



Dair House Spring E-Letter Issue 10

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Spring Term

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Head's Welcome



Dear Parents and Friends of Dair House,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the Spring Term. It is fair to say that, in this short but very busy term, we have managed to fit in an extraordinary number of activities, events and rich learning experiences.

This week, I had the pleasure of watching, and being part of, our wonderful Spring Concert. If I told you this was my *17th* concert at Dair House, I'm sure many of you would insist I'm far too young for that! But believe it or not, this 17th concert was also my final one here, which brought with it a touch of sadness alongside the enormous pride and joy I felt watching the children perform so confidently.

I am also delighted to share that our 'Trunks Across the Thames' charity campaign continues to go from strength to strength. Our latest total shows that we have now raised over £4,000 for this fantastic cause, which is a huge achievement for our school community. As part of the project, you may remember that we received a white elephant sculpture to decorate for the charity's art trail. Last weekend, Mrs Blencowe and I spent several very enjoyable hours painting *Humphrey*, ready for the children to add their colourful fingerprints to his saddle. Humphrey now proudly sports his own Dair House socks and even a tie for his tail, and I am sure he will represent us brilliantly along the trail. All that remains is a glossy varnish coat before he's fully ready for his starring role.

Finally, I would like to ask you to save the date for **Thursday 2nd July 2pm** for our ***Celebration Day*** at the Crowne Plaza, Gerrards Cross, where children from Reception to Year 6, their families and staff will come together to reflect on and celebrate the successes of the

past year. For me personally, it will be a bittersweet occasion as it will be my last, and I very much hope you can join us for what promises to be a truly special day.

As we reach the end of term, I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable break, with plenty of time spent with loved ones. Wishing safe travels to those heading away, and I look forward to welcoming the children back to a sunny fun-filled Summer Term.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Bull

Headteacher



Our Talented Children



Work of the week:

Year 2 - Anaya, Zaki, Riya and Francesca: a huge well done to our newest timestable Ninjas, who have each earned their 2x Table Ninjas Certificates.

Zaki and Anaya for their fantastic communication skills! Both have been awarded a prestigious Blue Peter Badge after writing impressive letters. A wonderful achievement!

Aarav a huge well done to Aarav for achieving his Level 4 Water Skills Certificate!

Francesca congratulations to Francesca for achieving a Merit in her LAMDA Stage 2—a brilliant reflection of her hard work and performing talent.

Year 3 - Jovan for fantastic reading of his "George's Marvellous Medicine" poem, capturing the spirit of Roald Dahl perfectly.

Thomas for his fantastic initiative and creativity inspired by our class reading of "George's Marvellous Medicine." Thomas was so captivated by the story that he went home and asked his dad to help him record his very own version of the tale!

Year 5 - Agastya and CJ both boys have been awarded "**Three Cs**" Certificates for consistently being courageous, committed, and caring.

Noah, Charlie and William (Y6) a special mention for their fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship during their recent rugby games on Sunday.

Year 6 - Alex, Annabelle, Bella, Cameron, Kaveer, Kaysha, Lulu, Maanya, Sophie, William and Zaydan a massive congratulations to the whole group for successfully completing their Bikeability Level 2 Certificate. They showed great responsibility and skill while learning to navigate the roads safely!

Kaysha for her phenomenal success in the **Primary Maths Challenge**. This prestigious national competition saw over **61,000 pupils** take part across the country. Due to her exceptional initial performance, Kaysha was one of only **3,100 students** invited to sit the Bonus Round. In a paper where only 85 students nationally achieved full marks, Kaysha scored a brilliant **22/25**, earning her a Silver Medal.

This is a truly world-class achievement that demonstrates not only Kaysha's natural mathematical talent but also her incredible dedication and problem-solving resilience. Huge congratulations, Kaysha!

Aaryan, Ayva, Aayra, Anaya, Toby, Finn, Eesa, and Wren A huge "well done" to this group for being awarded their Chess Storytime Level 3 Certificate of Achievement! They have shown fantastic focus and determination in mastering the Level 2 Strategy Storybook.

