



NEWSLETTER

Dinnington Community Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week in school. This week, we have been exploring the value of teamwork, thinking about how each of us can work together and support one another every day. We have also begun recruiting our new Playground Leaders from Year 5 and Year 6, who will soon help to organise equipment and games for everyone to enjoy at playtime.

We were delighted to host our first Food Pantries for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. Please look out for the dates for the remaining year groups later in this newsletter, as well as details about our special Christmas Food Pantries, where we hope to support our families with some additional festive treats. We are pleased to share that we are expecting to receive funding from Rethink Food to help us with this.

Mrs Evans



Early Years

This week FS2 have been designing and building some "magnificent broomsticks" just like the one in our story. Some of them even had ice cream machines on board. We have been making terrible beasts with dough and even managed to play in the snow which was so exciting.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a brilliant week! We've been busy adding and subtracting in lots of different ways and using our problem-solving brains. In Art, we created fantastic tonal slides, exploring shade and tint. In Geography, we had great fun singing about the seven continents and discovering more about their sizes and populations. What a wonderful week of learning!



Year 2

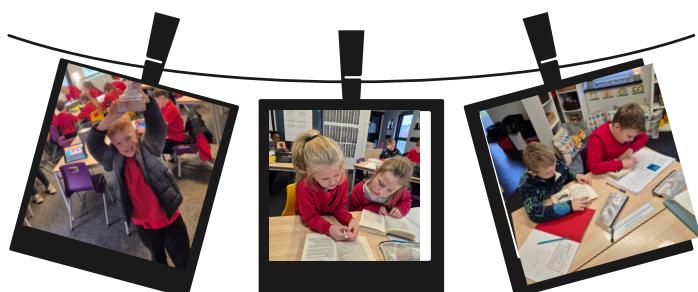
We had a wonderful week in Year 2, beginning with Children in Need, where everyone loved coming to school in their cosy pyjamas and spotty outfits! It was a lovely opportunity to reflect on how we can support children who may not be as fortunate as we are. In maths, we've been diving deeper into addition, exploring a range of methods to help us tackle those bigger numbers with confidence. Our science learning took us into the world of materials, as we investigated different types and their properties. We also had a sad day where we said goodbye to one of our class friends, and we wish her the very best of luck as she starts her new school. Well done, Year 2, on another fantastic week of enthusiasm and hard work



Year 3

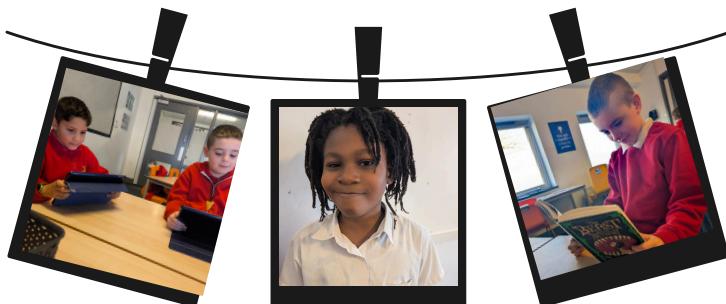
The children have had another wonderful week, full of great learning and enthusiasm. During our reading sessions, we are continuing our focus on the fantastic fiction book Varjak Paw. We're working hard on reading fluency, using punctuation to guide and slow our reading down, which is really helping the children deepen their understanding of the text. They are so invested in the story and look forward to each new chapter every week.

To finish the week on a high, the class also won the school class attendance award—a lovely and well-deserved end to a brilliant week!



Year 4

This week we've elected our new school councillors. We've worked extremely hard on our times tables and are trying to master our 3, 4 and 8 times tables by counting, chanting and playing TTRockstars. We're really enjoying making some progress with our class novel, The Beast and the Bethany.



Year 5



We've had a fantastic week in Year 5! The children are thoroughly enjoying our new class text, Beetle Boy, and have been learning how to use relative clauses to enhance their reports on the planets.

In Geography, we've begun exploring the fascinating world of volcanoes — a topic that will link beautifully with our upcoming literacy unit.

We were also the proud winners of this week's most improved attendance award and were rewarded with some cakes to share.



Year 6

Our school focus this week has been teamwork and kindness, which are very important attributes in year 6. The year 6 students feel that carrying out daily acts of kindness is an important part of their personal development as they enjoy helping others and feel proud of the effect this has on our school culture. The class enjoyed celebrating Maria as our class champion for teamwork and kindness. Maria always goes out of her way to help and support others, as well as to lead by example. We are also pleased to announce that Charlotte and Eva-Grace have been elected to this year's school council. They will be working with Miss Smith and the other elected councillors to make our school an even better place to be.



Polite Reminders & Key Dates

0 days absence	100% Attendance Outstanding
4 days absence	98% Attendance Impressive
7 days absence	96% Attendance On Target
9 days absence	95% Attendance Needs Improvement
13 days absence	93% Attendance Concerns
19 days absence	90% Attendance Very Concerned
29 days absence	85% Attendance Serious Concerns

- When children attend every day, they learn more, build confidence, and achieve better...and it keeps Mrs Marshall happy! We want your children in school because we desperately want them to succeed. It is our job to make this happen, but we need them in school to achieve this.
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- Well done to our first "spin to win" winners. You need 100% attendance (Thursday to Thursday) to get a place on our spinner.
- The class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 98% Well done Y3. They received 15 minutes of reward time.
- The class with the most improved attendance was Year 5. They received some cakes to share in class



Community Events



Food Pantry Dates Dinnington Community Primary

Wednesday 26th Nov - Y3
Thursday 27th Nov - Y4

Y6/Y5 details to follow next week.
Look out for our Christmas Food Pantry near the end of term

OPEN ARMS
COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB

Rotherham Federation of Communities, Springfield Gardens of Community Centre, Estwood View, S65 1NH
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Access cost of living support in a welcoming and safe space

Money management

- Debt Support
- Benefits advice
- Budgeting and saving

Energy advice

- Energy tips
- Support with energy providers
- Energy debts

Cost of living support available

- Rotherham Federation
- Citizens Advice Rotherham & District
- LASER Credit Union
- Invited organisations

Digital skills support

- Help to get online
- Setting up accounts/ email
- Job search support and help using comparison sites

Community support

- Community get-togethers
- Free family events
- Community group support
- Volunteering opportunities

Dinnington Library sessions
Wednesdays - all sessions 9.30am-3.30pm

Drop-in sessions
13th July 2023, 4th August 2023, 20th August 2023, 17th September 2023, 20th September 2023, 17th October 2023, 11th October 2023, 29th October 2023, 23rd November 2023, 26th November 2023, 3rd December 2023, 10th December 2023, 17th December 2023, 24th December 2023, 31st December 2023, 7th January 2024, 4th February 2024, 18th February 2024, 4th March 2024, 11th March 2024

Pre-booked appointments only
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