



Dair House Summer E-Letter Issue 2

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Head's Welcome



Dear Parents and Friends of Dair House,

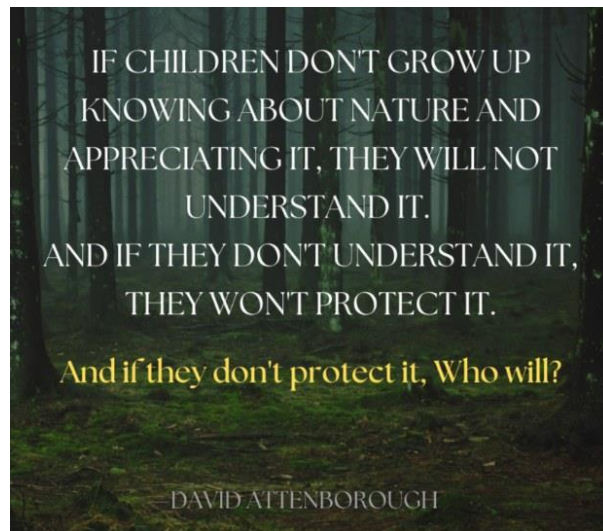
As adults, we should always remain open to learning, and that is exactly what seven members of staff did last Saturday when they attended the IAPS Teaching and Learning Festival at The Dragon School in Oxford. It speaks volumes about the calibre and commitment of the teachers at Dair House that they were willing to give up part of their bank holiday weekend to develop their practice. The day was filled with inspiring and thought-provoking sessions, including critical thinking, executive functioning, oracy, challenge in Maths, resilience, SEND and future-ready curriculum design. It was both reassuring and affirming to hear from fellow educators who share our values, and to recognise that Dair House is already well on its way to embedding many of these approaches to create an inclusive, forward-thinking curriculum.

Yesterday, Miss Allen led a wonderful assembly celebrating Sir David Attenborough on the eve of his 100th birthday, exploring his remarkable career as a naturalist. We finished with a powerful quote that perfectly supports our Education for Social Responsibility and Dair to go Wild curriculum: *“If children don’t grow up knowing about nature and appreciating it, they will not understand it. And if they don’t understand it, they won’t protect it. And if they don’t protect it, who will?”*

Warmest wishes for the weekend.

Mrs. Bull

Headteacher



Our Talented Children



Work of the week:

Reception:

Year 1: This week **Aayra** used her creative imagination to put together some impressive artwork using the pinecones she collected from the school car park to create two works of art.

Year 2: Congratulations to the following children who all received their timetable certificates
Om, Arya, Jagveer, Riya, Francesca, Aarav, Zaki, Anaya. Keep up the great practice!

All of **Year 2** also received Work of the Week for their imaginative Acrostic Poems about their own imaginary monsters.

Well done to **Arya** who received a ballet certificate and award for her first ballet exam.

Year 4: A well done to all of **Year 4** who received their PGL certificates from their recent residential visit to Marchants Hill in Surrey.

Year 5: Congratulations to **Angelo, Shiloh, Paloma and Imaan** for the effort and persistence they've shown with their spellings which resulted in spelling results they should all be proud of!

A super well done to **Liyaa, CJ, Angelo and Imaan** for their superb progress in maths last week in mastering long multiplication.

Year 6:

Well done to **Thomas (Year 3)** who received a merit for his LAMDA Solo Introductory Stage 1 and **Francesca (Year 4)** who achieved a distinction for her Acting Grade 1- Duo.







Kindness Cup



Congratulations to Samar in Year 4 for receiving the Kindness Cup. This week Samar has been awarded the Kindness Cup for playing football with a younger new pupil, being supportive, kind and most importantly ensuring he had lots of fun!



U8/U9 Cricket Fixture v Claires Court

Year 3 and 4 took to the field for an exciting cricket fixture against Claire's Court School on a warm, sunny Tuesday. Dair House batted first, scoring 68 runs for the loss of 3 wickets which, after deductions, gave a competitive total of 53. Every player contributed positively, showing great teamwork and determination. Claire's Court began their reply strongly, but excellent fielding from all players—particularly a fantastic catch from Siya—and accurate bowling from Josh helped to restrict them to 46 runs for 3 wickets (31 after deductions). With all players bowling an over and Siya providing strong leadership, Dair House secured an impressive victory by 22 runs. Looking the part in their cricket jumpers, the team demonstrated skill and enthusiasm across batting, bowling, and fielding. It is a very promising start to the season, and we are already looking forward to next week's match against Herries. Well done to all who played.



U10/U11 Cricket Fixture v Claires Court

On Wednesday 6th May we travelled to Claire's Court for a few cricket matches against their Y6 team. In near perfect cricket conditions we were asked to bat first. Never an easy assignment when you've just stepped off the bus. However, some quality hitting and gap finding allowed us to make steady progress. After our allotted 8 overs, we had scored 37 runs, a decent total helped by some lower order slogging from William and Noah and great communication and running from the Jackson sisters, Sophie and Jojo.

There were some nerves around when bowling but Claire's Court were never able to put together a great partnership, thanks to some astonishing fielding. Nishaan managed to hit the stumps twice, resulting in 2 run outs (although one had to be given via a review from the Claire's Court coach who just happened to be walking past and saw the ball clipped the stumps). William took a good catch at long on and Noah was dubbed 'bullet arm' by the opposition umpire and he also managed to hit the stumps directly (it should be noted here that the opposition umpire got a little cross with his batters at this point and told them 'stop hitting the ball to him! He's too good in the field!') meaning that Dair House managed to take 4 wickets. It all came down to not just the last over but the last ball.

In the end, Claire's Court managed 41 runs and won by just 4 runs. A great effort all round and on another day we probably would have won.

