

Friday  
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October  
2021



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## A Message from Mrs Hodge

What a great half term it has been! The children have worked really hard and settled into their new year groups well. As ever, school has been busy and vibrant with lots going on in addition to the fabulous learning in class. We have had extra-curricular clubs; visits from poets; anti-racism workshops; first aid workshops; music workshops; extra tutoring before and after school; sports tournaments; Poetry Week; Book Fair; a Year 1 space workshop and a visit to Bolton School for some of our gifted poets from Year 5 and 6! Covid is still here, but we will strive to do everything we can to ensure that school remains a safe and happy place which is crammed-packed with learning for your children. We hope that all of our families manage to have a great half term break next week ready for the next busy half term ahead!

## Our School Council

The School Council have led the school on voting for which charities the school should support during 2021 & 2022. Each School Council representative shared information on the 12 different charities with their classes and collected their votes. These votes were then combined with the parent/carer votes and we now have our charity map for the year ahead! Thank you to all of the parents/carers who took the time to vote on our survey.



Charities

Autumn 1

**Heroes  
against  
homeless-  
ness**

Autumn 2

**Children  
in Need  
&  
Bolton  
Hospice**

Spring 1

**Derian  
House**

Spring 2

**Comic  
Relief**

Summer 1

Summer 2

**Cancer  
Research  
(Race for  
Life)**



Charity	Cancer Research	Children in Need	Bolton Hospice	Derian House	Comic Relief	RSPCA	NSPCC	Fortalice	Cystic Fibrosis	Barnardos	Pets as Therapy
Children's Average	11	12	7	6	9	10	5	4	3	1	2
Parent/Carer Average	12	9	11	10	5	3	7	8	6	4	1
Total	23	21	18	16	14	13	12	12	9	5	3

## Dates for Your Diary

Mon 1 Nov	School re-opens for half term 2
Mon 1 Nov	Clubs Start
Wed 3 Nov	Y4 Drugs & Alcohol Workshop
W/C 15 Nov	Anti Bullying Week
Mon 15 Nov	Odd Socks Day
Fri 19 Oct	Geography Workshops
Tues 23 Nov	Y6 Crucial Crew
Fri 26 Nov	Clubs Finish
Tues 30 Nov	Y6 Heights and Weights

## The Education Hub

To find out lots of useful information about education in England visit The Department for Education blog:

[The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/)

## Safeguarding Links

### BOLTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN CONTACT BOARD

01204 337479

### REFERRAL & ASSESSMENT

9AM-5PM

01204 331500

### EMERGENCY DUTY TEAM (AFTER 6PM)

01204 337777

<http://boltonsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>

Our designated safeguarding leads are:



Mrs Hodge



Mr Abraham



Mrs Abraham



Mrs Hall



## Netball Competition

A Massive congratulations to our year 6 children who were fantastic ambassadors for our school, when they attended the Netball Festival on Wednesday at St Joseph's Secondary School. George, Harry, Maryam, Miriam, Penny, Areebah and Lilly made up the team. 11 schools who took part in the festival, we played 6 matches, we won 4, drew 1 and only lost 1.

What a brilliant achievement for all our amazing children, Miss Ellis and Mrs Durkin were extremely proud of them all, their team spirit and manners. All children received a certificate and Areebah received a medal for outstanding team spirit and resilience.



## Our Governing Board

On Wednesday of this week the School Governors held one of their regular 'Governor Mornings'. This is an opportunity for Governors to visit the school, have a look around, talk to pupils and staff and find out more about what is involved in making Devonshire Road such a special place.

It's also a chance to ask questions. The Governors include parent governors, co-opted governors from the community and staff governors so it gives us a chance to ask about how the school can improve and hear about some of the great work (often behind the scenes) that is being done to keep Devonshire Road as a fantastic place to learn (for all of us!).

Unfortunately, this time, as an unwanted reminder that COVID is still around us, we had to follow best practice guidance from Public Health. To keep children safe and minimize the risk of spreading the virus we had our 'Governor Morning' via Zoom.

This advice only came late in the day so it was amazing to see how the staff who presented about their role and work were able to make it come alive with pictures of the class rooms, examples of work and happy children busy learning at such short notice.

