

THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025



Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

Last Friday, Mrs Brady introduced our annual Science Project Competition during our Star Assembly. This week, I have seen some amazing entries from lots of children of different ages! Well done to all the children who took part and congratulations to the winners: Lola H, Summer M-W, Sophia C-O and Bessie-Boo B! Thank you to Mrs Brady, our Science Lead, for organising this fantastic competition.

This Thursday, our Head Boy, Head Girl and Eco Ambassador met with other pupils from The Sea View Trust. The purpose of the meeting was to create a video promoting environmental awareness. The children discussed protecting natural resources, recycling and combating climate change. Thank you to Mrs Thomas, our School Council Lead, for organising and facilitating the meeting.

Our next competition was announced this morning during our Star Assembly – our annual Easter Bonnet Competition. Over the years, this has proved to be very popular with our pupils and families and we see hundreds of beautifully creative and clever designs. The children always look forward to the final Easter Bonnet Parade, which is always lots of fun. You will find more information regarding the competition on Class Dojo.

I hope you all have a pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm
Headteacher

School Notice

Parent Governor Elections!

At Devonshire Primary Academy, we have provision for two parent governors and there is currently one vacancy.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in our school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing committee's work.

If you are interested in supporting our academy in this way, or would like to nominate another parent (with their permission), please collect an election form from the school office. Completed forms must be returned to the school office by 4:00pm on Monday 31st March 2025.

Upcoming Events

- 20th March – Reception Group to Nicky Nook
- 27th March – Reception Group to Nicky Nook
- 7th April – Bring Easter Bonnets to School
- 8th April – Easter Bingo, 3:30pm
- 11th April – House Team Reward Afternoon

Please check Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook for further details.

Attendance

Whole School: 92%

Registration: Beethoven Class

Attendance Winner:
Arcadius K-C (Y3)



BUSY BEE BUSINESS



Keller & Rowling Class

Eat, sleep, learn, repeat! Year 3 have been learning about 'repeated patterns'. Children used a stencil block to create repeated patterns and colours with paints. ARTfully crafted!



Beethoven Class

Year 1 have been investigating mechanisms as part of their DT lessons. The children learnt how an axle, chassis and wheels make the basics of a car. They were FUEled by excitement to make their own cars using classroom objects. Some EXHUASting but fun work!



Jungle Class

Preschool children had a FLIPpin' good afternoon tasting pancakes! They chose lemon, syrup and strawberry sauce as their toppings. You BUTTER believe that they were delicious!



Attenborough Class

Seize the CLAY! Year 4 have been creating Greek pottery inspired by myths and legends. The children covered pots in newspaper and used mod-roc to create the base before painting them in the coming weeks. Lets hope they don't GREEK under pressure!





Star of the Week

Star of the Week		Star Citizen	
RG	Bryannee M	RG	Connor C
RM	Christian E	RM	Sapphire-Grace K-R
1H	Carter F	1H	Darcie I
1S	Tristan P	1S	Meezab Q
2AM	Adona E	2AM	Ivan N
2CM	Sonnie M	2CM	Caleb O
3P	Leona M	3P	Isaac G
3H	Riva-Blu D	3H	Heba S
4MT	Leon J	4MT	Jon Paul P
4S	Olivia A	4S	Hunter S
5S	Joshua C	5S	Alexius C
5D	Jezrel N	5D	Lilith M
6O	Raem B	6O	Violet B-C
6J	Mariya A	6J	Arin A



Word of the Week

Exemplary

(serving as a desirable model; very good)

Makaton Sign



Spring



Friday 14th March

National Children's Craft Day

ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS

WELLBEING NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are excited to introduce our 'Wellbeing Warriors' who are a group of children that will be leading the way in promoting positive wellbeing across our school!

This half-term, we are focusing on one of the Five Ways to Wellbeing: **Taking Notice**. Taking notice means being mindful of the world around us and paying attention to our thoughts, feelings, and surroundings. Taking notice helps us feel more present in the moment, reduces stress, and boosts our overall happiness.

To help children understand the importance of taking notice, our Wellbeing Warriors will be leading three special activities throughout the term, demonstrating different ways to be more mindful in everyday life. Stay tuned for more details as they share their ideas and experiences with their classmates!

We look forward to seeing our Wellbeing Warriors in action and hope this focus on taking notice will help everyone feel happier and more connected.



Take Notice at Home

Here are some simple ways to take notice and improve wellbeing at home and school:

- Go on a mindful walk – pay attention to the sounds, sights, and smells around you.
- Gratitude journaling – write down 1-3 things you are grateful for each day.
- Mindful breathing – take slow, deep breaths to calm your mind.
- Observing nature – spend time looking at the sky, trees or even small details like a flower or insect.
- Reflecting on the day – talk about the best part of your day with a friend or family member.



Upcoming Activities

- Take notice Bingo
- Rainbow hunt
- Leaf rubbings
- Kindness competition



School Council Easter Competition

Would you like to enter a competition organised by your school council?

Well great, read on...

At home make an Easter bonnet/hat and bring it to school on Monday 7th April.

You will also be able to wear it for our parade!



Judging will be by the School Council on Wednesday 9th April.

There are prizes to be won!

Get Creative!!!