

Friday 20th May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Year 2 SATs

Another week where I am beaming with pride and this week it is for Year 2! They have been so incredibly hard working this week as they have taken their KS1 SATs. Just like Year 6 they have shown great determination and resilience and all at such a young age, well done to them! I am sure parents and carers will join me in congratulating them on their achievements and efforts.

A huge well done and thank you to Miss Clay, Mrs Suter and Miss Brook for their hard work, support and encouragement throughout the year and in particular for their efforts this week.

Parents' Week

Next week, our last week before the half-term break, is the return of our annual Parents' Week following Covid. Our last Parents' Week was back in 2019! We have a fun filled timetable planned in for you to join in workshops with your child/ren and from memory it is such an exciting opportunity to become involved at Dean Field. A confirmation of sessions you have opted for will be sent out this week, any queries regarding sessions please contact the school office.

Grandad Wheels

This week Brian Abram (Grandad Wheels), a local author, has been to Dean Field to visit children from Nursery—Year 6. He discussed his disability and how he has turned this into a great opportunity to create fictional stories based on his life and adventures, all proceeds from book sales go to charities that help those with spinal injuries, how fantastic! Children across the school really enjoyed listening to his stories. To purchase one of Grandad Wheels' stories please visit his website at: <https://www.grandadwheels.com/>

Also, a huge shout out to Brian for being so inspirational, in particular to Grayson in Nursery who has become famous on twitter with a range of professionals following his wheelchair race with Grandad Wheels at Dean Field! Check out the video on this link: <https://twitter.com/GrandadWheels/status/1526649992391315460>

Have a great weekend.

Mrs F Pether



Safeguarding

Top tips for how you can support your child's mental health:

- Think about the five ways to wellbeing.
- Talk openly about mental health.
- Model good habits.
- Think about phone usage - both theirs and yours.
- Notice any changes in your child's behaviour.
- Let your child know that you're concerned.

The mental health of children is connected to their parents' mental health.

A recent study found that 1 in 14 children has a caregiver with poor mental health. Fathers and mothers—and other caregivers who have the role of parent—need support, which, in turn, can help them support their children's mental health.



Pupil Voice



Hello!

My name is Finlay and I am a Year 6, head prefect.

Did you know that today (20th May) is World Bee Day?

Here are some interesting facts about bees:

- The first bee was found 100 million years ago.
- A Slovenian, named Anton Jansa, promoted beekeeping in apiaries in the 18th century.
- Bees pollinate over 90% of the world's wild flower plants.
- If you see a struggling bee, give it a warm water and sugar concoction.

Bee Kind to Bees!

Finlay Namniecks (Head Prefect)





Staff Training

This week teachers at Dean Field have had a cross trust meeting with Beech Hill School on how to best support children who are working towards achieving Greater Depth in Writing. They enjoyed sharing examples of work in books and comparing techniques and learning strategies to further improve their teaching.

Also this week, the EYFS team at Dean Field have attended the EYFS Cluster Network Meeting at Christ Church Primary School in Pellon. These EYFS Network Meetings are held each half-term (6 per academic year) at a variety of Early Years settings in Calderdale. This is so ideas can be shared on classroom environments and training opportunities provided aimed at the priorities for the year, all hosted by our own EYFS lead Miss Fudge. As well as looking at Christ Church's EYFS provision the staff enjoyed training on supporting children's risky play in Early Years.

Reception New Starters—September 2022

If your child is due to start school in September 2022 (Reception/Mexico class) then please find a **FREE** online course to help prepare them for their transition called 'A complete Guide to School Readiness' on the link below. As always, any questions, please see Miss Fudge.

If you would prefer to complete the below course on a desktop computer then we can support you with our ICT software in school, please let us know if you would like this option.

<https://www.hub.primarysteps.co.uk/courses/steps-to-school>



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Year 2 Great Fire of London Models

This week Year 2 have been working hard to create some models of Tudor style houses in the afternoons (when they weren't busy doing SATs tests - well done Year 2 for your efforts this week!)

We talked about the design of a Tudor house and why they would have burnt so easily in fires like The Great Fire of London.



Year 4 Multiplication Timetables Check

This week, Year 4 have taken their MTC 'try me' practice test, so they could experience the test. They have all worked so hard with their timetables. All children in Year 4 will be sitting the main test in June.



Collecting Materials

For our Year 6 Enrichment Project we are collecting:

- Cereal boxes
- Egg boxes
- Milk bottles
 - String
 - Straws
- Cardboard boxes/delivery boxes

Please donate what you can 😊

Twitter

Don't forget we are now using Twitter as our social media platform to share the amazing things we have going on at Dean Field. It gives us the opportunity to show the world how fantastic we are and to also connect with other educational programmes, establishments and professionals to idea share. We can also 'tweet' relevant celebrities linked to themed days e.g. famous authors in hope that they reply, how exciting!

We are still following photo and GDPR permissions using our current records for twitter use, however, if you would like any changes to be made to your child's permissions regarding social media then please contact the school office to inform them.

