

Dunstall Hill Primary School

SUMMER TERM (2) 2021 NEWSLETTER



Another extraordinary year comes to an end. Even though we have faced extraordinary challenges it has shown the commitment and togetherness of our school community. Without the continued support, patience and resolve we would not have achieved what we have. The children have been amazing throughout and deserve a restful holiday. My best wishes to the Year 6 leavers and I wish them all the luck in their new adventures – be the best you can be! I look forward to the new academic year, where hopefully we can resume some form of normality. In the meantime, stay safe and take care.

Mr Fellows

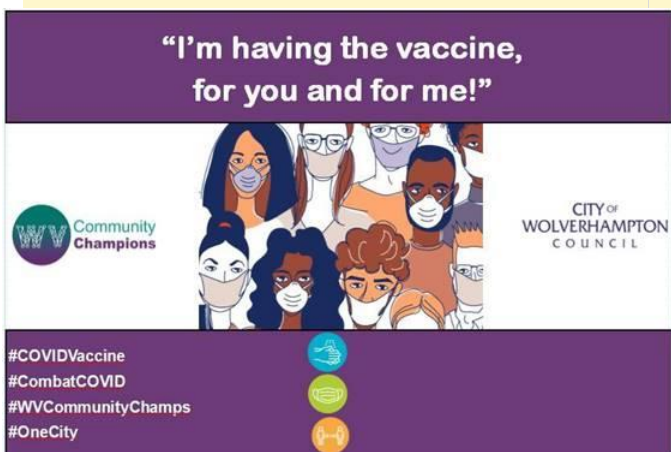


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[Class Information 2021/2022](#)

The Covid-19 Vaccine is now available in England to everyone over 18. Walk-in vaccinations are available across the city with no need to book.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Summer Break- 21st July – 6th September

Autumn Term- 6th September – 22nd October

Gardening Club have been busy this half term planting lots of exciting fruit and vegetables in our school garden!

Just look at how much our Sweet Peas and Rhubarb have grown since we planted them back in May! The children have enjoyed learning what plants need to grow, when they are ready to harvest and how tasty fruit and vegetables can be! We have enjoyed growing and eating Sweet Peas, Broad Beans, Mint, Chives, Strawberries and Cucumbers.



Thank you for all your help Gardening Club! - Miss Foster



Nursery

This half term we have been focusing on our writing and drawing skills.



The children have enjoyed creating pictures using different resources and including fine details. This included some fantastic storytelling, creating storymaps to retell our book this half term – We're Going On A Bear

hunt. We have also been focusing on recognising letter sounds, ready for our big move to Reception. The children have been trying very hard with their letter formation.

On the 29th June, Nursery took part in our Sports Day events. We had a go at running races, balancing beanbags, egg and spoon race and had a throwing competition. It was wonderful to see all the children taking part and cheering each other on. Well done Nursery!

Our focus this half term has been about jungles and different plants which we can find in them. The children used their own ideas about how to make plants and flowers using building materials.



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As part of refugee week we had a visit from a doll named Ikram, a refugee to the UK. The children thought about what they could do to welcome him to our country and school. We also looked at different kinds of housing around the world and had a go at using different materials to make our own.



We have had so much fun this half term. We hope you have a restful Summer Break and wish you all the best in Reception ☺

Reception

This half term, Reception have been learning all about real life superheroes. We have been thinking about the people in our community and how they help us from day to day. Children have loved playing in our roleplay veterinary practice area. Children had opportunities to develop their language skills, experimenting with the phrases and tones of voice a vet might use. Through this role play, children developed a range of PSED skills, such as: taking turns, negotiating, sharing, working together, and considering the feelings of others and their imaginary patients.



Reception children have been super creative this half term designing and making their very own Supertato and Evil Pea using loose parts. Children used objects such as feathers, lollipop sticks and sequins to decorate their very own 'Supertato'.



The Reception children did a fantastic job at creating wanted posters to catch Evil Pea as he was causing a lot of trouble in our school.



For Refugee Week, Reception children explored some stories such as 'Coming to England' by F.Benjamine and 'My name is not refugee' by Kate Milner.



We discussed and looked at different cultures and pictures. Children enjoyed making their own paperchain person with different items of clothing. Then we connected them together to display in the classroom.

For our Literacy session, we read the story 'My name is not refugee'. The children learned about empathy and began to understand how refugee children feel. The children wrote a list about things they would like to carry in their bags.

