



Good afternoon parents and carers,

Happy Friday ! It's been a long, hard week but we made it.

Despite all our challenges we still ensure that our children get the best experience while at school. You will see all the lovely work that goes on all around the academy . I hope those of you who were able to make it to the Black History Month museum in the hall the last two weeks really enjoyed the diversity of work and activities on show.

Unfortunately we have a rising number of COVID positive cases at school. In line with government guidelines there are no further actions for us to take. The NHS should be doing all contact tracing. I would urge you all to do the lateral flow tests if your child is feeling unwell or regularly if you can. We have had a few cases where children had no symptoms but were positive. Please try and keep safe especially as the holiday season is around the corner.



A big thank you to all the families who supported our Children in Need appeal. We raised a lovely sum of **£325** which will go towards supporting a deserving cause. We appreciate your contribution. See some pictures over the next page!

Just a reminder that school is closed next Friday 26th November as it a Personal Development Day for all staff.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Powys



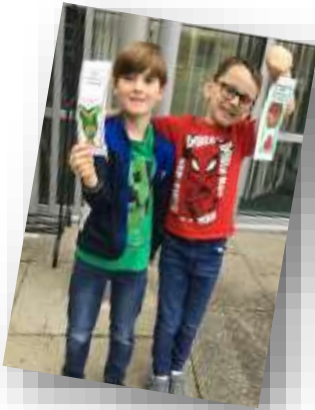


BBC Children in Need



It was **Children in Need** this week and what a spectacle it proved to be! This charity funds local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive

At Desmond Anderson, the children [and adults] were invited to come dressed in Pudsey styled clothes, clothes with spots on or their own clothes for a donation of £1 and all money went towards Children in Need of course! Thank you to everyone who donated and just have a look at the fabulous turnout!



Anti-Bullying Week

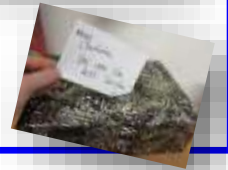
This week has been Anti-bullying week and we commemorated this with a cracking assembly and a range of great activities across the school. On Monday, it was *wear-odd-socks* day and it was a real spectacle seeing everyone in odd socks!



Year 3 were been spreading kindness words like confetti this week! They looked at how Meerkats and Penguins work as a team to protect each other, and then created a strong class chain link full of kind words. To spread the word, we wrote 'Tear and Share' sheets for other children passing in the corridor to take what they need to cheer them up.



Dali class converted their Worry Box into a Compliment Box this week, as part of Anti-bullying week! The box has been overflowing on a daily basis with so many lovely compliments about each other, all week!



Year 1 Moon Buggies

Year One are proud to present the start of our moon buggies. We have been learning all about Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong. As both Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong have either been to the moon or the ISS (International Space Station) and we have had a crash landing from the alien Beegu, we have decided to make our own moon buggies!

We have designed them, talked about the different parts and what materials we would like to use to make them. Today was finally the day that we could start making them! They have not yet been finished but they do all work. We are so pleased with our work!



Keep your eyes peeled for the finished product!





It's been road safety week this week and a number of classes learned more about road safety, including how to cross the road brilliantly. Here you can see Wiltshire class practising their skills in crossing a road—with and without a crossing attendant!



Here's what you need to know to cross the road if you are over seven years old

1. Find a safe place to cross
2. Stand on the pavement near the kerb
3. Look all round for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming - let it pass then look all round again
5. When there is no traffic near, walk straight across the road
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while crossing



The healthiest option!



Gardner Class have been reading stories about eating fruit and vegetables. They have been following instructions to make Fruit Salad.



The children learned what makes a healthy snack and meal, and enjoyed cutting fruit and threading it onto a skewer to make fruit kebabs.



They enjoyed eating them even more! What a healthy and tasty treat!



Sports Update!

Last week saw the Year 5s in action at a sports festival for the first time this year as the netball squad competed over at Thomas Bennett.

