



Denton West End School

Newsletter

March 2024

Welcome to the March newsletter. We would like to welcome some new children to our school. Welcome to Pandora in Y3 and Ain in Y4. We are sure they will soon make new friends.



We would also like to welcome two new midday assistants to school, Ms Davies and Ms Percival.

Events last term

Nursery Open Afternoon-this was an opportunity for new parents to come and look at the nursery. It was very well attended.

If you know someone who has a nursery age child and would be interested in a place, please put them in contact with the school.

Some of the choir went to Young Voices. This is always an amazing event. The children's behaviour and singing was exceptional. The children were a credit to themselves and the school. Thank you to Miss Hillson and the office staff for organising this and to those staff and parents who attended on the day.



There was a whole school science assembly which the children enjoyed.

The whole school completed work on using the internet safely for Safer Internet Day.

Y2 have had a very special visitor to school, for their Woodland Creature Day, as part of their literacy work.



All of the children in EYFS dressed up for National Fairy Tale Day. The costumes were amazing and the children had a very enjoyable day.

Parents' Evenings

These will be held on Monday 25th March and Wednesday 27th March. Further details will follow.

Milly-Rose Stirrup Foundation

At the end of last half term we had a disco for children in school. This was great fun and the children enjoyed the dancing, games and music. Thanks go to DJ Chris for the playlist and Miss Carney for decorating the hall with a Valentine's theme.



We raised £1052 for Milly-Rose's charity at the disco. In total, so far, we have raised £2422 for the charity. Thank you for this enormous contribution.

Upcoming Events

This is a very short half term again and we are packing in a lot of events and activities for the children.

Y6 are visiting Stockport Air Raid Shelter.

Y5 are having a special day to learn about the Stone Age and Bronze Age.

World Book Day Activities-information has already been sent by Parentmail.

Bake Sale for the Milly-Rose Stirrup Foundation-details to follow.

Reading challenge reward-details to follow.

Easter Egg Competition-see below.

Thank you to parents for helping with the cost of trips. These are becoming increasingly more expensive as venues and transport companies continue to increase prices.

Easter Egg Competition

Thursday 28th March-decorate an Easter Egg (foam/polystyrene/hard boiled eggs) competition. So get creative and bring your entries to school for a £2 donation (proceeds to school trips).

Please bring decorated eggs to school on Thursday 28th March for judging. The best entry from each class will get a small prize.





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Spare clothes

Please could we ask for any spare underwear in good condition that you may have? We do replace knickers, underpants and socks regularly but these are going home and not coming back to school after a child has had an accident. Smaller sizes would be really useful. Please bring them to the main office. Thank you in anticipation of this.

Manchester City Tournament

On Friday (a few weeks ago) we went to the Manchester City Football Academy to play a football tournament. We played lots of different schools and were placed fourth out of twelve schools we had a great day! By Joshua H.

A few people from year 4 went to City to play a few schools. We were placed fourth out of twelve schools but we lost on penalties 3-2. We played really well. Charlie T, Charlie W and Harrison scored. We all really enjoyed it and had a brilliant time. We even got something signed by City's manager.

By Jude M

Thank you to Miss Fallows for organising this.

School Dinners

There will be an increase for school dinners from Monday 15th April (after Easter). This is in response to increased food, staff and delivery costs.

Dinners will cost £2.60 per day or £13.00 per week. this is still lower than the Tameside costs for school meals which are charged at £2.95 per day. The meals are well worth the cost as there are two courses, plus salad bar and bread available every day.



Your child is able to have a school dinner either every day or just on certain days of the week if you would prefer.

End of the School Day

Please can you ensure that your child is picked up promptly at the end of the school day? This is 3.10pm for reception and KS1 and 3.15pm for KS2. There are some children who are still here well after this time. This impacts on staff time for meetings, marking and next day preparation. Many thanks.

Mobile Phones

Please remember that mobile phones are not permitted in school. This is for safeguarding reasons and also to ensure that children are not distracted by them during the school day. The DfE has brought in new guidance so that schools are better able to enforce this. Any phones in school will be confiscated and will need to be collected from the school office by an adult.

Additionally, staff are able to search children's bags and trays to ensure that phones are not in school. However, we prefer not to do this as we are busy teaching and so rely on parents to help us with this. If your child is older and they are walking home from school, as added peace of mind, you can purchase Air Tags or trackers from Amazon at a small cost. Thank you for your co-operation.

Road and Car Park Safety

As you know this is a recurrent theme of my newsletters. Please ensure that if you are driving to school for the pick up and drop off that you are acting responsibly. I continue to get reports of parents parking on pavements, making manoeuvres in the middle of the road and blocking the junction to Ashwood Avenue.

I would ask that, if you can, walk to school or alternatively park away from Balmoral Drive.

Additionally, please remember that you should not be parking or walking through the school car parks. This is for your safety and that of the children to ensure that children are not hit by a moving car.

Attendance and lateness

There has been a tremendous improvement in children arriving on time ready for the start of the school day, thank you for this as it means we can get the school day off to a prompt start. Remember the door will open a few minutes before 8.55am so that children can be ready in class for the start of their learning.