We heard about Subject Leadership across the school, how subject leaders worked with all the other teachers and teaching assistants to ensure everyone has what they need to provide brilliant opportunities for children to learn, building up skills and knowledge as they move up the years.

We heard from Miss Winstanley about the work around geography and how it is introduced and taught, from the local to the worldwide, and how it links to other subjects. Building up and supporting the staff with resources and sharing. We were really proud that we had achieved the Primary Geography Quality Mark Silver Level from the Geographical Association, a lot of hard work had gone into this so a massive 'well done' a team effort with Miss Winstanley leading.

We also heard from Mrs Abraham about the Early Years work, and the thought and effort that goes in to bringing our youngest age group into the school, making them happy and safe and ready to learn. Although we couldn't walk around, the images of the Early Years settings were brilliant and again the thought and care that went into making these was inspiring. Even at this early stage the foundations are being laid for future learning and the spirit and values of the school are there.

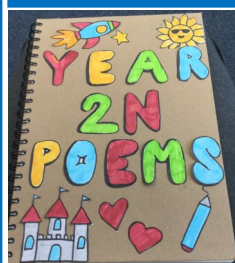
Lastly we heard from Mr Cox about some of the latest research and insights into learning that he has been researching. He explained how this influenced the teaching, and we could see from the earlier presentations this thinking makes a real difference. It's great to know Devonshire Road is looking forward and seeking out the best of new ideas.

I must thank all the members of staff who presented and all who contributed, all our presenters' emphasized the importance of the whole team. Thanks to the Governors who work hard behind the scenes. If you are interested in the work of the Governors have a look on the website or get in touch with the school.



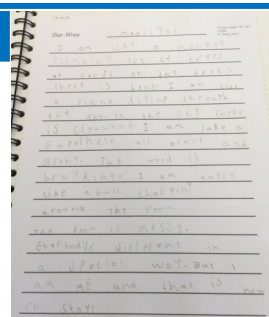
## Farewell

Today we bid farewell to our wonderful Site Manager, Mr Jolley who is leaving us to take on a new challenge as Assistant Site Supervise at Thornleigh Salesian College. We all wish him the very best in his new career.



## This week in Year 2...

Children in year 2N have been writing poems based on 'What Makes Me a Me'. All of the poems have been put into a book which will be available for all to share in the class library. The class were super excited!





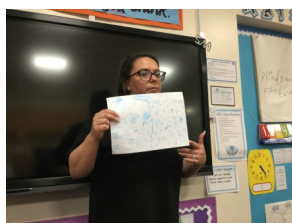
## Out of School Achievements

Last weekend, Alice H (Y1G), took part in a 'Race for Life' to raise money for Cancer Research. She managed to raise more than £400. Well done Alice!



## Year 4 and 5 Anti-Racism Workshops

All of our year 4 & 5 children took part in anti-racism workshops this week. Thank you to Rachel from BeeU who taught us that it is OK to be different because we are all special and unique in our own way!



## Parents/Carers' Evening

Although we, unfortunately, had to revert to phone only appointments this week, Parents' Evening was extremely well attended and we thank every single one of you for your continued engagement and support for your children.

The Book Fair has also been a resounding success, we sold an amazing £980 worth of books which equates to £608 worth of books that we can now order for our class libraries. Thank you so much for your support.

The winner of the draw for a £25 book fair voucher was Yushan (Y5D), she selflessly decided to take her sisters Yuci (Y3I) and Yuchen (EYFS) to choose some books, the girls were really happy.



## Online Safety

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have signed up to National Online Safety and have begun to take advantage of these resources. If you have not signed up, please follow this link:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/devonshire-road-primary-school>

If you log in and go into the 'watchlist' section - please complete the resource called 'Annual Certificate in Online Safety' for your child's Key stage. They take about 40 minutes but can be completed in sections. This resource is essential for supporting you and your children at home with Online Safety. Thanks.



## Happy Retirement

Today we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Watts who is retiring to spend more time with her family. She has worked at Devonshire Road Primary for 26 years and will be sorely missed. We would all like to wish her every happiness as she starts



## This at Toddler Group

Our toddlers had a Halloween party this morning, the children and their parents/carers dressed up in some fantastic outfits and had lots of fun making spooky Halloween handprints!