It was the first time many of the children had played netball but I was so impressed with how quickly they picked up new skills and understood the rules. Other teachers at the festival commented on how brilliant they were and they even managed to win two of their games! A huge well done to everyone who went - you were all a credit to the school!



You may have also noticed that our MUGA has had some work done this week! This now has lines for football, netball and basketball so will be back in action next week for children to enjoy at break, lunch and in PE lessons.



Eco-friendly class!

The children in Picasso Class (Year 5) have been so inspired by Yasmin's presentation in assembly, that they have made their own posters and information booklets about climate change and how we can make a difference at Desmond Anderson. We now have a suggestion box (made out of recycled cardboard) for ideas on how to make our school more eco-friendly.





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done everyone!!

KS1

Van Gogh -	Mia
Cezanne -	Ella
Mackintosh -	Sophia
Matisse -	Salma
Gardner -	Max and Oliver

KS2

O'Keeffe -	Grace
Turner -	Valentina
Monet -	Thomas
Miro -	Jake and Brian
Picasso -	Sofiya
Dali -	Summer & Campbell
Hockney -	Erin
Escher -	Lionor
Wiltshire -	George



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TEACHING ASSISTANT (SEN) VACANCY x 2

IS THIS YOU?

- I enjoy helping children learn and be independent
- I like working as part of a team and am a good team player
- I am very calm and patient
- I am very adaptable and always willing to have a go
- I like to work on my own initiative
- I am very keen to learn
- I have lots of skills and experience that I want to share

THEN WE NEED YOU!

We are now looking for two Teaching Assistants (SEN) to work in KS1 with children in need of additional support with their learning and/or emotional and social well-being. The post includes supporting in class in core curriculum sessions (Maths, English, Reading), taking small groups for targeted interventions and working as directed according to need. This may include 1:1 support for children who require it. The role will include liaising with parents and class teachers.

Candidates called for interview will be asked to complete basic Maths and English assessments based on Year 6 SATS papers. The post is based in KS1 but Staff must be confident to deliver the curriculum to individuals and groups, using the teachers planning and learning objectives, up to year 6.

This role involves regulated activity as summarised in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021 (paragraph 217). Anyone engaging in regulated activity must have an enhanced DBS check including barred list information.

**The post is a fixed term contract to 22nd July 2022
5 days a week, 30 hours per week (8.45 am – 3.15 pm) term time only.**

Salary: GRADE 3 £18,562 plus Crawley Weighting allowance of £630 pa pro-rata. Actual salary £12,957.59 per annum.

Applications should be made online at <https://careers.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk>

**The closing date for applications is: 28th November 2021
Interviews will be held on: 2nd December 2021**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021 / 22

(Subject to change)

<u>Term 2</u> (7 weeks)	<u>November 2021</u> Friday 26 th November	Personal Development Day (School is closed)
	<u>December 2021</u> Friday 17 th December 20 th Dec - 3 rd January 2022	Break up from school at <u>1.30 pm</u> Christmas Holidays
<u>Term 3</u> (7 weeks)	<u>January 2022</u> Tuesday 4 th January Wednesday 5 th January	Inset Day (School is closed) <u>Term 3 starts (Spring Term) - Back to School</u>
	<u>February 2022</u> Thursday 17 th February Friday 18 th February 21 st Feb - 25 th Feb	Break up from School - Feb Half Term (normal time) INSET DAY [School is closed] Half-term
<u>Term 4</u> (6 weeks)	Monday 28 th February	<u>Term 4 starts—Back to school</u>
	<u>April 2022</u> Friday 8 th April 11 th Apr – 22 nd Apr	Break up at 1.30 for Easter Holidays' Easter Holidays
<u>Term 5</u> (5 weeks)	Monday 25 th April Tuesday 26 th April	INSET DAY [School is closed] <u>Term 5 starts—Back to school</u>

Communication with Staff

If you would like to request a meeting or communication with a staff member, you can call the school office on 01293 525596 or alternatively fill in our [Contact Form](#) and a member of staff will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your understanding during these changes.

Please find the contact form here: [DAPA Staff contact request](#)



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