



This Week's News!

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families



This week is **Children's Mental Health Week**. The theme for this year is 'My Voice Matters'. We have had assemblies to promote positive mental health and the children have been participating in a range of activities and discussions in class. Bonsai Class have written some wonderful poems about why their voices matter.

Please take the time this weekend to talk to your child about their wellbeing so that they feel happy, safe, secure and listened to at home and at school.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

On Tuesday it was **Safer Internet Day** in school. Please look at the link below for information and tips about how you can keep your children safe in the online world.



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

We also welcomed **Electric Umbrella** to our school on Thursday for a truly memorable performance in which the whole school participated. It was a very lively and interactive assembly. Electric Umbrella provide amazing, live interactive music experiences with learning disabled people. By participating in these performances we all hope to promote the richness of diversity and to ensure everyone feels valued. For more information about Electric Umbrella please see the following week.



https://www.electricumbrella.co.uk/about_us

This week Maple cCass have been making worry dolls and creating art to represent what matters most to each of them in order to raise awareness of Children's Mental Health Week. They also went on a Wild Walk where they spotted lots of interesting things on our school field which helped with their recount writing. In Science, they carried out an experiment to find out which everyday material was the most waterproof and the most suitable to keep their teddy dry - very handy with all the rain we have had this week!

We continue to make good progress with the roof and renovations in school. We are currently revamping the library and over half term will be re carpeting the main corridors, library and having new flooring in our Key Stage 1 toilet. Internal birdcage scaffolding will also be erected inside the school hall and Chestnut classroom during the holiday. After half term Chestnut class will still enter the school via the KS2 doors but will be taught in another area of school while their class roof is being replaced.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Consultations next week.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy any Chinese New Year Celebrations you may be joining in with on Saturday. It will be the Year of the Dragon!

Best wishes

Mrs J Walton-Jones

Headteacher



Italian word of the week - rossa meaning red



Photos of the week

Electric Umbrella Visit



The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter is available to download from the Family Support area of our website or via the following link:

<https://dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers/>

The newsletter contains a wealth of information, including: Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support from various local providers, SEND Parent Café, Health Visiting Service and advice on accessing the Educational Psychology Service.

Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support from various local providers:

- [Hertfordshire Space February Activities](#)
- [NESSSle Webinars for Parent/Carers](#)
- [WithYouth Online Groups / Diverse Families, Childrens Club](#)
- [Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshop: Spring 2024 Term](#)
- [Supporting Links Talking Families course / Families Lives Courses](#)
- [Families in Focus February 2024 Courses](#)
- [Angels Autism & ADHD Support](#)
- [Family Centre Drop in Groups for Hertfordshire families \(ages 0-5\)](#)
- [SignVideo for Deaf Residents \(all ages\)](#)
- [Applications for supported internships with Mission EmployAble are open \(ages 19-25\)](#)
- [Over The Rainbow SEN Support](#)
- [New Herts Haven Café for young people's emotional wellbeing](#)
- [Neurodiversity Support Hub / SEND Drop-in sessions](#)
- [Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Spring Term 2024](#)

Please also follow our social media pages for the most recent updates:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/

FOFS NEWS



Pancake Flip



The FOFS Pancake Flip is happening on Tuesday the 13th of February. The children will compete to see how many times they can flip a pancake - the winner in each class will receive a prize! Please send your child's Pancake Flip Sponsorship Form and money into school on **Monday the 12th of February**.

If you would rather transfer your sponsorship money, you can send to:

Friends of Flamstead School

Sort 309073

Acct 00296038

Please **use your child's surname as a reference** and remember to send your Sponsorship form to school so that FOFS can claim Gift Aid on your donation.

Thanks for your support!



Outdoor Learning Area



Spring is just around the corner and we have the opportunity to make some improvements to the school's Outdoor Learning Area ahead of the growing season.

These improvements will include: creating an outdoor classroom area with log seating; the planting of willow whips to create a living dome; the addition of four raised flowerbeds (one for each class); creating a large flowerbed by the pool fence; erecting garden arches for growing vegetables; and tidying and maintaining the trees in our orchard area.

On Sunday the 25th of February FOFS will host a School Work Day, from 10am-4pm.

Families are invited to come along and dig, maintain and prepare our Outdoor Learning Area. Children are welcome but must remain under the supervision of their parent or caregiver. Even coming along for an hour would be great.

Taking part will help make a big change to the school this year and give the children access to a wonderful Outdoor Learning space.

If you'd like to join us on Feb 25th, contact friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com or speak to Christy, Ali, Tania, Anna or Sarah Gibson. Thank you.