During circle time, we have enjoyed singing and learning to say hello to our friends in different languages. We also created different obstacle courses to look at how we travel on different journeys.

Well done Reception! We wish you all the very best in Year 1!

Year 1

Thank you to all of Year 1 children for having a fantastic end of term. The children have worked hard and have shown a positive attitude towards their learning.

As a part of our topic Ray of light, the children made shiny wrist bands, candle holders and stained glass windows, using a range of materials. They also went outside to draw their partners shadow. To celebrate Refugee Week



the children designed a poster to welcome refugees into the UK. The children had great fun doing this and they were very creative.



This years Sports Day was very different, but the children still showed a high level of energy and had a positive spirit. The children took part in a carousel of activities, where they competed against each other.



We hope you have a restful break and enjoy your summer holiday. Good luck for Year 2!

Year 2

Due to poor weather, for Sports Day this year we made the most of our Sports Hall and had a wonderful time doing various multi-skill activities. The children had a lot of fun and really enjoyed it.



The children have been learning about Pakistan in Topic lessons. In Pakistan, the trucks are decorated with colourful art work. So in Art, they made a

template of a flower and drew around it to make a Pakistani truck..



During a Maths lesson, the children did an orienteering activity. They had a map of the school grounds and had to visit certain marked locations where there were calculations as clues. They worked out the calculations and then were directed to the next clue. The children really enjoyed this active Maths session.



You have all done amazing work this half term Year 2, keep up the great work in Year 3! Well done!

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Year 4

This term, the children in Year 4 have learnt what coorinates are. They explored this through the markings on the playground and were able to plot, write and translate coordinates, challenging each other in the first quadrant.



Year 4's Sports Day

Although this years Sports Day was not held in front of the parents, the children still had a fantastic time taking part in a vareity of sporting events. These were led by Mr Grazier, our regular school sports coach. Judging by the photos, the children certainly adopted an active and enthusiastic approach towards the activities on offer. Needless to say, there was some stiff competition amongst the Year 4s!



Let's Get Active

As part of our printing unit in art, the children completed relief painting inspired by our artist Henri Rousseau. They used polystyrene to create a repeated pattern using a range of tools to carve their designs, taking into consideration how much detail was needed. Their repeated patterns represented plants and animals found in the rainforest



This term, the children in Year 4 have been very innovative. The children were given half of a rainforest animal's face and they had to complete the face, using their knowledge of symmetry. The children chose the media they wished to use to complete their pictures. They chose from sketching pencils, oil pastels, watercolor paint, biro, charcoal and colouring pencils. Take a look at some of their finished pictures:



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have been learning about narrative art and how it contributes to our learning of the Mayans. The children were taught sculpting techniques and represented a central moment from "The Hero Twins" onto a clay slab. Here are a few pictures to show you what we got up to!



Year 5 have been mastering how to play hockey this term. They have learnt how to become expert dribblers, defenders and attackers, within a short space of 5 weeks! The children have had so much fun mastering the skills of hockey and are very much looking forward to their final tournament. We can't wait to see them in action! ☺



In Science, Year 5 have been continuing to learn about different properties and changes in materials. They relished working collaboratively to separate the ingredients of a mysterious alien soup. They used a range of equipment including: sieves, colanders, filter paper and funnels. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this science investigation and can't wait to try it at home, over the summer break!



Year 6

Music

The children worked hard to compose their own piece of music which reflected their emotion or identity. They wrote their own lyrics and then used Launch Pad to create their own melody and beat to go with this. The children then performed their songs to the class.



During the week of June 14th, we as a school celebrated Refugee Week. The children created beautiful pieces of art representing a boat traveling across the sea carrying refugees. They also created their own poem, putting themselves in the shoes of a refugee and performed these to their class.



Transition

Throughout this term, Year 6 have been looking at transitioning from primary school to secondary school. They have taken part in various discussions about worries, concerns and any myths. We have looked at all aspects of moving up to secondary school and even had fun learning how to tie a tie.



On Friday 16th July, Year 6 had their leavers party and received their hoodies! Year 6 had a fantastic afternoon enjoying a bouncy castle, bouncy castle obstacle course.



We also had a visit from an ice cream van which helped the children cool off by enjoying ice creams and slush puppies! The weather was amazing and the children had so much fun!



Year 6,
From all at Dunstall, we wish you the very best in your next exciting adventure. 😊

Have a wonderful Summer Break, we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 6th September** for the Autumn Term!