

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping well on this very cold wintry day! This time last week we were experiencing hot summer weather! Never mind– I'm sure this is the last of the chill.

We've had a lovely week at the academy as usual with lots of exciting learning and happenings too. We started the week talking about the important month of Ramadan in the Islamic calendar. The children learnt about the reason for the fast as well as the 5 pillars of Islam. I left the children with a little challenge : To find out what the religious book of the Hindus, Christians and Jews were. Please help them with this.

You would have noticed that we have lifted restrictions on the use of the one-way system at school. Most people are entering and exiting the school through the main entrance. We have forgotten how busy this section is now. Can I please ask you all to remember just 2 things:

- keep to the left at all times
- All scooter and bike riding must stop outside the gates please. I've witnessed accidents right at the front gate

Thank you to all motorists who are kindly adhering to the parking rules and keeping our children safe.

Next week is the last week of the spring term. **We close at 1.30pm on Friday 8th April** for all children and staff. But Friday is also out Easter Bonnet Parade. We would love to see all children (and parents) come to school in their best Easter hats. It's going to be lots of fun. So get creative and get those hats underway this weekend. I'm really looking forward to seeing some whacky designs. Mrs Howe , who leads on Religious Education, is planning some special prizes and a fun activity for the children on the day.

I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend. And best wishes to all our Muslim children, staff and families over the month of Ramadan.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday,

Mrs Powys



Ramadan Mubarak!

We would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim families and friends





This week we held our very own DAPA Art Exhibition! The fantastic display showcased some great work and highlighted the range of art activities and artists that the children encounter during their time at the school.

All of the classes got a chance to view the work that the rest of the school had done and really enjoyed the chance to see what other classes had been doing in art.



Amongst all the art, you would have seen Year 4 and their China inspired blossom trees, Year 6 and their pastel representations of *The Highwayman* poem, Gardner class using materials to show a poem called *In the Garden*. There was also EYFS with their countries around the world and many more.

You'll agree that the children's work looked amazing. Thank you to everyone who came along!





















As well as SATs, Year 6 have been outside learning Jumpball in PE this week, painting watercolour fossils in art and writing reviews of the play they saw on their trip to London last week!

A hearty congratulations to Lewis in Hockney class who celebrated a great achievement.

On Saturday 26th February Lewis competed in the BKBU (British Kickboxing Union) Nationals in Guildford and won the Under 12 title to become a British Champion!!

Amazing stuff, well done Lewis!



Year 6 SATs 2022

This week, the pupils in Year 6 have completed a 'Mock SATs' week. They have focussed hard and produced some promising results. Well done Year 6!

A reminder that the actual SATs will take place after Easter. The dates of the papers are given below. Please do not book any non-emergency appointments during this week (week beginning 9th May).

KS2 SATs dates

Monday 9th May 2022	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar; Papers 1 & 2
Tuesday 10th May 2022	English Reading
Wednesday 11th May 2022	Maths Paper 1 [Arithmetic] Maths Paper 2 [Reasoning]
Thursday 12th May 2022	Maths Paper 3 [Reasoning]



SSC Hever Castle Trip







Earlier this week, Gardner and Wiltshire classes went on a long anticipated trip to **Hever Castle**. Despite the occasional cold weather, they had a fabulous time at this historical landmark in Kent. They got to see all around the house where Anne Boleyn [one of the Henry VIII's wives] grew up.

As well as looking at the revered building inside and out, they got to visit the splendid gardens and gaze out across the lake. There was also time to visit the adventure playground!





















Picasso Class had a wonderful time in PE showing off their amazing ball skills!











British Gymnastics Championships

Daria from Monet class has qualified to take part in the British Gymnastics Championship for TeamGym this weekend.

This event is held in Sheffield. This is one of Daria's passions and something she does out of school. On behalf of all at Desmond Anderson we want to wish her all the very best of luck this weekend. **Good luck Daria**!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done everyone!!

<u>KS1</u>

Kandinsky - Ryan Klimt - Jayesh Van Gogh - Ano Cezanne - Riley Mackintosh - Haziqa Matisse - Laila Gardner- whole class

<u>KS2</u>

O'Keeffe -Bobby Hollie Melanie Turner -Monet -Farida Miro -Willow-Maye Picasso -Mia Harrison Dali -Hockney -Teagan Escher -Bella Wiltshire -Kaj

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

Term 4	<u>Apr 2022</u>		
(6 weeks)	Friday 8 th April 11th Apr -22 nd Apr	Break Up from school at <u>1.30 pm</u> 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 (Summer Term) - Back to School</u>	
	<u>May 2022</u>		
	Monday 2nd May Wednesday 4th May Monday 9th May Tuesday 24th May Friday 27th May		
	30 th May – 3 rd June Thursday 2 nd June Friday 3 rd June	Spring Bank Holiday	
<u>Term 6</u>	<u>June 2022</u>		
(7 weeks)	Monday 6 th June	Term 6 starts (Summer Term) - Back to school	
	<u>July 2022</u>		
	Friday 22 nd July	Break up from School at <u>1.30 pm</u>	

Don't forget our Easter donations for the local Freeshop — food items can be collected from now until next Friday

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 <u>Contact Form</u> 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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