Kickboxing Grading

Well done to the following pupils who have been awarded their Young Samurai gradings:

Eesa - Orange Stripe

Seth - Green Stripe

Jagveer - Yellow Tag

Anaya - Red Stripe

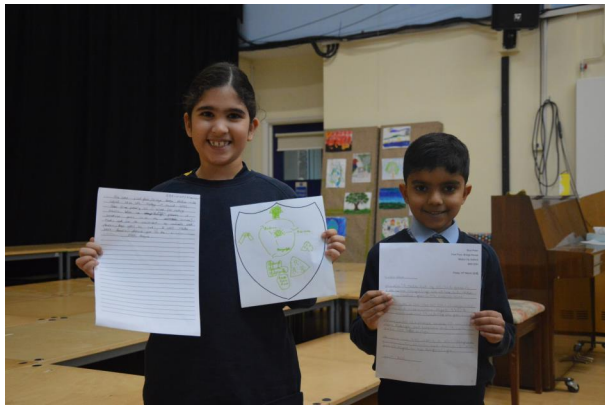
Zaki - Orange Tag

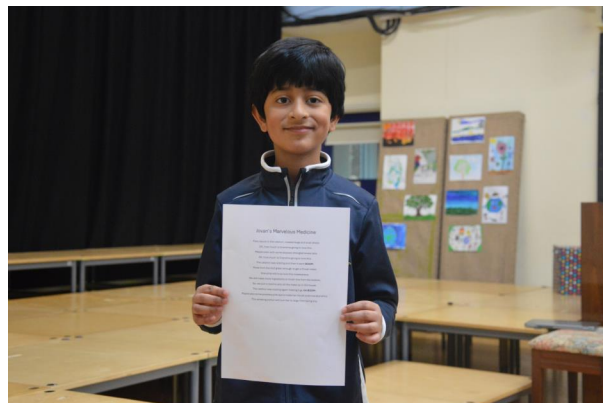
Riyen - Yellow Tag

Raul - Yellow Tag

Prefects' Cup

The Prefects were proud to award their cup to Jacob in Year 5 for consistently showing our 3 Cs around school and being a good role model. Well done Jacob.















Kindness Cup



Congratulations to Joshua in Year 1, who was awarded the Kindness Cup this week for always being consistently kind and caring. He is particularly helpful in the classroom, helping to tidy up, even when he hasn't made the mess.



House Point Winners and Stars of the Term

This term's overall house point winners are:

1st St David

2nd St Patrick

3rd St George

4th St Andrew

Congratulations to St David's who can come to school on Friday 24th April in yellow mufti.

Well done to the following Class House Point Winners:

Reception: Aarush

Year 1: Avneet

Year 2: Arya

Year 3: Emily

Year 4: Samar

Year 5: Diya

Year 6: Kaysha

We also gave out a total of 60 individual house point winner certificates ranging from Bronze to Platinum awards. Congratulations to all of you who were awarded one of these certificates.



Stars of the Term



This morning in assembly we celebrated our Stars of the Term, whose hard work, positive attitude, and dedication have truly stood out. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition—we are incredibly proud of you!

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Star of the Term

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Zora Singh

(Reception)

Our Star of the Term is Zora. Zora has made fantastic progress in all areas of learning this term. He has built great friendships and is a valued member of the class. Zora is always eager to contribute, confidently putting his hand up to answer questions and share his ideas. His friendly, well-mannered, and kind nature shines through in everything he does, and he consistently shows respect and care towards both his peers and adults. It has been a joy to watch his confidence grow and see him flourish this term. Well Done Zora! Keep up the amazing work!

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Spring 2026

Aaryan Khatwa

(Year 1)

Aaryan is our Year 1 Star of the Term. Aaryan comes into school happily and enthusiastically and is well-motivated with his learning. He is committed to doing his best across different lessons. Aaryan tries exceptionally hard with all classroom activities, he enjoys challenges and will persevere and give things a go to the best of his ability. Aaryan has shown persistence and resilience, showing good personal growth. His confidence continues to grow very well. Aaryan is a good friend to others. He helps others without being asked and uses his own initiative very well. Aaryan is well-mannered and will frequently say please and thank you, setting a very good example to his peers. Well done, Aaryan!

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Star of the Term

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Aarav Sehgal

(Year 2)

This award is proudly presented to a truly deserving student. He has worked incredibly hard in all of his lessons and has shown a fantastic determination to challenge himself. His commitment to improving his handwriting has been especially impressive, and his effort has not gone unnoticed. He is always helpful, thoughtful, and consistently encourages others to make positive choices. His kindness and leadership sets a wonderful example for those around him. He has also put a great deal of effort into his role in our assembly, bringing his character to life with confidence and enthusiasm. You are an all-round superstar—well done!

