



Little Digmoor Primary School

Bulletin – 28th September 2023

As September comes to an end, I can't help but feel amazed at how much has happened since we came back in September. The children settled down really quickly into their new classes and there is a lovely calm, productive atmosphere around school. Our enrichment classes and after school clubs are in full swing and it is wonderful to see our children enjoying the new opportunities and gaining confidence in their new skills. KS2 are back swimming and some of our Year 5 children are continuing with their violin lessons. Year 6 have had a particularly busy week with ice-skating, a trip to London and Bikeability! Sadly, Mr Wells is off work at the moment and is likely to be off for a little longer, but we are lucky to have Miss Lachman who is taking his class in the meanwhile.

Ms Houldsworth

Year 6 Ambassadors

We are proud to announce that three more ambassador positions have been filled. Oscar has become our Pupil Voice Ambassador, sitting on School Council for the entire year and representing the school at Pupil Parliament. Mihai will take over as Eco Ambassador, sitting on Eco Council and also representing the school at Pupil Parliament, and Mason has become this year's Sports Ambassador, promoting sport throughout the school. The children have been chosen after much thought, as these are positions of real responsibility and leadership. Congratulations to them all.

Year 6 Trip to London

On Tuesday, Y6 took a trip to London to visit the House of Parliament. They set off at 6.30 am and returned at 8.00 pm. It was a long day but the children explored many London landmarks including Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Downing Street, Nelson's Column and Trafalgar Square. Take a look at Class Dojo or our Facebook page to see more photographs!



Sleep Advice Coffee Morning

We often have parents tell us that their children do not sleep well and if children have not had a good night's sleep it can be hard for them to concentrate at school. Compass Bloom will be in school on Tuesday morning to offer advice and ideas on how to improve your child's sleeping. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. This advice is aimed at children over 5.

Parent Group – Coffee Morning

We are hoping to form a parent group, who can help support the school in fundraising. You could commit as little or as much time as you have and there are various roles available both helping in school at events and 'behind the scenes'. We are holding a coffee morning first thing (8.45 am) on Tuesday 17th October to gauge interest and gather ideas. We hope to see you there.

Legacy Day

On Friday 13th October, we will be holding our very first Legacy Day. The idea is that the whole school community comes together to create something which will be a lasting legacy for the school. We intend to host one each year. This year, we are going to create a studding display of spring flowers by planting bulbs at the front of school. These can then be enjoyed for years to come and will indeed be a lasting legacy from the pupils and families of 2023. We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 6th October when children can wear their own clothes in return for either a packet of bulbs or a donation. The following week we would like to invite families in to plant the bulbs with their children. If you choose to send bulbs in we will make sure your child gets to plant those ones.

Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival will be help on Friday 20th October, at 9 am in the Hall. Please come and join us. We will be asking for donations of tins and packets nearer the time to support the local food bank.

Dragonflies Baby and Toddler Group

It is lovely to see so many babies and toddlers at our Dragonflies Group. Each week has a different theme and there are many exciting activities for the families to enjoy. Refreshments are included for the £1 entry. If you have a child under 3 please come and join us

Picking children up

We know that sometimes it is necessary for a different person to pick your child/children up. If this is going to happen please let the office know in advance. If we do not recognise the person, we will not let your children leave until we have either gained a password off the person or called you to confirm. If you would like to set up a password that can be used by anyone that you ask to pick up your children, please let the office know.

Halloween Parties

This year we will be holding our Halloween Parties on Monday 30th October, as we know most children are eager to get home and get ready for Trick or Treating on the night itself. The Reception and Key Stage 1 party will be held from 3-4 pm and children can bring in an outfit to change into. The Key Stage 2 party will be held from 4.15-5.30 pm. The cost of the party is £3 which includes hotdog, crisps, a donut and drink. Tickets are available from the office.

Lunches

At Little Digmoor, we are committed to making sure your children have a healthy and nutritious, home cooked meal each lunch time. Wherever possible the ingredients are bought locally and we avoid processed foods as much as possible. We serve a three course meal each lunch time and the children are taught to use cutlery and good table manners. We are so proud to see even our youngest children using a knife and fork. The children stay in the dining hall for 20 minutes (or until they have finished) and are encouraged to enjoy their food and conversation with their friends and not rush to finish so that they can go outside. This week, we have consulted with the children about the menu, and made some adjustments in response to their suggestions. This is the menu for next week:

Monday

Chicken Noodle Soup

Shepherd's Pie

Bananas and Custard

Tuesday

Fruit Juice

Lasagne

Rice Pudding

Wednesday

Carrot and Orange Soup

Roast Chicken Dinner

Frozen Fruit and Greek Yoghurt

Thursday

Watermelon slices

Curry and Rice

Angel Delight

Friday

Scotch Broth

Ham and Cheese Pizza

Jelly

Important Diary Dates

3rd October – Sleep advice and coffee morning

6th October – N.; on-uniform day in return for bulbs or a donation

13th October – Legacy day

17th October – Parent’s group coffee morning

20th October – Harvest Festival. Break up for half term

30th October – Return to school. Halloween parties.

Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all our families who attended celebration assembly this week. As usual, we are super proud of everything our children have achieved this week. These children deserve a special mention:

Learners of the Week

Timmy, Poppy E, Jacob, Renesmee, Leo, Lydia, Lee-Jayden, Mason

Citizens of the Week

Tymek, Poppy FG, Marta, Alex, Millie, Laura, Daisie-Mae, Oscar

Sportspersons of the Week

Riviera, Isaac, Jessica, Ava S, Ellie-Mai, Nathan, Timmy, Heni

Head Teacher’s Award

Jenson