

Friday 25th November 2022



Today we have celebrated our staff by taking part in Unison's 'Stars In Our Schools' awards! Every member of staff that is not a teacher, such as teaching assistants, office staff, dinner staff etc. have a crucial role to play in school and today we have celebrated and thanked them with our SIOS awards. Our stars have had a special certificate given to them by our school councillors with comments on from the children throughout school and then they have enjoyed some down time in the staff room with tea and cake.

A HUGE thank you to all of Dean Field's non-teaching staff for everything you do to help our school run and to support our pupils to thrive!

You are appreciated today and every day!



Staff Training

This week we have had a Cross Trust Writing Moderation with Beech Hill with a focus on writing. We shared examples of good writing and differentiating to children's needs.

We have also had a staff meeting on PE at Dean Field which was led by Miss Jagger, our Sports and Health Lead.

On Thursday Liz Myles, a Read, Write, Inc. Development Trainer, came into school and spent the day observing and working with our fabulous team of RWI staff. A huge well done to Mrs McKnight, Miss Kenny, Miss Goodison, Mrs King, Miss Clay, Ms Stevenson, Mrs Baker, Mrs Robertshaw, Miss Fitzpatrick, Miss Suter, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Fish, Ms Hattersley, Mrs Stephenson, Miss Fusco, Miss Brook and Miss Taylor who work with children to support their phonics skills following our phonics scheme Read, Write, Inc. and spending time being observed and coached by Mrs Miles.

Safeguarding

How do you teach children kindness and empathy?

1. Believe that your child is capable of being kind.
2. Model positive action.
3. Treat your child with respect.
4. Coach your child to pay attention to people's facial expressions.
5. Let your child know often that how they treat others matters to you greatly.
6. Don't let rudeness pass.
7. Acknowledge kindness.

Teaching Children to be Respectful of their Peers

Children who have respect instilled in them while growing up turn out to be more adaptive, conflict resilient people who find ways to manage difficult situations much easier.

They are also less inclined to bully other children in school and more likely to stand up for others.

As you are aware, respect is an essential quality and ability that we must teach our children.

The very basic formula of respect is empathy-recognising other person's boundaries.

Empathy is a conscious ability to put oneself in the mind of another individual and imagine what they are thinking and feeling.

Therefore teaching kids respect is basically teaching them conscious empathy and boundaries.

The most important thing is showing respectful behaviours in everyday life.



Excellence and Enjoyment This Week...

Year 4

Year 4 went to Leeds City Museum on Tuesday to attend an Ancient Egyptian workshop. The children looked around the museum at all the artefacts including the real life mummy of Nesyamun. The children had a lesson on the process of the mummification and even got to complete the process on human teddy. They learnt about what happened to the body during the afterlife journey.



Year 2

On Thursday this week the year 2 children visited Beech Hill School where they took part in an owl workshop! They got to meet 5 different owls and a harris hawk from the Wise Owl Bird Of Prey Sanctuary. We learned lots and lots about owls. Did you know they have two tummies, and that their brains are the size of a peanut? It was great fun and will help us to write our non-chronological reports about owls in the coming week.



Friday Clubs—Spring

See below for our exciting new Friday clubs starting in the Spring term. A letter will be sent home next week for parents to book children onto each club using the <https://deanfield.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> booking system. There will be limited spaces so book early to avoid disappointment.



Mindfulness & Meditation

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Every lesson we will listen to guided meditation which is good for your body and mind

The room will be calm, quiet and cozy with twinkly lights, lavender spray and relaxing music

Kindness

Well-being



Happiness

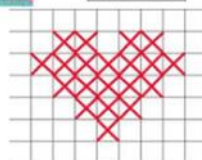
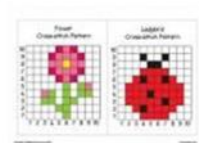
Things we will do –
*Positivity jar
*Positive affirmations activities
*Create a journal
*Lots of teamwork
*Talk about feelings and thoughts

