

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Behaviour

A reminder of our behaviour tracker here at Dean Field. All children in Reception to 6 begin each term on green and the idea is they progress from green to the left onto bronze, silver, and then gold or superstar. Any child who is on green or above is able to take part in the school's end of term behaviour treat but having bronze, silver, gold and superstar means that children who make the right choices each day are recognised too. Children who finish the term on gold or superstar receive an extra special reward on top of the end of term behaviour treat.

Children who don't make the correct choices move to the right into the amber section and there are sanctions in place if a child does move onto amber. Children will be supported to then move back onto green as quickly as possible. The red section, in years 1-6, is not used very often at Dean Field. It is used when a child severely breaches the behaviour policy or persistently remains on amber without correcting their behaviours. In EYFS, the red section is used more often, but those children are given an immediate time out due to their age and understanding and then aim to work back to green as quickly as possible.

In years 1-6 you should be made aware if your child is on amber or red and we may ask that you attend school for a meeting with your child's class teacher or a member of senior leadership. In EYFS, as children fluctuate on the tracker more regularly, teachers will use their own judgement of when to meet with you.

On average, around 95% of pupils end each term on green or above; which is why we make a big fuss of them and plan exciting behaviour treats. Our next behaviour treat in April is a ticket to see Dean Field's Got Talent!

For more information or to read our full behaviour policy please see our school website or click the link below.

<https://deanfieldschool.co.uk/site/policies/>

SUPERSTAR	SILVER	GREEN	AMBER	RED
GOLD	BRONZE			

Staff Training

This week the teaching staff have been fine tuning their medium term plans in conjunction with the curriculum and progression of skills document in a curriculum staff meeting with Miss Fudge. Also, Miss Kenny and Mrs King have attended some SEND EYFS training to understand techniques on how best to be inclusive with children with additional needs. Today, a collection of staff have attended day 1 of their First Aid training.

Safeguarding

The Importance of Attendance for Safeguarding

Not only can regular absence, particularly unexplained absence, be a red flag for safeguarding issues, but only when children are in school can they talk to staff and be given support for any pastoral and safeguarding problems.

What are red flags in safeguarding?

Red flags include **a child regularly attending school unclean or with injuries, overtly sexual behaviours in children who are below the age of puberty, and parents excessively smacking their children.**

What is the law about school attendance in the UK?

School attendance and the Law. **The Education Act 1996 states that parents must ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive appropriate full-time education according to their age, ability and aptitude.** Ordinarily this involves ensuring children attend school regularly and punctually.



Reception Trip

Mexico class enjoyed their tour around St Malachy's church with Father Michael. We went to look at the nativity scene linked to our recent Christmas performance. The children were excited to spot the characters and animals they had learned about and played with in our small world area. We also looked at the different features of a church



This weeks' article is article 24 – health, water, food and environment. Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean safe and environment.

At Dean Field we take pride in our learning environment and ensure it is always at the best possible standard. Over the last couple of years, we have invested a lot in our school building to help improve our learning environment. For example: repairing our roof, repainting our classrooms, reflooring the whole school and refurbishing our KS1 toilets.

We ensure that we provide pupils with a healthy and nutritious school dinner and our healthy lunch box policy ensures that packed lunches are up to the same standard. In the morning, all pupils are provided with a healthy bagel and some milk to start their day. At breaktimes, we provide all children with a fresh fruit snack. We also encourage our pupils to stay hydrated throughout the day and each class has access to clean water.



Reindeer Run

Well done Dean Field for raising £809 for Overgate Hospice by joining in the Reindeer Run.

The Hospice team said 'Your school is at the heart of your community, just as Overgate is at the heart of Calderdale. We know that you have had another challenging year, and that's why we want to thank you for taking the time to put on your antlers and noses in support of Overgate.'



Year 4 Timetables Tea Party

This week, Kenya class had a timetables tea party ready for their MTC test in June 2023. Miss Jagger discussed what the MTC is and how the children access the test in June. The children and adults completed a variety of timetable activities. The children showed their adults how the MTC test works. We even had a competition between adults and children.