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Thomas Bagshaw-Alexander

(Year 3)

Thomas, you are my Star of the Term for showing just how caring, committed and courageous you are. We've seen how kind you are to your classmates, how hard you've been working in your learning and the confidence you've started to show - especially in drama! You should be very proud of yourself, because we certainly are!

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Sebastien Holt

(Year 4)

My star of the term is Sebastien. He always listens attentively to every instruction and consistently puts genuine effort into all aspects of his learning. He approaches new challenges with confidence and curiosity and has made great progress, particularly during our Maths morning starters, where he shows real perseverance and a willingness to think deeply. In the classroom, Sebastien is endlessly kind, considerate and always ready to support others. He is often the first to volunteer to help both staff and classmates, and he demonstrates our school values through his actions every single day.

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Diya Dhanjal

(Year 5)

Our star of the term is Diya. Diya is a true shining star in Year 5. Every day Diya brightens up the classroom with her contagious joy, positivity and determination to learn. Diya has shown exceptional levels of diligence in all her subjects, doing extra Maths work at home, and making fantastic progress in her writing, reading and Maths. Diya can be very proud of herself.



MUGA Project Update: Week 6

We've had another productive week on-site, and the transformation is getting better by the day. Here is the latest from the ground:

- **Spectator Comfort:** The tarmac has been successfully laid in the **spectator area**, giving our fans a clean, solid space to cheer from the sidelines! 📣
- **The Main Event:** We are excited to announce that the **carpet is now finished**. Seeing the green surface down has completely changed the look and feel of the facility. The team also finished off the **kickboards** and continued the **perimeter fencing** to ensure the site is secure and ready for action.

- Final touches: Over the Easter holidays the final lines will be painted on for tennis and the final fencing will be erected.

We are still ticking along perfectly toward our **late April** debut. It won't be long now until these gates are open for summer fixtures! 🏆🎾

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





PTA Easter Event

Our Easter celebration was a wonderful success, and it was lovely to see so many families joining in the fun. Children had a fantastic time hunting for Easter eggs, painting and decorating eggs and bunnies, and of course, enjoying plenty of delicious cakes!

A big well done to everyone who created an Easter bonnet. We were blessed with beautiful weather, and even had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny, which brought lots of smiles and excitement.

We were also delighted to welcome Mr Robinson, who joined in the fun and met our school community for the very first time.

A huge thank you to all the PTA members who generously gave their time and energy to make this event such a success. We are very grateful for your hard work and support.









Secret Artist Winners

Our Secret Artist competition has been a real highlight of the term, with nearly 200 votes cast and an incredible number of entries from across the whole school. The display was filled with colour, imagination and thoughtful interpretations of our Planet Earth theme. It was wonderful to see such a wide array of talent and creativity from pupils of all ages, as well as from our staff. After much excitement, speculation and some very close voting, we are delighted to announce our winners:

- Zorawar (EYFS)
- Avneet (KS1)

- Josh (LKS2)
- Evie (UKS2)
- Mrs Blencowe (Staff)

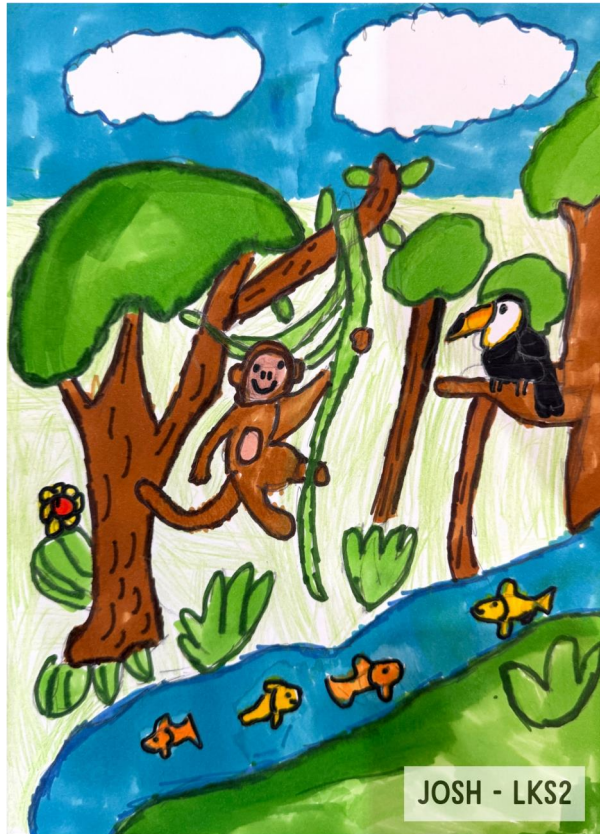
A huge well done to all of our artists! Your enthusiasm and creativity made the competition truly special. Look out for the winning entries framed and on display around the school!



