DUSSINDALE NEWS

Week beginning: Monday 13th January 2025

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Welcome

Welcome to a new school week. The children have made a positive start to the new term being ready, responsible, respectful and resilient. Thank you to Mr Rice for gritting the school site last week - keeping us all safe during the cold temperatures! In our assemblies this term we are learning how we can be resilient and how a positive mindset can help us with our learning and friendships.

- On Monday, children will be ***responsible*** as we welcome Sophie and Minty the Pet Therapy Dog back into school
- A group of Year 3 children will need to ***ready*** on Tuesday when Radio Norfolk come in to school to record their questions for their weekly Breakfast Show,
- On Thursday parents are invited to the Neurodiversity Workshop from 2.15-3.15pm, led by the School's Community Team.
- Our next group of swimmers from Year 5 will need to be ***ready*** for the start of their lessons on Friday
- In this week's whole school assembly we will be sharing the story of Savannah the Swallow as she travels on her journey from Africa to the UK. This story of strength and resilience reminds us how we can be resilient when faced with a challenge.

Be Ready

Well done to our pupils for being punctual at the start of the school day - being ready to start their learning.

Be Resilient

Well done to Alfie in Year 4 for showing resilience in improving his times tables fluency.

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Being Respectful

Children were respectful listeners in their partner talk tasks last week

Be Responsible

Rashford and Hewett Class have shown responsible sitting in assembly.

Well done to Millie in Year 4 for earning the most Dojo points last week.

Last Week's Attendance: 95.6%

Together on a voyage of discovery...
to be the best you can

Be repsonsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

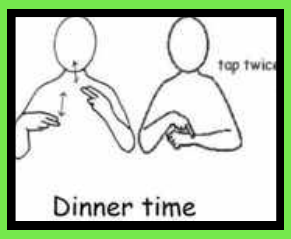
Partner Talk

This half term all our classes are developing pupils listening skills through partner talk in all lessons. Classes are developing a class code for "proof of listening".
The children have been asked to think about how you show someone that you are listening and then apply this in partner talk. Our Reception children are doing a fantastic job listening to their partner, facing their classmate and then taking turns to speak.





Makaton Signs of the Week





TTRS Stars

Most Minutes played last week:

1st:Charlie - Hadid Class
2nd: Arran-Hadid Class
3rd: Samuel - Hadid Class
4th- Ashton-Obama Class
5th-Winston-Malala Class

Excellent Attendance

Well done to Hadid Class who had the best class attendance last week with 100%.

School Council

School Council would like to say thank you to anyone who made or purchased a Jazzy Jar. They were delighted to raise £70!
After voting, they had decided to adopt a giant Panda from the WWF for the year.



Fantastic EYFS



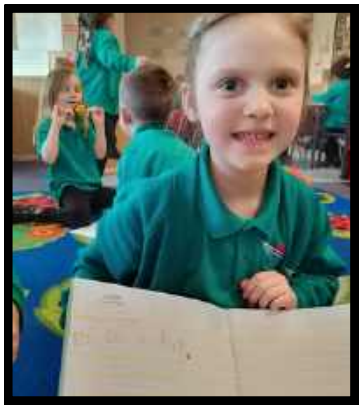


It has been a busy start to the term in Reception. The children have loved exploring the wintery weather and learning how to paint a self-portrait.





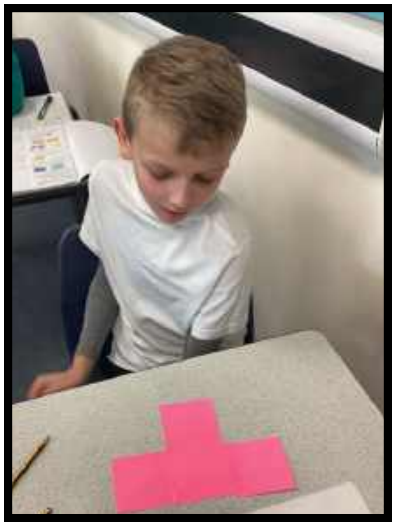




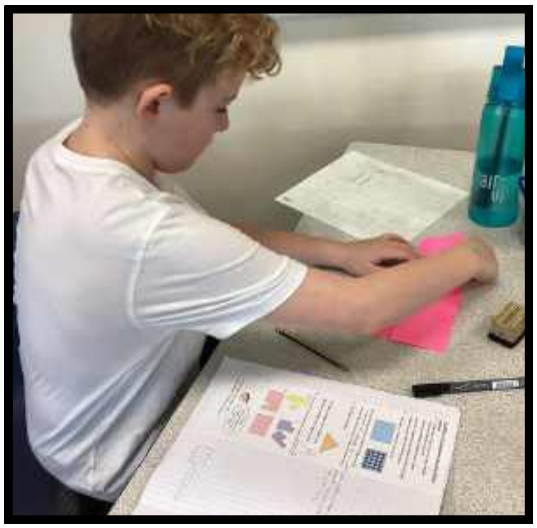


Fantastic Learning

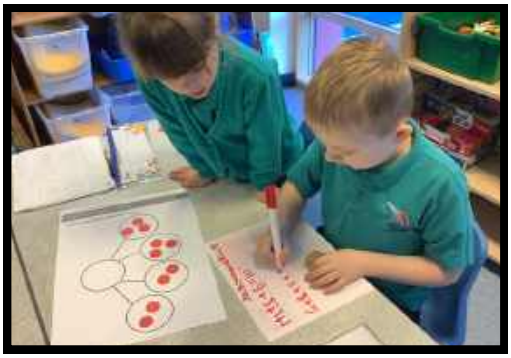
Year 4 have learnt how to measure area in their maths lessons this week.











