



Dair House Summer E-Letter Issue 9

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Head's Welcome



Dear Parents and Friends of Dair House,

What a week of memories it has been!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA and to everyone who came along to my Mad Hatter's Tea Party. It was a truly lovely occasion, with such incredible attention to detail in both the decorations and the food. Seeing so many current and former Dair House families together made the afternoon even more special and it was very touching. I am still completely baffled as to how the magician managed to get my signed card into his locked box!

Earlier in the week, I was delighted to watch the KS2 production of *Peter Pan*. Seeing our Year 6 pupils so at ease on stage, acting with such enthusiasm and singing so confidently, was a real pleasure. My sincere thanks go to all of the staff involved in making the production happen, and especially to Mr Carter and Mrs Blencowe, who devoted countless hours to rehearsals to ensure its success.

Finally, thank you to everyone who joined us for Celebration Day yesterday. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the lovely vouchers, flowers and bubbly you so generously gave me, I was truly touched. The day was filled with special moments: listening to the children sing with such passion, hearing from our talented young poets, and being entertained by our Year 6 glow-in-the-dark bucket drummers. Hearing Ellie Kildunne speak so honestly about her journey to becoming a rugby world champion was inspiring, and I hope we can all take to heart her message that "lukewarm is no good."

Perhaps the most emotional moment for me came when the entire school, including the staff, surprised me by singing one of my favourite songs, *Blackbird*. I honestly had no idea it

was coming, and when I watched the video again later, I must admit there was more than a tear in my eye.

As if the week could not have ended on a higher note, I was delighted to learn that Dair House has been awarded a Commended recognition in the **Independent Schools of the Year Awards** in the **Small Independent School of the Year** category. With a record number of nominations received nationally this year, this recognition is a wonderful achievement for our school community and a fitting way to conclude the academic year. We now look forward to hearing in September whether we have been selected as one of the finalists.

I have often said that Dair House is a very special place. This week reminded me exactly why. Thank you all for creating so many wonderful memories that I will treasure forever.

Here's to making one more week of memories!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Bull

Headteacher



Our Talented Children



Reception: Congratulations **Zora** for receiving your 42 phonic sounds certificate

Year 1: **Ayva and Mustafa** wrote about how to save water in ESR this week. Well done for writing all your ideas down and having such beautiful handwriting.

Aarya for her level 1 gymnastics Gymfinity award.

Year 2: **Jagveer, Riyan, Francesca, Aarav, Zaki, Anaya, Sienna and Toby** for their times tables rewards.

Zaki shared with us how hard he has been working on his Lego collection. He is especially proud of finishing his concord model, which was 10,000 pieces and for 14 + years which he did by himself.

Francesca performed in her Performing Arts School's *Something Wicked Showcase*.

Congratulations **Anaya** on receiving you gymnastics Best Explore Level 2 Award.

Year 3: **Eesa, Mary, Artyn, Alex, Emily and Airah** made mobiles in their RE lessons that celebrated all the different beliefs of how the world was made.

In English Year 3 have been working hard on their Hero myth stories. **Emily and Wren's** stories were really creative. **Aairah** showed amazing perseverance to write her hero story and **Finn** tried hard to include all the success criteria. Also well done to **Artyn** for his progress in writing and using story teller language.

Year 4: Zayna, Josh, Saraya, Samar, William wrote non chronological reports about animals from the Himalayas. Miss Allen was impressed with the amount of detail they went into to.

LAMDA Certificates

Callum and **Samar** received their LAMDA level 1 award for communication and **Anna** and **Agastya** both received a merit for their Level 1

My First Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who took part in their first maths challenge:

Bronze: **Sebastien**

Silver: **Samar, Siya, Josh, Wariz, Japsimran, Dawood**

Gold: **Callum**











Kindness Cup



Congratulations to **Sophie** in **Year 6** for receiving the Kindness Cup. Sophie was super helpful, helping Mrs. Bishop set up the field for the cricket on Wednesday.



Pictures Of The Week









Mad Hatters Tea Party – a Wonderland Celebration of Mrs Bull Event

We would like to extend our thanks to all who attended Mrs Bull's Mad Hatter's Tea Party – a Wonderland Celebration of Mrs Bull last Sunday. The weather was kind and it was lovely to see both current and Alumni families and pupils present. We wanted to express specific thanks to Mrs Malik and Mrs Richards for helping on the Wonderland Fluff stall which raised £40 for Mrs Bull's nominated charity, The Brain Cancer Charity which dedicates funding and support for Glioblastoma.









Nursery Assembly

Nursery kicked off Tuesday morning with a joyful assembly, where the children sang *Jingle Bells* along with *I Love My Mummy* and *I Love My Daddy* to thank their families for all their hard work. After taking a class vote, the children proudly announced their favourite nursery rhyme: *Incy Wincy Spider*. They also delighted everyone with a selection of silly songs, which are brilliant for expanding vocabulary and developing rhyming skills.

