

Newsletter #34 24th June 2022

Hello parents and carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. What a brilliant end to the week- it was dressing-up day, coffee morning, governors day and collecting lots of gifts for the tombola too.

It was so lovely to see the children all dressed as their favourite fairy tale characters this morning. But more importantly it was even better to see the learning that happened in class. I visited every class with the governors and we were fascinated to see how engaged the children were with their learning. In one year 6 class the wolf from 'The three little pigs' was on trial in a 'courtroom' for destroying the pig's house and eating some of them. The children questioned the wolf, considered the facts and then had to pass verdict. Sadly they found him guilty although he did put up a very strong case.

Then in another year 3 class, the wolf shared his true story with the animals. Apparently he went to the pigs house for some sugar and just sneezed and both the straw and stick houses were destroyed (really?). Here again the children challenged him and used excellent reasoning skills for their arguments. Across the school there was lots of re-telling of stories, writing of letters, diaries and play scripts too. All in all it was a very successful experience for all the staff and pupils.

Thank you for all the wonderful bottles you sent in for the Tombola stall. Some parents did let us know that they forgot their bottle. The PTA will be collecting and welcome more donations next Friday. The table will be set out by the main gate and you can hand them in there. We really appreciate every little help. As I mentioned previously in the newsletter, we want to be able to provide more learning experiences for all the children at school and the PTA is helping us to achieve this.

Our coffee mornings are becoming ever so popular. It is really lovely to see so many parents and to catch-up over a cup of tea and cake. This is the last one for this year but we will definitely continue with them next term.

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our consultation on the Uniform Policy. I really do appreciate you taking the time to let us know your thoughts and suggestions. As you will agree we cannot accommodate all requests. I have, however made changes to the policy which you will receive once it has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

Next week is Parents Evening. We are really looking forward to having you back in the building for a face-to-face meeting to with the staff.

Finally, it is our PRIDE assembly on Monday 27th June and children can wear colourful clothes on Wednesday 29th June if they want to. This is voluntary. Speak to me if you have any concerns.

Have a lovely weekend ,

Mrs Powys

We will miss you!

There comes a time when people move on for whatever reason and this year is no different. We have three members of staff leaving and two who are going on maternity leave.

Mrs Bates will be going on maternity leave later this term.
Mrs Hussain will be going on maternity leave at the end of the summer term

Mr Stepney is leaving at the end of the summer term. He has been with us for a whopping ten years and seen many changes and says DAPA will always hold a place in his heart. He is off to seek pastures green and follow some of his dreams, which may even include some supply work! But definitely includes being an author!



Mr Joyce is leaving at the end of the summer term. He has been with us for almost three years, and in that time he has held a lot of posts here before becoming teacher in SSC2 Wiltshire. He is also off to follow his dreams of becoming an author [book out in September!] and see what the world has to offer before he retires at some point [far] in the future!



Mr Gumble is leaving us at the end of the summer term. Even though he has only been here a year, he has made quite an impression on his class and the school. He has secured another post in a primary school not too far away.



I am sure you will join us in wishing all of them good luck in whatever the future holds and we hope they come back and visit us very soon!

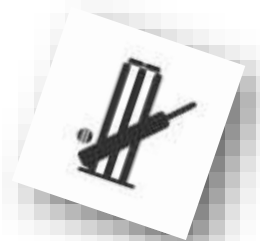
Hit the right note!

In Year 4, they have been learning about notations during their Music lessons. They created their own compositions using crotchets, quavers and rests and then practiced clapping the notes in groups.



Year 3 are very lucky to have 2 sports coaches working with them this summer!

They will be working on their cricket skills. It all began with bat and bowling mini games this week. Thank you Mr Wretham for organising this experience for them!





Coffee Morning & Governor's Day!



Today, it was time for another of our fabulous coffee mornings! Lots of parents and carers came along and had an hour of conversation and friendly chat—all of this with some fabulous refreshments, some of which were home-made, including banana loaf and strawberry flap-jacks! If you've not been along to coffee morning yet, please come next time—everyone is welcome! Next date will be announced soon and it will be next term.

We were also fortunate to have some of the school governors visit. They also partook of the coffee morning and visited lots of classes to see all the fabulous learning and fun activities taking place through the school.



Message from the Chair of the Local Board

To all parents, carers and school community,

I am writing to advise you all that I have resigned as both a member and Chair of the Local Board effective from the 21st July 2022.

I became a Governor of Desmond Anderson Primary School in June 2013 when my eldest daughter was in year 2. She is now in year 11 and taking her GCSEs so it feels like the right time to hang up my hat.