If you are an established 'tweeter' then please follow us by searching for **@dean_primary** if not, you can still get involved by checking out our most recent tweets at the bottom of our homepage on our school website.



School Lottery

Don't forget to join the school lottery for just £1 a week and be in with a chance to win a weekly jackpot and great prizes whilst also helping Dean Field raise funds for extra resources and extracurricular activities.

To join go to yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for Dean Field Community Primary School.



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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

We understand that times are tough, so we're extremely grateful for your support

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

We're facing financial challenges too
If you can, please help our fundraising

Please support our lottery

Just £1 a week

WIN up to £25k

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk/play
and search for: **Dean Field Community**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



Dean Field are taking part in the Big Battery Hunt for the month of May for a chance to compete against other schools, recycle and look after our planet and to hopefully win some fantastic prizes!

To join in the fun please help your child to collect as many used AA, AAA, C and D batteries and bring them into school to deposit and recycle into their class boxes. Once collected the total will be submitted online to compete against other schools across the UK. **The deadline for batteries to be sent into your child's class is Tuesday 31st May 2022.**

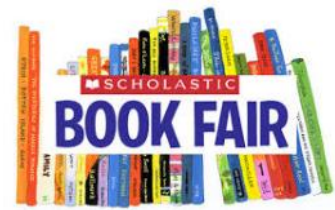
Top prizes include £4000 towards outdoor play equipment for school! The leader board and further information can be found online at:

<https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/bbh-community/>



Scholastic Book Fair

This year, as part of Parent Week and to raise the profile and love of reading, we are hosting a book fair where you can browse a range of books and purchase them for your child. Please see the timetable below for this if you want to come along.



Monday 23rd May, 3-3:30pm: Y1, Y2, Y3 (Lower School) parents and children welcome to look and purchase books from the book fair in the USA classroom, entry from the playground.

Tuesday 24th May, 3-3:30pm: Nursery and Reception (EYFS) parents and children welcome to look and purchase books from the book fair in the USA classroom, entry from the playground.



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
W/C Monday 23rd May	Parent Week—timetable sent out
Monday 23rd May: 8:45-9am	Year 1 (Year 2 retake) Phonics Screening Check for June Presentation
Monday 23rd May: 3-3:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair in USA class (Lower School)
Tuesday 24th May: 3-3:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair in USA class (EYFS)
Friday 27th May	Last day of half term
Tuesday 7th June	School reopens

REMINDER: School opens after the next half term holiday on Tuesday 7th June. Monday 6th June is the additional day we get for the Queen's Jubilee as the day given falls in the school holidays.



Accelerated Reader Results

The winner is.....



Poland	83.3%
Brazil	84.1%
Kenya	80.8%
Australia	87.8%
Ireland	84.1%

You could help increase your class percentage by doing some extra reading on myON! There are thousands of books for you to choose from! If you need a reminder of your login details, please speak to your teacher. Visit <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/> to start reading!

Time Table Rock Stars!

The class winners this week are:

Group	TTRS Winner
Australia	Seb L
Poland	Jacob B
Kenya	Noah M
Brazil	Jacob S
Ireland	Salah-Uddin S

Well done to everyone who took part!
We can't wait to see who wins next week.



This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to class who had the highest Australia attendance in the school this week. Well done to Brazil class for coming second. I am seriously concerned of classes who are below 96%. We will be having meetings with parents of children who are of concern.

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on 01422 258258 before 9.00am.

It is important we are aware of the reason for your child/children's absence. It becomes a safeguarding concern if parents do not inform school when their child/children are absent. Please contact the school office on the first day of absence before 9am stating reasons for any absence. This will avoid absences being recorded as unauthorised.

If you have any concerns or questions surrounding your child/children's attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks
Lorraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	91%
China	92%
Australia	98.7%
Poland	93.5%
Kenya	87.1%
Brazil	96.2%
Ireland	93%
Total	93%

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

MEXICO RECEPTION	Esmee W	For creating an artistic picture of Grandad Wheels.
	Dayton-Jay G-H	For being confident and inquisitive with our visitor.
CHINA YEAR 1	Freya W	For your wonderful wheelchair design for Grandad Wheels.
	Melissa M	For trying hard to listen well and put up your hand up in lessons.
AUSTRALIA YEAR 2	All of Year 2	For trying so hard in your SATs. Absolute superstars!
POLAND YEAR 3	Sydney A	For your excellent futuristic wheelchair design for Grandad Wheels.
	Levi N	For always being kind, polite and helpful.
KENYA YEAR 4	Lily B	For supporting others during English.
	Annalise H	For ALWAYS contributing during inputs.
BRAZIL Y5	Maisy K	For putting 100% effort into your Matilda's Marvellous Medicine story.
	Larson W	For your dedication towards learning your spellings.
IRELAND Y6	Finlay N	For being enthusiastic in all areas of the curriculum.
	Corey R	For trying hard in all lessons.