, and thoroughly entertaining performance.







Pictures Of The Week













## Reminders for the week ahead

Monday 16th March: Secret Artist Competition Deadline

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March: Bikeability Y6

Wednesday 18th March: Reception Assembly

Wednesday 18th March: Y4 trip to Oxford Science Museum

Thursday 19th March: Y6 trip to Ashmolean Museum

Thursday 19th March: Reception Stay and Play

Thursday 19th March: Year 1 & 2 Parents Afternoon

Friday 20th March: Year 3, 4 & 5 Parents Afternoon

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!

We are also making our final collection for **Thames Hospice**. If you have any remaining donations, please kindly drop them in by **Friday, 20th March**. Thank you so much for your incredible kindness!

## Upcoming Events

Monday 23rd March: Y3 trip to Verulamium Museum

Monday 23rd March: Y6 Parents Afternoon

Tuesday 24th March: Spring Concert - Choir, Chamber Choir, Ensemble and solosists 6.30pm

Wednesday 25th March: Y1 Assembly

Thursday 26th March: Y2 Assembly

Friday 27th March: Y3 Assembly

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

## 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)



## Next weeks Menu

WEEKLY MENU				
WEEK 1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Blueberry Cake(Egg, Wheat)(V, Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Main Attraction</b> Roasted Ratatouille Vegetable Pasta Bake(Wheat, Milk)(V) <i>Vegan Version Available</i></p> <p><b>On The Side</b> Green Beans(V, Ve) Sweetcorn(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Everzday</b> Baked Potatoo(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</b></p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Cheese &amp; Tomato Fimewell(Wheat, Milk)(V) Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Main Attraction</b> Lamb Shepherd's Pie(V, Ve) <i>Hot Version Available</i></p> <p><b>On The Side</b> Garden Peas(V, Ve) Steamed Broccoli(V, Ve) Gravy(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Everzday</b> Baked Potatoo(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</b></p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Banana &amp; Chocolate Mousse(Milk, Soya)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Crackers &amp; Cheese Slice(Wheat, Milk)(V) Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Main Attraction</b> Roasted Pork Loin Tomato &amp; Basil Gnocchi(V, Ve) <i>Hot Chicken Available</i></p> <p><b>On The Side</b> Rosemary &amp; Garlic Roasted Potatoo(V, Ve) Thyme Roasted Carrots(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Everzday</b> Seamed Cauliflower(V, Ve) Baked Potatoo(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</b></p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Apple &amp; Cinnamon Crumble &amp; Custard(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Shorbread(Wheat)(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Main Attraction</b> Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken Hong Kong Style <i>Hot Chicken Available</i></p> <p><b>Sweet &amp; Sour Tofu Hong Kong Style(Soya)(V, Ve)</b></p> <p><b>On The Side</b> Chinese Style Plain Noodles (Wheat, Soya)(V, Ve) Stir-fried Mixed Greens(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Everzday</b> Baked Potatoo(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</b></p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Cold Mango Rice Pudding(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p><b>Morning Snack</b> Crudites &amp; Salas(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) &amp; Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p><b>Main Attraction</b> Giant Cod Fish Fingers(Fish, Wheat)(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>On The Side</b> Oven Baked Chips(V, Ve) Garden Peas(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Everzday</b> Baked Potatoo(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve)</p> <p><b>Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</b></p> <p><b>Dessert</b> School Cake(Wheat, Egg)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>
PLEASE NOTE: INGREDIENTS MAY CHANGE AND NOTIFICATION WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LUNCH DINNING ROOM BEFORE LUNCH				

## PTA Update



Dear Parents

We would like to invite you to our first PTA event of 2026, our Easter Family Event on \* **Thursday 26th March** \* **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE** 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, KS 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)

Please note to allow all children to attend, the Wild World After school club on Friday 20th March will be cancelled.

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)

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