It has been an honour to support the Academy as both a governor and a member of the local board and while hard work at times has been extremely rewarding. I have had the pleasure of working with 4 different Head Teachers / Principals and see the Academy go from strength to strength.

The proudest moment was seeing the Academy awarded a Good judgement from Ofsted as I knew just how much hard work had gone into it. I am leaving the Board in good hands with keen volunteers who will continue to support the Academy.

However there are still vacancies so if you are interested in learning more about the work of the Local Board please call into the office or go to www.brightonacademiustrust.org.uk/our-trust/join-our-local-board

Yours faithfully

Clare Hoggan

Look at it from our angle



Triangle Exploration— During their Maths lessons in Year 4 this week, they have been learning about different types of triangles! Here you can see them making them peg boards to compare their properties.

They researched and found out about the size of interior angles. Do you know the types of triangles? They do now – Equilateral, Isosceles and Scalene! See if you would get this maths joke.. Why was the scalene triangle upset? Because it was never right!

Wild in Wakehurst!



Year 2 had a fabulous time last Friday at Wakehurst Place! As well as enjoying their first time on a coach, they got to explore and find out about some pond creatures!

It was a lovely day as they walked around in the beautiful gardens looking through magnifying glasses at the flowers!

Well done Year 2s, what a wonderful day!



We're not out of the woods yet!

As you probably know, most of the school have enjoyed the sights and sounds of Wakehurst Place!

However one class ran out of time during their visit to have a workshop so they were given an opportunity to do a little bit of fieldwork and find out more about our environment. Earlier this week, Turner class were visited by some experts from Wakehurst!



The children had a breezy summer day and a tray full of equipment to take note of their surroundings and come up with some data of their own, including activities like;

- ♦ Measuring the temperature of the soil and the air.
- ♦ Using a trowel to discover the texture, colour and feel of the soil, and an auger to screw down into the soil to see whether there were different layers.
- ♦ Blowing bubbles and using a compass to describe what direction they were heading and where the wind was coming from.
- ♦ Using a bar and ribbon and a Beaufort scale card to indicate the likely strength and potential km per hour the wind was travelling.

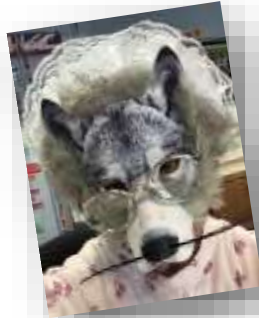
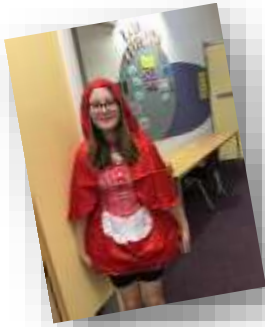
Real botanists in the making!



It was great to have some hands on learning tied to their Science from last term, spend the afternoon using new equipment and working as a team to find out what they could.

Wakehurst have enjoyed working with Desmond Anderson and were very complimentary about the kindness and support they heard from members of Turner. Well done!

National Writing Day!



More fabulousness today in the shape of National Writing Day! As you may have read earlier, across the school there were fun activities to do with this memorable occasion!

The theme today was centred about Fairy Stories and wow, we had some wonderful costumes which inspired wonderful writing, text work and debating!



Year One have had a great afternoon working with Year Six to construct houses after reading and delving into the story of *The Three Little Pigs*.

They all worked well as a team and even if their structures fell down, they worked together to quickly rebuild it. Great teamwork and collaboration!





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done everyone!!

KS1

Kandinsky -	Rumav
Klimt -	Yunus
Van Gogh -	Charlie
Cezanne -	Kenya
Mackintosh -	whole class
Matisse -	Scarlett P & Layton
Gardner -	Marley

KS2

O'Keeffe -	Eva
Turner -	Alfie & Valentina
Monet -	Sophie
Miro -	Eli
Picasso -	Lyla
Dali -	Louie
Hockney -	Jake
Escher -	Grace
Wiltshire -	Oliver B

Accelerated Readers

O' Keeffe :	Grace & Sara
Turner :	Emilia

Please note the change to the date of the end of summer term – it is now **Thursday 21st July** at the usual time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

Term 6

(7 weeks)

June 2022

Friday 24th June

Coffee Morning; 8.45 AM ***ALL WELCOME!***

National Writing Day!

Governor's Day

Monday 27th June

Parents evening #1 [face to face]

Tuesday 28th June

Parents evening #2 [face to face]

July 2022

Wednesday 6th July

Meet your new teacher

Saturday 9th July

Summer Fayre!

Tuesday 12th July

Sports Day @ K2

Thursday 21st July

Break up from School at **the usual time.**



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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