

# DUKE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024



## Head Lines

### READING PERCENTAGES

ACORN: 80%  
ACER: 73%  
SPRUCE: 82%  
REDWOOD: 67%  
MAPLE 57%  
BEECH: 89%  
ROWAN: 63%  
POPLAR: 100%  
SYCAMORE 86%  
CHESTNUT: 42%



Our School Council had a fabulous visit to London on Monday. They visited the Houses of Parliament and Downing Street learning lots of interesting facts about politics and royalty past and present. A very big thank you goes to Miss Partington, Mr McGuinness and Emma who accompanied the children. The children represented our school well and were great ambassadors. Well done.

Congratulations to Mr Willis who was the lucky winner of the family Twitter competition. They received their £10 ASDA voucher earlier this week.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the SEND coffee morning hosted by Mr Reay and the reading cafes that Miss Pierce has been running. We hope you found the sessions enjoyable. We had another author visit this week. The KS2 children were entertained by Justyn Edwards who shared his books and some magic with the children.

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN: 100%  
ROSE: 99.4%  
TULIP: 97.4%  
ACER: 96.3%  
REDWOOD: 89.6%  
SPRUCE: 98.6%  
MAPLE: 96.6%  
BEECH: 93.5%  
ROWAN: 94.4%  
POPLAR: 95.4%  
SYCAMORE: 95.9%  
CHESTNUT: 97.1%  
**OVERALL: 95.9%**  
**School Target: 96%**

### New Numbots Badges

In addition to the level completion certificates, Mrs Ridley has presented some brand new Numbots badges to children who have completed the highest levels on Numbots. Congratulations to Lucas, Nathan and Zeynep. Excellent work! Who will be next?



We would love to see every class rolling the Classopoly dice next week!

Class Attendance

96%+ =



## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) information

For parents/carers of children with SEND or concerned regarding a possible need you can access all relevant information on the following link on our school website; <https://dukestreet-pri.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/sen/send-policy>

You can also contact the school office if you wish to make contact with Mr Reay (SENDCo) and an appointment can be made at a convenient time. Additionally the Local Authority have lots of useful information on the following links;

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/getting-help/send-newsletter/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time/>

## **Outreach Information**

Just a reminder that High School applications are now live. The deadline is 31st October.

For those families with younger siblings primary applications for next September need to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025.

Please call Outreach if you need any help with this.

## **Paternity/Maternity Leave**

Mr Mellor-Clark is due to start Paternity Leave from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November (unless baby has other ideas) for 4 weeks. Chestnut class will be covered by Mrs Worth. We wish Mr & Mrs Mellor-Clark all the best for their pending new arrival.

We would also like to wish Mrs Reay our good wishes for her maternity leave later this month.





# On Line Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Top Tips for...

# MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

Buy MLK

### GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

### TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

### GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

### AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

### HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

### BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

### 'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

### SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

### TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

### SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

### WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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# General Reminders

## School Times



Reception Children: 8.45 am to 3.05 pm  
Yr1 to Yr 6 Children: 8.55 am to 3.15 pm.

Please ensure your child is on time so that they do not miss Early Bird Maths and incur a late mark.

## Absence Reporting

To report your child's absence please ring school (239950) and select Option 1 to leave a message, clearly stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. Do not select Option 1 to speak to the Office staff as the mornings are very busy. The absence needs to be done on every morning of the absence unless it is a contagious condition, such as Chicken Pox when we are aware the child needs to be off for a certain period of time. A reminder that if children have Sickness and/or Diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours from the LAST symptom.

## Contacting the Outreach Team

If you wish to speak to Emma or Rachel, please ring 239950, option 3.

## Dogs in School



Dogs including puppies either on a lead or being carried are not allowed on the school premises including the playground and inside the fencing.

## Mobile Phones



We have noticed an increased number of expensive mobile phones being brought into school, mainly by Year 6 pupils. If it is essential for your child to bring in a phone you will need to send a note on the first day of every half term, or on the first day of bringing it during the term, so that we know that you know your child has a phone with them. Your child must switch their phone off and take it to Mrs Nicholls in the School Office on arrival at school.

## Parking



We would really appreciate your co-operation to make arriving at school and leaving at the end of the day, as safe as possible. We are a large school, in a very built-up area, so we know that parking is a challenge. We ask for drivers to be considerate towards pedestrians. The double yellow lines and zig-zag lines are there to protect pedestrians. Parking in these parts of the road endangers the lives of children and adults alike. Parking slightly further away from school, towards the Pall Mall end of Duke Street, or indeed into Brindle Street, will help to keep our children safe and also help you to get more fitness steps in. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

## X (Formally Twitter)

Follow us at @DukeStPrimary to see updates on what the children are doing in school



Smoking/Vaping Please do not smoke or vape on the school premises.



# Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Acorn	Issac	Indie	Finley
Rose	Memphys	Jasmine	Owen
Tulip	Hugo	Devontay	Frankie
Acer	Aydan	Sienna	Jordan
Spruce	Theo	Arlo	Oscar
Redwood	C.J.	Mia	Isaac
Maple	Logan	Theo	Kosi
Beech	Eleanor	Jordan	Sophia
Rowan	Millie	Casey	Billy
Poplar	Isla	Annabelle	Layla S
Sycamore	Grace M	Jamie	Raid
Chestnut	Riley	Logan	Oliver

## KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners



1<sup>st</sup>: Sofia from Redwood

2<sup>nd</sup>: Aydan from Acer

3<sup>rd</sup>: Eren from Spruce

## KS2 T.T.R.S. Highest Coin Earners



1<sup>st</sup>: Yasin from Chestnut

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ali from Chestnut

3<sup>rd</sup>: Kaleb from Chestnut

## CLASS

## OVERALL ACTIVE MINUTES

Spruce	334
Acer	349
Redwood	179
Maple	207
Beech	283
Rowan	298
Poplar	253
Sycamore	207
Chestnut	252

## Asda Cash Pot Total

£427.47



# Photo Gallery (see X for more pictures)

Having fun at My Happy Mind Colouring Club!



Mr Allen with our award for Most Engaging School in P.E.



Outdoor Learning Fun in E.Y.F.S.



Our School Council outside the Houses of Parliament



A HUGE thank you for attending our Reading Café this week!





## **Upcoming Reading Café Dates**

**Redwood:** Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Spruce:** Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Maple:** Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November

**Beech & Rowan:** Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Poplar:** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Sycamore & Chestnut:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

## **Diary Dates**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Assembly, 9.10 am – Parents welcome

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** My Happy Mind Parent Workshop, 8.55 am

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Enrichment Day – Be Bothered

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November:** Parents Consultations, 2pm to 6pm

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Breakfast with Santa

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Y3 Christmas Bingo, 2.15 pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Y4 Christmas Crafts, 2.15 pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Yr 5 Christmas Decorations, 2.15 pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Enrichment Day

# Harvest Appeal



Chorley Help the Homeless is a local independent charity working hard to support those who are homeless, at risk of homeless, or financially struggling in the Borough of Chorley. We are looking for help with a donation to our Food Bank at Harvest Festival time.

These are the foods we need the most:- (We also welcome toiletries like shower gel, soap etc).

- Tinned Fruit , · Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Meat (corned beef, spam), Tinned Soup & Baked Beans
- Tinned puddings· Biscuits
- Coffee, Tea, Sugar, · Long-Life Milk
- Instant Mash
- Breakfast Cereal, · Dried Rice and Pasta
- Jars of pasta and curry sauce