**Bright Stars!
Friday 9th February**

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| Nursery | Frankie | For effort taken in writing her name during Phonics and her participation in Maths learning. |
| Reception | Amalia | For settling into her new classroom so well and making new friends. Welcome to Flamstead Amalia! |
| Year 1 | George | For brilliant maths learning this week and for joining in so enthusiastically with 'Electric Umbrella'. |
| Year 2 | Jerry | For writing a great recount about a 'Wild Walk'. Super work Jerry! |
| Year 3 | Rafael | For perseverance learning his times tables and making good links to his fraction work. |
| Year 4 | Fletcher | For careful listening and attention to detail and a final confident performance with Electric Umbrella. Fletcher got up onto the stage and signed 'hello my name is Fletcher' in Makaton. |
| Year 5 | Harry | For a great 'My voice matters' poem linked to Children's Mental Health Week. |
| Year 6 | Laila | For fantastic effort across all lessons whilst always striving to achieve her best. |

TTRS and Numbots

| Year Group | Who played the most? |
|------------|----------------------|
| Reception | Ada |
| Year 1 | Leo |
| Year 2 | Mia |
| Year 3 | Lewis |
| Year 4 | William |
| Year 5 | Rossi |
| Year 6 | Sloan |

Well done to all the above children for being so dedicated to their online Maths learning!

Please can all children go onto their online learning next week!

Attendance this week

| Year Group | w/b 05/1/24 |
|------------|-------------|
| Nursery | 87% |
| Reception | 96% |
| Year 1 | 96% |
| Year 2 | 97% |
| Year 3 | 97% |
| Year 4 | 96% |
| Year 5 | 90% |
| Year 6 | 90% |

Well done to all the classes who gained over 96% attendance this week!

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

| Date | Time | Event |
|------------|-----------|---|
| 12.02.24 | 3.30—5.30 | Parents Evening |
| 13.02.24 | 5.00—7.30 | Parents Evening |
| 13.02.24 | - | FOFS Pancake Flip |
| 15.02.24 | | Book Fair Delivered. Until 28.02.24 |
| 19.02.24 | - | Half term |
| 26.02.24 | - | Back to school |
| 07.03.24 | - | World Book Day |
| 08.03.24 | | World Book day— Dress up as your favourite book character |
| 11.03.24 | - | British Science Week begins |
| 12.03.24 | - | Space Dome in school for all children. |
| 15.03.24 | | Red Nose Day for Comic Relief |
| 18.03.24 | | Bikeability Week for Y5 and Y6 |
| 22.03.24 | 9.00 | Maple Class Assembly |
| 26.03.24 | AM | Easter Bonnet Parade at the Methodist Church |
| 28.03.24 | - | End of Spring Term. School finishes at 1.30pm |
| 15.04.24 | - | Start of the Summer Term - Back to school |
| 17.04.24 | | Activkidsuk—Olympian Visit—school fundraiser |
| 19.04.24 | All day | Y1 and Y2 visit to paradise Wildlife Park |
| 22.04.24 | - | Arrival of our chick eggs |
| 02.05.2024 | 9.00 | Chestnut Class Assembly |
| 06.05.24 | - | Bank Holiday—School Closed |
| 07.05.24 | - | INSET Day—School closed to children |
| 13.05.24 | - | SATS week for Y6 pupils |
| 22.05.24 | | Class photo day |
| 27.05.24 | - | May Half Term holiday |
| 03.06.24 | - | Back to school |
| 03.06.24 | - | Y4 Multiplication Times Tables checks from today (National) |
| 10.06.24 | - | Year 1 Phonics Check week (National) |
| 25.06.24 | All day | Y1 and Y2 'History off the Page' workshops at Markyate School |
| 27.06.24 | AM | Sports Day and Picnic |
| 28.06.24 | 9.00 | Cherry Class Assembly |
| 01.07.23 | All week | Y5/6 Residential to Grittleton House |
| 10.07.23 | 3.30—5.30 | Open Evening and Arts Fest |
| 11.07.23 | 9.00 | Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day |
| 17.07.24 | 3.30—4.30 | KS2 Production to parents/carers—afternoon |
| 18.07.24 | 6.30—7.30 | KS2 Production to parents/carers—evening (children back 6pm) |
| 22.07.24 | 9.00 | Y6 Leavers Assembly |
| 23.07.24 | 1.30 | End of the Summer Term. School finishes at 1.30pm |

Please put these into your diaries! All these dates and term dates for 2024—2025 are also on the school website.



SARACENS
FOUNDATION

February Half Term Camp

19th - 21st February

£25 a day

Open to children in reception to year 6

How Wood Primary School and Nursery, St Albans, AL2 2HU

www.bookwhen.com/saracensfoundationcamps