We will focus on building –
*Positive thinking and self-esteem
*Confidence
*Resilience
*Ability to face challenges

Cross stitching/Sewing club



With Mrs King





Dean Field Community Primary School Christmas Calendar Dates



Event	Date
Christmas Faye	Monday 5 th December
Christmas Hot Dog Day	Thursday 1 st December
Y1-Y6 End of Term Behaviour Treat	Monday 12 th – Robin Hood Christmas Panto
EYFS End of Term Behaviour Treat	Tuesday 13 th December (afternoon) - Boogie Babes
Singing Around the Tree (parents invited)	Lower School – Tuesday 13 th December 9am Upper School – Monday 12 th December 2.15pm
Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 14 th December
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 14 th December
EYFS Nativity (parents invited)	Thursday 15 th December 2-2:45pm
Christmas Class Parties	Friday 16 th December – non uniform party clothes
Break up for half-term	Friday 16 th at 1.10pm. No Friday clubs or Dean Field Den on this day

Christmas raffle tickets will go on sale from Tuesday 15th November.

Please donate any unwanted gifts to the school office for the Christmas tombola. No soft toys or books are needed.

Thank you.

Reception September 2023 Admission and Enrollment

Please find below the information regarding primary admissions to enroll your child to Dean Field Reception class in September 2023.

A guide has been sent out via Seesaw to help you in submitting your school application for your child to start with us in Reception September 2023. You can apply online from 18th November 2022 and **the closing date is 15th January 2023**.

If you need computer access or support then let us know and you can apply on a device in school. Please note, from experience, you need to submit your application before the deadline 15th January 2023 to receive the best chance at getting a confirmed Dean Field place otherwise your child could be given a different school. Any problems or questions please get in touch.

Admissions website: <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/>



Starting School September 2023

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 are due to start primary school in September 2023.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2023** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2022.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2023, including oversubscription criteria, is available at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

**The application process opens on 18 November 2022
and the close date is 15 January 2023**

Offers of school places will be made on 17 April 2023.

Halifax Society for the Blind will be hosting a Christmas Fair on **Saturday November 26th from 10am to 12.30pm** at the Maurice Jagger Centre, Halifax.

There will be stalls including a cake stall, tombola, raffle and a stall selling products from our Sight Centre.

Alongside this they are pleased to be joined by Black Cat Hampers, Knot Paper Scissors, Sulky Fox and YveJaye Crafts who will all be selling their lovely handmade Christmas gifts.

Refreshments will be available, so pop along and join them!



Let's Get Crafty!

**Come and
join us in our new Coffee Shop,
Rhythm & Brews every Saturday up to
Christmas from 10am until 12pm for Arts
and Crafts and a decent
brew!**



There will be a small charge of £3 per person to cover the cost of materials.



Rhythm and Brews Taster £10

A 20 minute music lesson and a taste of one of our delicious drinks!

Choice of instrument: Trumpet, flute, clarinet, recorder, saxophone, piano, singing

Plus a choice of selected hot drinks

Limited availability – booking and more information: <https://bit.ly/3Ukm1sP>

Contact admin@calderdalemusictrust.org.uk for more information



Slots available Saturday 12th,
19th, 26th November
between 10am – 12pm

Location: Calderdale Music
at The Old Courthouse,
Blackwall, Halifax, HX1 2DL



Warm Spaces in Calderdale

Warm Spaces are places where people can gather for free in a warm, safe, welcoming place and maybe enjoy a hot drink and some company.

Follow the links below for more information:

<https://www.placesforpeople.co.uk/about-us/our-social-impact/community-projects/warm-spaces-in-calderdale>

<https://www.warmwelcome.uk>



Labour Councillors for the Ovenden Ward

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A reminder that Beechwood Library is now a 'Warm Space' your welcome to call in for a hot drink and a biscuit and will be offered a warm welcome

#warmspaces #warmwelcome
#CostofLivingCrisis #community



**Your Local Library
is a warm bank**


This winter we will be providing warm refreshments and free activities in the library for everyone.