Each teacher contributed by selecting a personal favourite — **Mrs Malik** chose *The Banana Song*, **Mrs Ford** picked *The Spaghetti Song*, **Miss Hussey** went with *I Had a Little Turtle*, and **Miss Khan** selected *Do Your Ears Hang Low*. The assembly ended on a high with the ever-popular *If You're Happy and You Know It*, bringing the assembly to a cheerful close.





School Production of Peter Pan

What a wonderful week it has been for our KS2 pupils! Following the weather-related postponement, the children absolutely shone in two fantastic performances of **Peter Pan**. Every child should be incredibly proud of their singing, acting and enthusiasm. From the pirates and Lost Boys to Mr Smee and the fearsome Captain Hook; from Wendy and her brothers to the distraught Mr and Mrs Darling missing their children, every role was played brilliantly. Peter Pan, who simply didn't want to grow up, and the mischievous Tinker Bell led us on a magical journey to Neverland, reminding us all to believe in fairies! Year 6 surpassed themselves with their acting, singing and excellent narration, Year 3 and 4 sang their hearts out, and Year 5 gave us a glimpse of the wonderful actors they will become next year. A huge thank you goes to all the staff who helped make the production possible, and especially to **Mr Carter and Mrs Blencowe** for their dedication, hard work and commitment in producing such an outstanding show. Bravo, KS2!











Year 2's Wild Adventure at Woburn Safari Park!

What a day Year 2 had on our trip to Woburn Safari Park! It really was an adventure from start to finish. We came face-to-face with incredible animals including bears, giraffes, elephants, zebras, lions, tigers, monkeys and many more. We also bravely survived an army of picnic-loving ducks (who were clearly hoping to join us for lunch!) and conquered what felt like miles and miles of traffic. Through it all, Year 2 were absolute superstars, showing patience, enthusiasm and brilliant behaviour all day long.

The traffic may have slowed us down, but it couldn't stop the fun! We even had our very own tour guide on the minibus, who introduced us to all of the amazing animals we spotted along the safari route. We learnt some fascinating facts too. One of our favourites was, "If an animal has its eyes on the side, it needs to hide; if its eyes are at the front, it's ready to hunt!" Suddenly, everyone was checking where everyone's eyes were!

One of the highlights of the day was our outdoor classroom session all about African giraffes. We had the chance to get hands-on with a real giraffe skull, jaw and vertebrae—definitely not something you see every day! We discovered that a group of giraffes is called a **tower**, that their tongues can grow to an incredible **46 cm long** (long enough to make even the tallest ice cream look easy to eat!), and that, despite their wonderfully long necks, giraffes have exactly **seven vertebrae**—the very same number as humans.

Our safari adventure brought our Africa topic to life in the most exciting way. There were plenty of "wows", a few surprised squeals, lots of laughter and memories that will last a lifetime. We may have returned a little later than planned, but we also came back with heads full of amazing facts, hearts full of happy memories and, thankfully, no ducks hiding in our lunchboxes!













U10 – U11 Cricket Dair House School v Thorpe House

It was a fantastic afternoon of cricket as our U10 and U11 squads took on Thorpe House in two highly competitive fixtures.

The A Team faced a tough, fast-paced challenge. Despite some brilliant individual bowling spells and sharp fielding, they ultimately lost a close contest but showed immense grit until the very last ball.

For the B Team after a fantastic display of confident batting and tight bowling, the match ended in a draw!

Well done Dair House you all displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout!







Celebration Day

Celebration Day was a fitting end to what has been a wonderfully successful year at Dair House. The afternoon began with a spirited whole-school performance of *Hold Up* and a heartfelt address from Mrs Bull on her final Celebration Day. Reflecting on the journeys we all take through life, she shared a favourite quote from *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon*: “‘Which is more important,’ asked Big Panda, ‘the journey or the destination?’ ‘The company,’ said Tiny Dragon.” She spoke warmly about her journey at Dair House and how the friendships, memories and experiences made along the way are what matter most.

Arya and Francesca then captivated the audience with their original poems, encouraging us to look to the future and reflect on our responsibility for our planet. The Choir and Chamber Choir delighted everyone with their uplifting performances, while Zaydan shared a poem celebrating the love and support of his parents.

We were also honoured to welcome guest speaker Ellie Kildunne. We extend our sincere thanks to her for giving her time so generously and speaking so openly about the determination, resilience and commitment that have helped her become a World Rugby champion. Thanks also go to Laura Saunders for expertly leading the interview and helping to draw out such an inspiring conversation.