1 - Zorawar (EYFS)

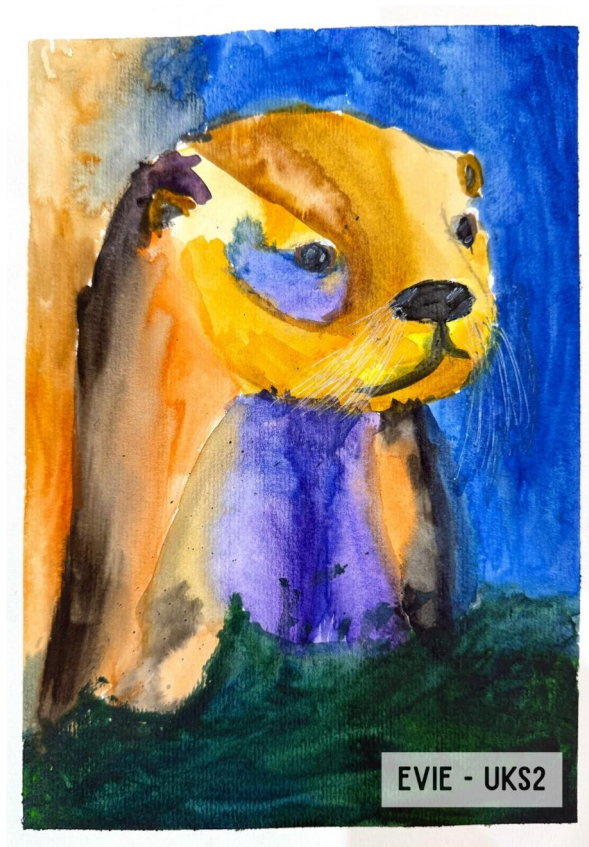


2 - Avneet (KS1)



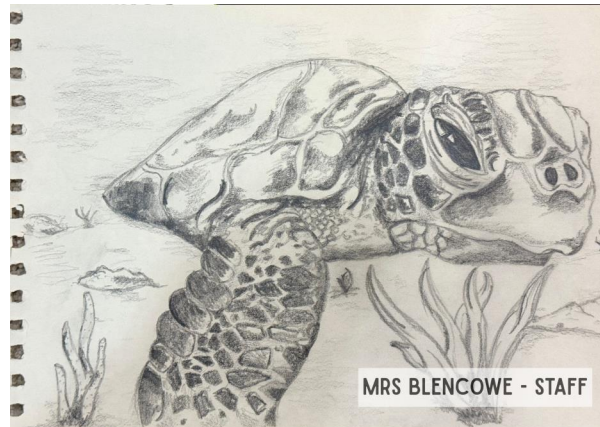
JOSH - LKS2

3 - Josh (LKS2)



EVIE - UKS2

4 - Evie (UKS2)



5 - Mrs Blencowe (Staff)



Y3 trip to Verulamium Museum

On Monday, Year 3 stepped back in time to explore the city of Verulamium. Our young historians kicked off the day shopping for curious Roman objects in a market workshop and marvelled at the stunning mosaics and ancient artifacts housed in the museum. After visiting the gift shop, we explored the clever engineering of the ancient hypocaust and burned off some energy at the Roman-themed playground. The grand finale took place at the Roman Theatre ruins, where we met Boudicca to hear gripping accounts of the epic clashes between the Celts and the Roman Empire.







Spring Concert

On Tuesday evening, our talented KS2 performers took to the stage for our annual Spring Concert, treating us to a joyful celebration of music and performance. The concert featured a wonderfully varied programme, beginning with our Ensemble's lively rendition of *Oye Como Va*. The Chamber Choir treated us to a powerful performance of *Something Inside So Strong*. Our Choir then lifted the roof with their spirited versions of *Roar* and *Count on Me*, before bringing the evening to a triumphant close with *Fight Song*.