## Key Stage 2 Reading Challenge Awards

Congratulations to Olivia W (Y3A), Khush P (Y4HB), Aisha A (Y3A) and Aa'Isha M (Y4HB) who all received their bronze certificates this week, they also received a bookmark. Silver certificates were presented to Sarah A (Y4HB), Saqulin H (Y4HB) and Aa'Isha M (Y4HB) who both notepad and pencil along with their certificates.



## School Photographs

**Reminder: the deadline for ordering school photographs is Monday 1 November. If your child was absent on photo day we have arranged for the photographer to come in and catch up on those missed on Tuesday 19 October.**

## Birthday Wishes

The following children celebrated their birthdays this week. We hope you all had a wonderful time.

**Layla S (Y6C)**

**Eva P (Y3A)**

**Ali A (Y6B)**

**Shaheer-Ali R (Y4HB)**

**Riley R (Y4W)**

**Lilly-Louise M (Y1G)**

**Alyan K (Y1S)**

**Malak K (Y5D)**



## Superhero Readers

### Bronze

**Lexi, Aryan, Zahra, Callum, Mahnoor, Yuchen, Rifqah, Cooper, Khadijah and Yousuf (EYFS)**

**Idrees and Safa M (Y1S)**

**Aleeza, Abdullah and Faizan (Y2C)**

**Millie, Shazaib and Siffat (Y2N)**

### Silver

**Eshaan, Ivy, Amelia, Dhruv, Furqan, Eesa, Ariana, Kiran, Grace and Nimo (EYFS)**

**Abu Bakr, Hashim and Rosie (Y1G)**

**Olivia B, Owais and Yazan (Y1S)**

**Aizah and Safah-Noor (Y2N)**

**Rory, Safaa Mariam, Daveena and Zainab (Y2C)**

### Gold

**Yusha, Deacon and Peggy (EYFS)**

**Lily-Mai, Arya, Joshua and Taylor (Y1G)**

**Hugo, Rohom and Jack (Y1S)**

**Peter, Zara and Armaan (Y2C)**

**Lucas (Y2N)**

### Platinum

**Sara and Wen Hao (Y2C)**

**Ahmad, Mohammad Ismail, Jake, Maryam and**

**Veer (Y2N)**



## Head Teacher Awards W/E 22 October 2021

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| <b>Casey H (YRAB)</b>   | For practising his soundtalking at school and at home. Casey you are a superstar!   |
| <b>Ruqaya A (YRL)</b>   | For settling in so well at Devonshire Road. We all wish you the best of luck at your new school.                              |
| <b>Ezra C (Y1S)</b>     | For being our 'Phonics King' and for always applying his phonics to his fantastic writing.                                    |
| <b>Deenah H (Y1G)</b>   | For her amazing creative and construction skills. She made a fantastic rocket in Design & Technology!                         |
| <b>Peter C (Y2C)</b>    | For always presenting his work beautifully.   |
| <b>Muluba M (Y2N)</b>   | For showing fantastic resilience with her maths all week, never giving up and succeeding.                                     |
| <b>Safaa A (Y3A)</b>    | For her amazing biography all about Mary Anning.  |
| <b>Hezekiah K (Y3D)</b> | For showing great resilience and pride in writing a wonderful biography. We are very proud of you, too!                       |
| <b>Zoha G (Y4HB)</b>    | You are doing amazing with your reading and arithmetic...keep working hard!   |
| <b>Kisaa F (Y4W)</b>    | For producing a well-crafted, carefully balanced argument about whether to holiday abroad or in the U.K.                      |
| <b>Fatima A (Y5D)</b>   | For your use of adventurous vocabulary when learning how to compare planets in French. Très bien!                             |
| <b>Callum C (Y5M)</b>   | For his vast improvement in his letter formation and joined handwriting in his English book! I can't wait to see more of it!! |
| <b>Haris M (Y6B)</b>    | For showing great determination and resilience when problem solving within maths.   |
| <b>Adam F (Y6C)</b>     | For writing amazing counter-arguments using evidence to support.  |