Every library will have a different offer, for more information about what is available please drop in to your local library



Visit warmspaces.org to find out more about the scheme

Calderdale Council
Libraries & Information



**Your Local Library
is a Warm Bank**

Warm drinks from 11am

Jigsaws, Crafts & Games

Access to computers & WiFi

Newspapers & Books

A warm welcome to everyone

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School Money Debts

Polite reminder to get ahead with paying any school fees on the School Money system. You can log on at any time and pay any fees in advance. You can access this online at: <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney&source=website&version=20190314>

We are now a **cashless** school so please pay all trips and school fees on the School Money system.



Hope Tots

Every Wednesday
9:45 - 11:15
@ the Hope Centre
- 89 Turner Av. South
(free - donations welcome)

find out more at hopehalifax.org/toddlers

WIN A PS5 BUNDLE



- Cash prize every week
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000!

PLAY NOW:

Scan the QR code or visit:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Dean Field Community



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 10th Dec 2022.

Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day 2022

The reindeer fun is back on **Wednesday 14th December**! Sponsor forms will be sent home shortly if you wish to take part in the fundraising.



The poster features a blue background with a white snow line at the bottom. At the top, there is a string of yellow star-shaped lights and red round ornaments. The text 'We're taking part in' is in a dark blue, casual font. Below it, 'The Overgate' is written in a white, rounded font, followed by two red maple leaves. The main title 'Reindeer Run' is in a large, white, rounded font. To the left of the title is a cartoon reindeer with brown fur, a red nose, and a red Santa hat with a white pom-pom. To the right of the title, the word 'Date:' is in a dark blue font. Below it, a white rounded rectangle contains the text '& Christmas Jumper Day at Dean Field on Wednesday 14th December'. Further down, the text 'Help us support Overgate Hospice as they care for local families this festive season' is in a dark blue font. At the bottom left, there is a red logo for 'Study Write tuition' with the phone number '07990 775779'. In the center bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, followed by the text 'Registered Charity Number 511619'. At the bottom right, the 'Overgate HOSPICE' logo is shown, featuring the name in a blue script and serif font, and a blue wave icon. Below the logo is the website 'www.overgatehospice.org.uk'.

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The Overgate

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Overgate HOSPICE
www.overgatehospice.org.uk

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 28th November	Y6 History workshop at Beech Hill
Monday 28th November	Nursery Family Learning Event
Wednesday 30th November	Rec/Y6 Height and Weight Check
Thursday 1st December	Christmas hot dog sale
Thursday 1st December	Reception Family Learning Event
Monday 5th December	Christmas Fair 3-4:15pm

Reminder: We are a nut free school and we would appreciate that any lunchboxes do not include nut products to protect the children in school with nut allergies.

**Please note Christmas dinner will be on
Wednesday 14th December.**



Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this Year



Brazil	80.5%
Poland	80.3%
Australia	80%
Ireland	75.3%
Kenya	73.3%

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!

This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	84.1%
China	96.3%
Australia	94.5%
Poland	94.5%
Kenya	92.9%
Brazil	93.3%
Ireland	95.2%
Total	93%

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

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

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Billy D	For independently attempting lots of challenges.
	India-Mae A	For being kind, caring and inclusive to others.
China Year 1	Rio– Darren H	For trying really hard this week, particularly in English and maths.
	Noah G	For your great attitude towards learning.
Australia Year 2	Max H	For a fantastic effort and great scores in your assessments this week.
	Elena W	For your hard work on your diary entry this week.
Poland Year 3	Charlie P	For a fantastic first week at Dean Field!
	Darcie C	For your fantastic effort in your assessments this week.
Kenya Year 4	Maxwell P	For a fantastic first week at Dean Field!
	Alfie B	For fantastic engagement during our Ancient Egypt trip.
Brazil Year 5	Riley G	For putting 100% effort into swimming last week.
	Kaitlyn H	For outstanding effort during assessment week.
Ireland Year 6	Maisy K	For superb efforts in all areas, including home work.
	Chelsie H	For a huge improvement in your reading.