In addition to the group pieces, we heard a range of impressive solo performances. Pupils showcased their skills in singing and across several instruments, including piano, flute, drums and violin — each performer demonstrating confidence, musicianship and dedication. A huge congratulations to all of our performers. It takes great courage, commitment and resilience to step onto a stage, and every pupil should feel incredibly proud. Music is a wonderful way to express yourself, and performing with others brings joy, connection and a real boost to wellbeing. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Blencowe for her hard work, energy and expertise in bringing the concert together and supporting the pupils throughout their rehearsals.

Thank you to all of you who donated to Thames Hospice at the end of the concert, your donations have added an extra £125 to our total.













Y1 Assembly

This week, Year 1 delivered a fantastic assembly all about two small but very special words: *thank you*. They reminded us how important it is to show gratitude for the many good things in our lives, from the food we eat to our families and friends, the love we share, and even our much-loved pets.

In a fun challenge to the whole school, Year 1 invited everyone to count how many times they used the words *thank you* during the assembly. The final total? An impressive 41 times, and that's not even counting the hundreds more woven into their thank you songs! A huge thank you to Year 1 for such a thoughtful, uplifting assembly. You reminded us all just how powerful those two little words can be.





Y2 Assembly

On Thursday, Year 2 amazed us with a wonderfully engaging assembly that whisked the whole school back through some of the most dramatic moments in British history. Our journey began in Tudor times, where we met Henry VIII and his six wives, helping us understand that Henry was *not* the kindest of kings!

From there, Year 2 transported us forward to 1666 and the Great Fire of London. They brilliantly explained how difficult life was at the time and how quickly the fire spread, all because of baker Thomas Farriner and a spark in his bakery on Pudding Lane. We were even treated to an exciting video showing how the children recreated their very own “Great Fire of London” in Forest School, complete with carefully constructed buildings and a dramatic flame-filled finale!

To top it all off, Year 2 delighted the audience with lively excerpts from songs from the musical *Six*. A huge well done to Year 2 — you truly surpassed yourselves.







Y3 Assembly

A huge thank you to Year 3, who transported us into the wonderful world of Roald Dahl during their brilliant assembly. The children introduced us to *George's Marvellous Medicine*, with Mary giving a fantastic performance as Grandma and Eesa bringing great energy and mischief to the role of George.

We were also treated to the class's stunning Quentin Blake-inspired illustrations, each one full of character and creativity. The children spoke with clear, confident voices and ended the assembly with a joyful rendition of *Naughty* from *Matilda*, which had everyone smiling. Well done, Year 3! You made us very proud.







Young Mathematical Story Authors Competition

Well done to all our Young Mathematical Story Authors! We were incredibly impressed by the writing skills, creativity and effort shown across the school and all entries have received house points!

The stories were extremely challenging to judge. The winning entries stood out because their maths concepts were clearly explained, problems were repeated and woven into the storyline alongside clear illustrations, importantly there was no assumption of prior knowledge making them highly effective as teaching tools.

A special mention to our highly commended authors: Jovan, Bella and Kaysha.

A massive congratulations to our winners:

KS1

Anaya's story had a real-life maths problem - 'Marsh the Kangaroo' needs to tell the time so she's never late! Anaya used illustrations and repetition to teach the reader how to read the time, she used clear mathematical language and it was so neatly presented.

Arya's story found Bitsy questioning how many guests can share the bouncy castles. Arya used mathematical language throughout her story and clearly explained how to use mental methods to divide 2-digit numbers alongside her colourful maths illustration.

In Riya's story we meet Rover who needs to pay in the pet shop. Riya carefully explained the value of each coin alongside a detailed illustration of money. Next he explained how 157p is equal to £5.75 and includes the shopkeeper giving change.

LKS2

Soufiane's story was out of this world. His characters are forced to meet a Time Lord in order to find out what time is and to fix the balance of time. Through 4 questions and answers, Soufiane introduces clocks, Roman numerals and clearly explains how to convert units of time.

Samar clearly explains addition to solve a problem; unfair scoring between Beaconsfield and Ealing cricket teams. After adding up at the runs it's discovered the final tally marks hadn't been added, once added on Beaconsfield had won and maths saved cricket!

When Josh's inventive characters, Explorers I, V and X, crash land on Starlight Prime Island, they need to learn about prime numbers to plug in the correct access codes to restart their spaceship. Josh explains what prime numbers are and through repetition, the reader learns the prime numbers to 20 as well as Roman numerals.

UKS2

Maanya's characters, Jasmine and Sarah, tackle another very real-life problem, buying a birthday present for their friend on a budget. Luckily, there is a sale and Maanya takes us through buying the gifts and clearly explains how to work out the percentages and new prices.