The Year 6 performance brought energy and entertainment to the occasion before with a unique bucket drumming piece that featured glow in the dark drumsticks. Prize Giving provided an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the many achievements of pupils across the school. The celebration concluded with a very special surprise, as the entire school and staff joined together to sing one of Mrs Bull's favourite songs, *Blackbird* by The Beatles, in honour of her time at Dair House and her forthcoming departure. It was a touching and completely unexpected moment, and a truly memorable way to bring such a wonderful celebration to a close













Students vs. Parents & Teachers Netball Match

As part of our Year 6 leavers' celebrations, things got fiercely competitive on the courts this week for our Students vs. Parents & Teachers Netball Match!

The atmosphere was electric with some great support from the side lines as the students showed excellent teamwork and speed, matching the adults every step of the way. It was a close game from start to finish, with the adults just edging a 7-6 victory at the final whistle.

A huge thank you to the parents and teachers who laced up their trainers, and a massive well done to our student superstars for playing with such fantastic sportsmanship. It was a wonderful lunch filled with laughter, friendly rivalry, and great memories as we bid a fond farewell to our leavers.









Reminders for the week ahead

Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th July - PTA Camp Out

Tuesday 7th July - Transition Afternoon 1.30-3pm

Wednesday 8th July - whole school water fight pm

Thursday 9th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly 10.45am

Thursday 9th July - Term Ends 12pm EYFS & KS1, 12.15pm KS2

PTA Update

Nearly new PTA Uniform Sale

There will be a uniform sale afternoon following transition day on Tuesday 7th July from 3.15pm for current parents.

PTA CAMP OUT

Saturday 4th July from 4pm until Sunday 5th July 10am

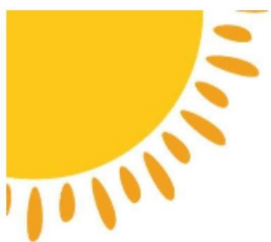
Tickets will be available to book from Monday 8th June @ www.pta-events.co.uk/dairhousepta

£20 per family for an overnight camping pitch. £3 per person for non camping ticket (non campers will be asked to leave the site by 9pm)

Tickets include garden games and outdoor cinema (weather permitting). Food (pizza) for Saturday evening will be available to pre-order at additional cost, more to follow on how to order next week.

Ticket sales will close at end of **Wednesday, 1st July** to allow for catering order.

Thanks as always for your support. Enjoy the weekend.



Summer Holiday Camps

Dair House Summer Camp July 13 - July 24

Following a successful Easter camp we will once again be running a two-week summer camp during the week commencing Monday July 13 and week commencing Monday July 20. The camps will be organised by Dair House staff and will be a mixture of arts and crafts and sport and leisure activities.

Drop off between 8.45 - 9.00am and collection between 3.30 - 4.00pm. Cost per day will be £55. Please email bursar@dairhouse.school to reserve your place.

SuperCamps July 27 - August 21 8.00am - 6.00pm

Dair House will host SuperCamps for a 4 week period following our own 2 week summer camp and places can now be reserved on their website: www.supercamps.co.uk. You will find a flyer in your child's bag this evening. SuperCamps are recognised as a leading provider of holiday activity camps and with over 30 years experience this will be a great opportunity for children to enjoy activities such as archery, zorbing, arts and crafts and many more.



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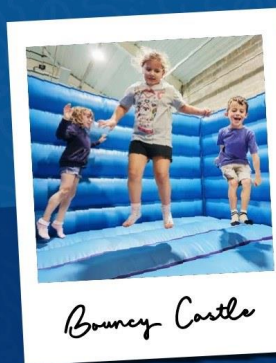
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Next Weeks Menu

WEEKLY MENU				
WEEK 3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Snack Blueberry Cake(Wheat, Egg)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) Main Attraction Chicken in Black Bean Sauce (Wheat, Fish, Soya) On The Side Garden Peas(V, Ve) Evening Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V) Dessert Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)	Morning Snack Blueberry Cake(Wheat, Egg)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) Main Attraction Vegetable Gyoza with tomato sauce (Wheat, Sesame, Soya)(V, Ve) On The Side Couscous(Wheat)(V, Ve) Roasted Peppers(V, Ve) Green Beans(V, Ve) Evening Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V) Dessert Mixed Berry Cheesecake (Wheat, Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)	Morning Snack Shirdbread(Wheat)(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) Main Attraction Roasted Pork Loin On The Side Roasted Carrot(V, Ve) Courgette(V, Ve) Evening Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V) Dessert School Cake (Wheat, Egg)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)	Morning Snack Crackers & Cheese Slice (Wheat, Milk)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) Main Attraction Chicken Korma On The Side Spiced Cauliflower(V, Ve) Sweetcorn(V, Ve) Evening Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V) Dessert Apple & Apricot Crumble & Custard(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)	Morning Snack Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel(Wheat, Milk)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) Main Attraction Giant Cod Fish Fingers(Fish, Wheat) On The Side Oven Baked Chips(V, Ve) Garden Peas(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Evening Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V) Dessert Blueberry Eton Mess(Milk, Egg)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)



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