Year 1 are learning how to enter instructions into a computer program as well as their number bonds.

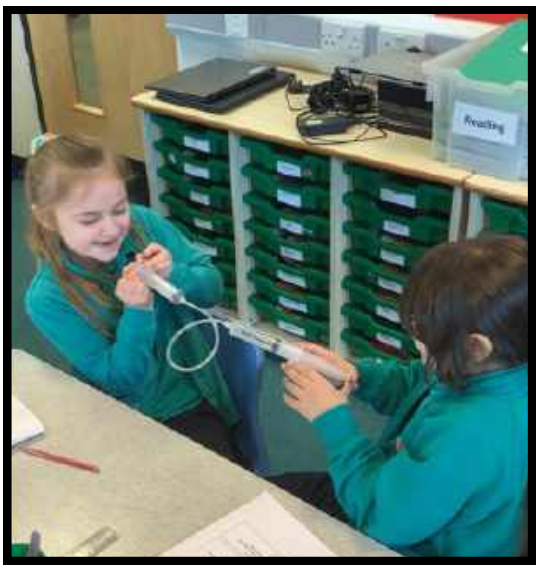






In art, Year 5 pupils made visual notes in response to the fashion of Rahul Mishra.

Year 3 explored pneumatic systems using syringes in D&T.



REMINDERS

Music Lessons

The following music tuition is available for pupils: Guitars - Years 4 to 6, Piano - Year 1 - 6, Woodwind (Tuesdays)- Year 3 - 6 and Strings (Mondays)- Year 2 - 6. **Costs are set by the provider and vary according to the instrument and group size.**
For guitar please email Miss Brown on musicejb@outlook.com and for Woodwind and Strings email office@dps-edu.uk

Clubs

The following NCFC clubs will be available in the first half of Spring term 1:

- Tuesday Key Stage 2 girls football - booking link
- Thursday Key Stage 2 boys football - booking link

Other Club provision for this half term can be found on Arbor and the school website. Booking is via Arbor Parent Portal.

Benjamin DAB Wrap Around Care

Monday to Friday - 7.30 - 8.40 am at £6.00 a session and 3.20 - 6 pm at £12 a session. Bookings and queries must be emailed to the school office : office@dps-edu.uk. Invoices and payments are on Arbor Parent Portal.

School Uniform

Pupils wear a jade sweatshirt with the school logo, jade green polo shirt, navy trousers, shorts or skirt with green, navy or white tights or socks and plain black, flat shoes with a good sole grip. Green and white gingham dresses are also permitted. On PE and sports club/events days children are expected to attend in a white t-shirt, black shorts, dark colour trainers and or black, navy or grey tracksuit. Please note all PE kit must either be plain or have the school logo. In cold or wet weather pupils are required to bring a coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

School Lunches

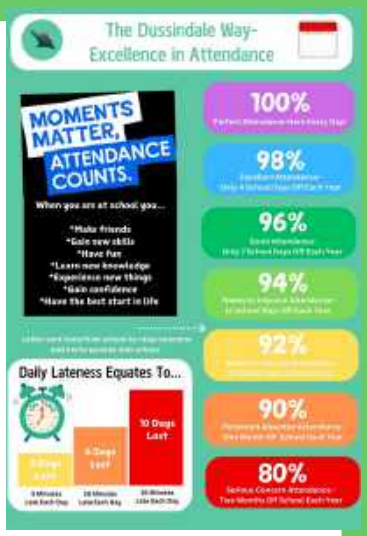
Please ensure school lunches are booked and paid through Arbor Parent Portal by 8am so your child receives what they like. To see the latest menu choices please click this link: menu choices. **The next special lunch is for Lunar New Year on Wednesday 29th January 2025.**

