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Weekly Newsletter

A Message from Mrs Hodge...

Well, we have come to the end of another academic year. What a wonderfully full and busy year it has been. It is difficult to choose highlights, because there are so many. All have been documented weekly by the wonderful Ms. Branagan who delivers the best primary school newsletters I have ever seen!

As you will have heard me say before, I feel *very* proud to say I work at this school. Devonshire Road Primary is a vibrant place with an amazing community spirit. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and talented staff team who work hard to secure the best outcomes for your children. This year, in our Key Stage 2 SATs, we have again achieved higher than the national averages in reading and maths; maths was a whopping 86% which was 13% higher than the national average!!

As well as academic achievement, it is our mission to provide a nurturing environment in which all children grow with pride and confidence. Hearing about the Year 5 children being brave when taking part in water sports at Salford Quays; seeing our Year 6 children perform "Twelfth Night" so passionately at The Lowry; watching our Peer Mentors support the younger children at playtimes and talking to our Year 1 children about what they have learnt from their termly welly walks are just a handful of examples of this.

An important part of our school community are our dedicated parents and carers. We have had a push on attendance and punctuality this year. Thank you so much to all of you for working hard to get the children in before 9am. I can't tell you what a difference it makes to the children's progress but also to how they settle happily into their learning for the day. We also have a band of AMAZING volunteers who go above and beyond: governors, reading volunteers, trip supervisors....you are all amazing and we are so grateful for the time you have given this year!

Finally, to our Year 6's. What a bunch you are. You are bright, confident and talented in so many ways. You are hilarious, you are kind and you bring sass(!) and joy to us in school every single day. We will miss you a lot. But it is time for you to go. We have done our jobs too well and you have outgrown this school. New adventures await you and we want you to go and enjoy them. Remember everything we have taught you. Look after yourselves and look after each other. We will always be here with a smile when you come back to visit - and make sure you do, we want to hear all about your achievements. You are going to be brilliant. Go and make us proud.

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Our School Governors

A message from Mrs Edern, our Chair of Governors...

Its been another very busy year at Devonshire Road, with so much to celebrate. The Governors have been privileged to be in school monitoring all the progress that is being made, fulfilling our statutory duties, hearing from staff and pupils. We have especially enjoyed some school dinners with the children this year!

We would like to wish everyone in the Devonshire Road community a wonderful summer break, and a very bright future to those who are leaving us this time – staff on new adventures and especially our Year 6 pupils as they set off for secondary school.

As a school we would like to thank our Governing Board for all the support they have provided over the school year. They volunteer their time to attend three governing board meetings, additional committee meetings each term and they come into school for Governor Days. In October the Governors spoke to the Ofsted inspectors about how wonderful Devonshire Road is! Thank you for everything and we hope you have a good summer break.



Katie Edern



David Bevitt



Barbara Porter



Lynsey O'Sullivan



Chloe Hardingham



Hazra Akuji



Shirley Hartnell



Alex Kirby

Arfan Ali, Marie Ahmad, Mrs Hayton-Brooke, Mr Abraham and Mrs Hodge.

For more information about each Governors visit the website by clicking on this icon.



Attendance

We are so proud of our attendance levels at Devonshire Road and in assembly this morning we had our final attendance awards of the year, celebrating children's excellent attendance. There were 63 children who had 100% attendance for the term and a fantastic 137 children with more than 97% attendance. The lucky winners of the prize draw were, **Kaiden W (Y4HB)** who won a **£50 Amazon voucher** for his 100% attendance and **Lucas A (Y3AB)** who won a **£25 Amazon voucher** for achieving 98.4%. Well done both of you, amazing!

15 children received a trophy for having 100% attendance for the whole year. Well done to Cooper (Y1G), Dhairya (Y1S), Diana (Y2F), Verity (Y3A), Lucas H (Y3A), Muluba (Y3A), Tyrese (Y3AB), Jonah (Y4W), Imogen (Y4HB), Jacob (Y4HB), Khush (Y5D), Zac (Y5M), Jack (Y6C), Mansi (Y6C) and Tiffany (Y6B). Y6C were the Class of the Year with a fantastic final attendance of 96.2%, what a fitting way for Mr Cox to say goodbye!

Finally, whole school attendance for the year is **95%**, this is above national and local average. A big thank you to all the parents/carers who bring their children to school as often as possible.





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Our Leavers

Firstly, today, we say farewell to Mr Cox and Mr Mayo who are leaving Devonshire Road Primary School for new adventures. Both teachers have had a massive impact on the school and been so crucial in the lives of so many of our children. Mr Cox has been with us for 8 years, in a couple of weeks time he will be heading off to Dubai to begin a teaching career at an International School. Mr Mayo, who has been part of the Devonshire family for 7 years, his heading even further, he is moving to Australia at the end of the year with his wonderful family. We wish you both the very best and hope you keep in touch. We also say a brief goodbye to Mrs Simmons today, she will start her maternity leave over the summer and will spend the year looking after her second baby, we wish you all the best for your new arrival.



Today, we also say goodbye to 60 of Devonshire Road's finest. Our amazing year 6 children have made us smile and cry all day! What a year it has been with lots of enrichment opportunities, in the autumn the children visited Smithills Hall as part of their History topic, in the spring term there was a spectacular PE WOW, Skiing at Chillfactore and the children also attended Crucial Crew to learn essential life skills. The summer term brought with it the Shakespeare Festival, our children performed so confidently on stage at the Lowry, in June many of them sought adventure at PGL taking part in all sorts of activities including high ropes, kayaking and archery and just last week they celebrated the end of their primary school life at Playfactore! We mustn't forget the all essential educational aspect to their school journey, which ended with them absolutely smashing their SATs tests. Well done to all of you and good luck for what will certainly be successful futures.

Here are some of the official photographs from The Shakespeare Festival...



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Goodbye and Good luck!



Finally, a very big thank you to Mr Cox and Miss Brockless for pulling together this afternoon's leavers assembly. We hope all the parents/carers and grandparents who joined us found it a memorable event!

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR
SUMMER

School re-opens
Wednesday 6
September
8:45am for the
Autumn Term.