Ways to support your child at home:

- Chant the times tables “6, 12, 18 24....”
- Listen to and sing along with times table songs. Lots of these are available on YouTube for free.
- Play on these apps or websites such as TTRS, Hit the Button and MTC Practice.
- Ask your child multiplication questions in a random order: What is 4×7 ? What is 9×5 ? What is 6×11 ?
- Use objects to show how groups of numbers represent times tables E.g. four groups of three pasta shells shows $3 \times 4 = 12$.
- Try out active ways of learning times tables, like pavement chalk hopscotch.
- Make a bookmark with the times tables you find tricky. Look at it whenever you can and practice!



Year 5 - Wonder Dome Experience

On Tuesday, year 5 had a very realistic space experience inside the Wonder Dome! As part of their topic about earth and space, pupils got the opportunity to watch a space show all about the stars in our universe, the planets in our solar system and the history of space travel. They had a fantastic time and learnt lots of new information about their class topic. They were amazed at the projections inside the dome and it inspired some of them to think about a future career in astronomy!



Blown Away Beginner Band



**Calderdale
Music**

Group tuition and group playing on brass and woodwind instruments with skilled and experienced teachers!

For 7 - 11 year olds. No experience necessary.

Saturdays 11am - 12pm at Calderdale Music, Blackwall, Halifax, HX1 2DL.

First 3 for free! Next 3 £1 each. Then £5 per session.

admin@calderdalemusic.co.uk

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/>



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.



School Money

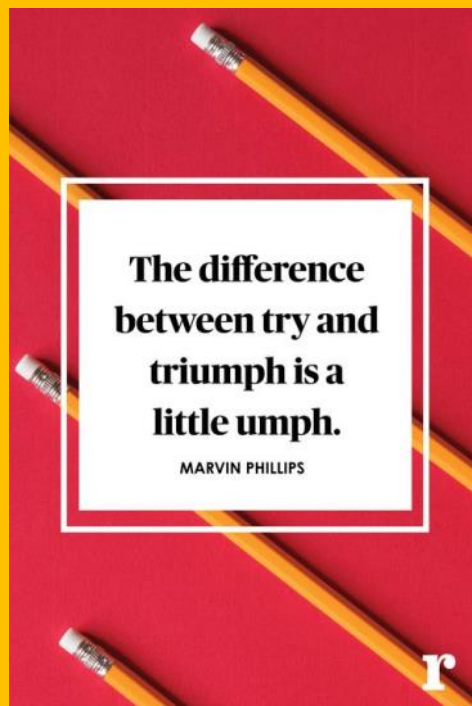
Polite reminder: please make sure all payments for trips, etc are paid on the school money system. We cannot take cash payments in school. If you need a new password please contact the school office. We can also take card payments in the office. Thank you.



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 16th January	Year 3 Science Family Learning
Wednesday 18th January	Rec Sea Life Centre Trip
Wednesday 25th January	Year 4 and 6 Mountaineer Workshop
Tuesday 31st January	Year 3 Dinostar Trip

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.



Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this Year



Brazil	79.9%
Poland	87.2%
Australia	81.4%
Ireland	79%
Kenya	82.3%

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	95%
China	92.5%
Australia	94%
Poland	94.8%
Kenya	97.8%
Brazil	97.1%
Ireland	93.1%
Total	94.8%

Congratulations to Kenya class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Brazil 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.
Loraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Jacob S	For using expressive language in the role play area.
	Francesca R	For attempting new challenges independently.
China Year 1	Dayton-Jay G	For excellent work in maths.
	Rio-Darren H	For excellent work in maths.
Australia Year 2	Rosco H	For amazing engagement in maths, doing extra challenges.
	Freya W	For your wax resist cow picture in art.
Poland Year 3	Conor M	For a huge improvement in your attitude to learning.
	Alyssa G	For trying really hard with your writing in every lesson.
Kenya Year 4	Sofie A	For persevering with your timetables.
	Leo H	For a huge improvement in your writing.
Brazil Year 5	Lexi O	For always being a role model child.
	Sofie H	For always contributing during lessons.
Ireland Year 6	Katiemay A	For trying hard including extra work at home.
	Latisha F	For trying hard in your writing tutoring sessions.