Parking

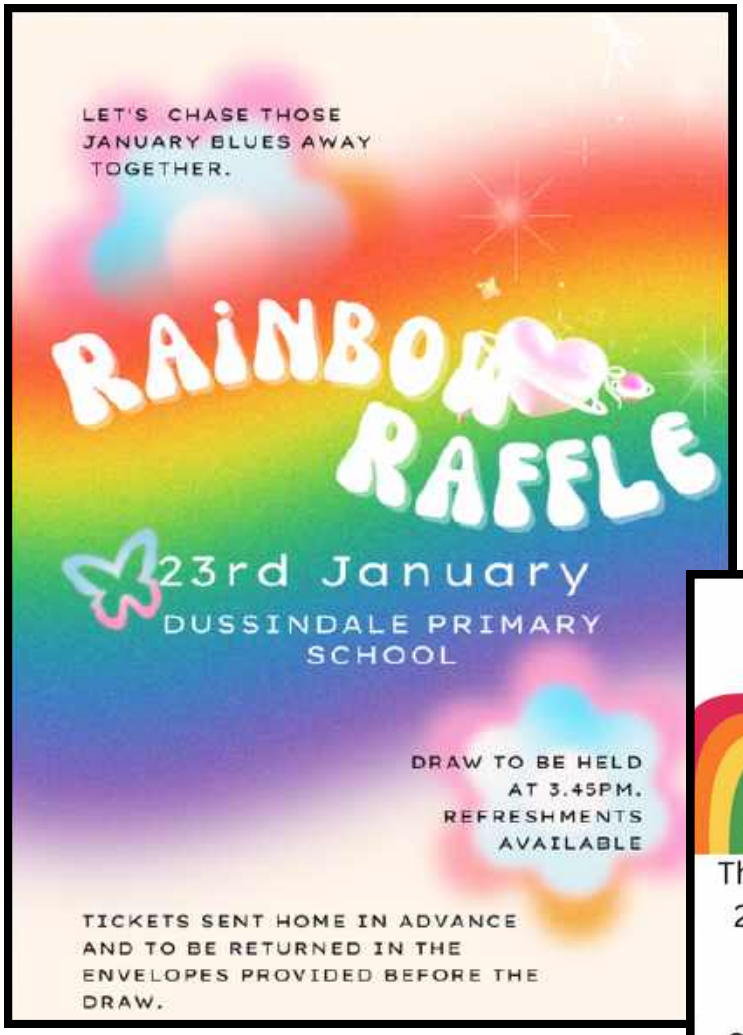
As you will be aware, parking is not permitted on Vane Close at drop off and pick up times from the school. Instead parents and carers are asked to park at the back of Sainsbury's car park and walk through to the school. In exceptional circumstances or if a parent, carer or pupil has a blue badge it is possible to request permission for a parking permit from the Executive Headteacher to use the staff car park by emailing head@dps-edu.uk. Parking Permits will be issued at the discretion of the Executive Headteacher only.

Attendance

As you will be aware Pupil Attendance is a significant focus for the DFE, Local Authority and School. For further information regarding the importance of school attendance please click this link: **Attendance**
If your child/ren is absent from school please email or telephone the school office and not message the teacher on Class Dojo because the admin team need to code absences accurately for the Local Authority and DFE.



PTFA Fundraising



Rainbow Raffle

Thursday 23rd January

This year's Rainbow Raffle will be on Thursday 23rd January 2025. Drawing to take place at 3.45pm. Refreshments will be available.

Children are invited to come to school in non uniform on the day of the 23rd in exchange for a Rainbow coloured item to put in the hampers created for the rainbow raffle. Books of tickets will be sent home. With tickets priced at 50p each or £2.50 for the whole book.
Please return the book to school by the 21st with the correct money in the envelope provided to be included in the draw.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 16th January - 2.15 pm Neurodiversity workshop for parents and carers
Tuesday 21st January - Year 5/6 Active Leader
Thursday 23rd January - PTFA Non uniform day when bring prize for the raffle
Thursday 23rd January - Rainbow Raffle - PTFA event
Monday 27th January - Years 4 - 5 Football Festival NCFC (limited number of places)
Tuesday 28th January - Key Stage 2 Adaptive Games morning (limited number of places)
Wednesday 29th January - Chinese 'Lunar New Year' Day - Wear red and enjoy a special lunch
Friday 31st January - Under 11's girls football event (limited number of places)
Week beginning 3rd February - Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February am - Year R Hearing and Vision checks
Wednesday 5th February - Voice Squad to O2 (pre booked)
Friday 14th February - Last day of half term
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - Half term
Monday 24th February - Pupils return to school
Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
Monday 4th or Friday 7th March - Year 5 visited by TSAHS Science Bus Students tbc
Week beginning Monday 10th March - Year 6 parent, pupil and teacher consultations
Wednesday 12th March - Year 2 to Banham Zoo
Wednesday 12th March - Year 5 to Wicked Apollo Theatre London
Friday 15th March - Colour Run
Thursday 20th March - Sportshall Athletics - (limited number of Year 3/4 am & Year 5/6 pm)
Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th March - Year R - 5 Parent teacher consultations
Friday 28th March - Year 4 MFL Fiesta at TSAHS am
Monday 31st March - Year 4/5 NCFC football festival (limited number of places)
Friday 4th April - Last day of term
Monday 7th - Monday 21st April 2025- School closed for Easter break
Wednesday 23rd April 2024 - Pupils return to school
Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th May - Year 4 Eaton Vale residential
Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May - Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd May - Archery taster sessions
Friday 23rd May - Last day of term
Monday 26th - Friday 30th May 2025- School closed for half term
Monday 2nd June - Pupils return to school
Monday 2nd - Friday 13th June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Friday 6th June - Red Cross workshop for Year 5
Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th June - Year 6 residential to Gilwell Park
Thursday 12th June - EYFS educational visit to Gressenhall
Friday 13th June - Day of Welcome
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th June - Dance taster days