Paloma explored how to design the perfect garden, asking how large a pool, pond and trampoline should be. Paloma clearly explained the concepts of area and perimeter and solved these through three defined problems alongside comprehensible illustrations.

In Mia's incredible story, her characters Emma and Ella meet the magical Tom Patterns as they battle through an escape room. Mia's unique story taught the reader how to tackle 3 different types of spatial problems with excellent explanations and clear imagery.



Y3 and 4 Football v Herries



On Tuesday 24th we were very excited to play Herries at Bisham Abbey, the home of elite sporting performance. On the largest pitches we have ever played on, we set about our individual tasks. The A team were up against a strong and fast Herries team, meaning we were unable to exploit the pace in behind like we would do normally. Some fantastic saves from Seb were unable to prevent us from going in half time 1-0 down. The B team in contrast was having something of a goal fest and went in at half time 3-1 up, with Gio and Eesa getting on the score sheet. Back at the A team, Seb was removed from goal and went marauding up and down the right wing like a young Leon Bailey but a break away goal saw us go 2-0 down. However, all was not lost as Seb struck a beauty of a free kick that sailed into the top corner of the goal. 2-1 and all to play for. Back at the B team, Herries had decided that they had had enough of being behind and scored 2 unanswered goals. We then ran out of time in both matches, meaning a 2-1 defeat for the A and a 3-3 draw for the B team. It was fantastic to play at Bisham Abbey and the children have progressed well with their footballing skills. Well done to all.

Year 4's D.T. project

Year 4 have been busy chocolatiers this term, taking on a full D.T. design journey to create their very own chocolate bars. After carrying out market research and exploring how real products are designed and packaged, the children planned their own bars, chose a chocolate base and selected a delicious range of toppings. Alongside making their chocolate creations, they also designed and produced their own unique wrappers, thinking carefully about colour, branding and appeal. The finished products look delicious, and the children are excited to take them home to enjoy this Easter.





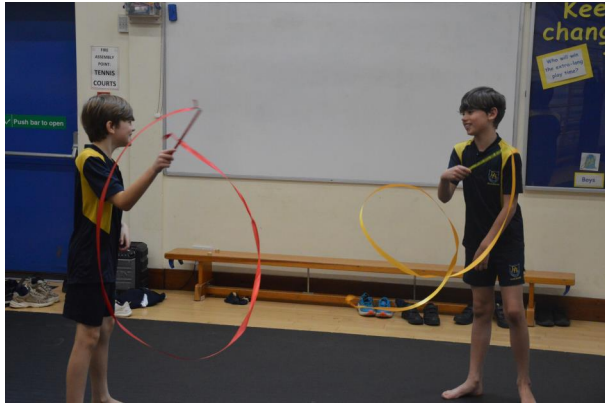
Pictures Of The Week













Upcoming Events

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April: Dair House Holiday Camp

Tuesday 21st April: Inset day

Wednesday 22nd April: Term Begins

Save the Date: Thursday 2nd July Reception - Year 6 Celebration Day, 2pm Crowne Plaza Hotel, Gerrards Cross.

Please be advised from the Summer Term we will be a cashless school.

When we raise money for charity events, the participation donation will be added directly to the school bill. This avoids the need to handle cash between students and staff and prevents students from being asked for change on the day, making the process much simpler for everyone. If your child chooses to wear mufti on the day, we will take this as permission to add the donation.

Summer Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

The Engage portal will remain open for all club bookings until Monday 20th April.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the extra-curricular provision, please do not hesitate to contact me 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



The poster is framed in pink and features a festive banner at the top. In the center, three large Easter eggs (pink, blue, and yellow) are displayed above the title "Easter Camp" in a large, orange, rounded font. To the left of the title is a cartoon chick with a cracked egg on its head, and to the right is a cartoon chick wearing a bunny hat. Below the title, the text "8:45AM - 4PM" is written in orange, followed by "MONDAY 30TH MARCH - THURSDAY 2ND APRIL" and "£55 PER DAY" in a smaller, dark font. A central text block reads "A STAFF-LED WEEK FILLED WITH LOTS OF FUN, ARTS AND CRAFTS, SPORTS, AND GAMES!". Below this, there are two circular inset photos: one on the left shows children sitting at a table working on a project, and one on the right shows children painting. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the contact information: "CONTACT MR ARTHUR AT BURSAR@DAIRHOUSE.SCHOOL TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE".

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