The B team had a similar story and another close game. Kaveer was singled out for praise, managing to take 2 wickets in his over but the same story repeated itself as Claire's Court won by 8 runs.



Y5/6 Trip to Infosys London

On Tuesday, we set off on a long coach journey to Canary Wharf to visit the headquarters of Infosys. During the visit, we learned about what the company does and how it uses AI and technology to support many aspects of everyday life, from online shopping like Amazon to systems used in supermarkets. The children were able to see first-hand how AI works and had great fun exploring interactive experiences, including holograms, talking to Amy the robot, and using VR headsets to play tennis against Nadal and come face-to-face with a dinosaur.

One of the highlights was a Lego challenge, where AI acted as the judge: the children had three minutes to build either a car or a house, after which the AI used assistive technology to assess their creations and award a score out of 100. In the afternoon, we heard from four Infosys employees who shared their career journeys and emphasised that success relies on skills such as empathy, collaboration, and creativity. They reminded us that success is not just about money or job titles, but about finding work that feels right for you, with determination and curiosity driving future achievement. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Ford (dad to Toby in Year 2) for making this fantastic opportunity possible.







Y3 Trip to Discover Bucks Aylesbury

On Thursday, Year 3 had an incredible trip to Discover Bucks, starting with a fascinating morning workshop about the Saxon Bucca people, who give Buckinghamshire its name. Through hands-on activities and exploring the museum's Saxon exhibition, we discovered that the Anglo-Saxons were actually a sophisticated society with impressive craftsmanship and culture.

The excitement continued in the afternoon as we were swept into the whimsical world of Roald Dahl. Through captivating storytelling, gallery exploration and a spirited dose of acting, Roald Dahl's iconic tales were brought to life, making for a truly unforgettable day where history met imagination.









Disney Day Y6 Charity Day

This year in their ESR lessons, Year 6 participated in Young Citizen's '**Make a Difference Challenge**', learning how young people can take meaningful action within their communities and beyond.

The project was entirely pupil-led and collaborative. The children researched a range of causes, discussed what mattered most to them, and worked together to decide how they could make a positive difference as a team.

Supporting Restart Africa

After thoughtful discussion, the children chose to support **Restart Africa**, a charity based in Gilgil, Kenya. Restart Africa provides a safe home, education, healthcare, and emotional support for children who have been living on the streets or without stable care.

Our pupils were particularly moved by the stories of children who arrived at the centre with very few belongings. This inspired Year 6 to focus their efforts on collecting toys that would bring comfort, play, and joy to those rebuilding their lives.

A Magical Success

To put their plans into action, Year 6 organised a whole-school fundraising event where pupils and staff came dressed in Disney-themed outfits and donated toys. In the afternoon Year 6 also lead EYFS and KS1 on a disney themed Treasure Hunt and then became Disney quizmasters with KS2. With Disney music playing at lunchtime it was wonderful to see the school community come together in such a creative way for a vital cause.

Through the leadership of Year 6 and your generous donations, we have successfully collected a fantastic range of toys and raised awareness for the incredible work being done in Gilgil. Miss Allen will now take our donations to an Ambassador for the charity in Shrewsbury where they will arrange with the RAF to fly the donations to Kenya.

We were incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for taking the lead on such a thoughtful and meaningful project. Thank you to everyone who supported them in making a real difference.









Pictures Of The Week









Reminders for the week ahead

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

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 19th May - Whole School Photo

Wednesday 20th May - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20th May - Y5/6 Cricket v Long Close @ DH (2pm-3:15pm)

Thursday 21st May - National Outdoor Classroom Afternoon

Thursday July 2nd - Celebration Day - Whole school - Crowne Plaza Gerrards Cross 2.00pm

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				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Morning Snack Carrot Cake(Egg, Wheat, Milk)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Va) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Mildly Spiced Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla (Milk)</p> <p><i>Hotel Chicken Version Available</i></p> <p>On The Side Mildly Spiced Falafel & Cheese Quesadilla(V, Va)</p> <p>Exercises Baked Potato(V, Va)</p> <p>Dessert Oreo Cheesecake(Wheat, Milk, Soya)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Va), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Va), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Crudites & Mint Yoghurt Dip (Milk)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Va) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Mildly Spiced Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla (Milk)</p> <p><i>Hotel Chicken Version Available</i></p> <p>On The Side Mildly Spiced Falafel & Cheese Quesadilla(V, Va)</p> <p>Exercises Baked Potato(V, Va)</p> <p>Dessert Oreo Cheesecake(Wheat, Milk, Soya)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Va), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Va), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Fragrant(Wheat)(V, Va), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Va) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Pork Sausages (Wheat, Sulphites)</p> <p><i>Hotel Chicken Version Available</i></p> <p>On The Side Mash Potato(V, Va) Garden Peas(V, Va)</p> <p>Exercises Baked Potato(V, Va)</p> <p>Dessert Apple Crumble & Custard (Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Va), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Va), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel(Wheat, Milk)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Va) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Beef Bolognese</p> <p><i>Hotel Chicken Version Available</i></p> <p>On The Side Green Beans(V, Va) Sweetcorn(V, Va)</p> <p>Exercises Baked Potato(V, Va)</p> <p>Dessert School Cake (Wheat, Eggs)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Va), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Va), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Raspberry Cake(Egg, Wheat)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Va) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Glant Cud Fish Fingers(Fish, Wheat)</p> <p>On The Side Oven Baked Chips(V, Va) Garden Peas(V, Va) Baked Beans(V, Va)</p> <p>Exercises Baked Potato(V, Va)</p> <p>Dessert Banana & Custard(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Va), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Va), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>

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



PTA Update



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