

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had a visit from the Overgate Hospice team to say a huge thank you for raising £809 for Overgate Hospice by joining in the Reindeer Run in December.

Overgate Hospice provides expert care, support, advice and information for patients and their families, carers and loved ones living with life-limiting illnesses.

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.'***

Well done Dean Field for raising money for such a worthy cause.



Staff Training

On Wednesday, Miss Jagger attended a PE conference delivered by Active Calderdale and Yorkshire Sport Foundation at the Shay Stadium. Miss Jagger was able to network, share how Dean Field deliver PE lessons and listen to how Physical Education is taught in other schools.

Also this week, Miss Hussain our English Coordinator, led the staff meeting on Writing. Miss Hussain organisation moderations between staff and English books to recognise strengths and work together to identify areas to improve collectively.

Safeguarding

Making the right choices for gaming.

What is PEGI?

The PEGI system is designed to inform the public of what's suitable and what's not for different ages. It can be a helpful tool in helping you to decide what games are appropriate for your child.

PEGI's professional analysts look at hundreds of video games every year and determine what is suitable for different age groups using a set of criteria.

This criteria has been established by experts in the field of child protection, psychology, the law and media. It helps analysts to decide what game content is appropriate in each of the five rating groups.

How are games rated under PEGI?

All games released in the UK will have one of the following PEGI age ratings on the packaging: 3, 7, 12, 16 or 18. The rating means that the game shouldn't be played by a young person under that age.

Why? Because there may be content within the game which could potentially be harmful, frightening or worrying to children. As well as an age rating, PEGI also uses icons showing content descriptors, letting you know if a game contains: violence, drugs, bad language, discrimination, fear, gambling, sex, or in-app purchases.

Is PEGI legally enforceable?

Yes – in the UK the PEGI 12, 16 and 18 ratings are legally enforceable. This means that retailers cannot sell or hire these games to those below these ages, however, this only applies to the retailer, it doesn't stop an adult or someone older from buying the game for a child.

Remember PEGI ratings are based on safety and not game difficulty. Lots of children want to be challenged by games and believe an older rating will be harder.

Need more advice?

For extra age rating information about a game, use the additional Consumer Information (ACI). This is a great tool for confirming you are making the right choices in games for your child..





Right of the Week



This weeks' article is article 12 – Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take the children seriously.

At Dean Field, we respect the opinions and views of our children. We value pupil voice and put this at the forefront before we make any decisions and we always give them the opportunity to have a say. Where possible, we involve our school councillors to help us make decisions that will affect them and we encourage them to give their opinions freely.



Town Hall Visit

Yesterday, our head boy/girl, deputy head/boy girl and some of our school councillors were invited to Halifax Town Hall to meet the Mayor of Calderdale! The mayor spoke to the children about the importance of her role and what some of her duties are. The children also got the opportunity to look around the Town Hall and learn about its history. The Mayor and her staff were very impressed with the behaviour of our children and said they were a credit to the school!



Al Sylvester Mountaineer Visit with Year 4

Year 4 spent the afternoon at Beech Hill on Wednesday listening to Al Sylvester describe his wonderful journey to Antarctica including the South Pole. Al explained how he prepared for his journey and all the obstacles he overcome. The pupils then had the chance to wear the specific clothing and equipment needed for the dangerous weather conditions. They ended their day asking many questions. Al shared his values on following your own dreams such as determination and perseverance.



Al Sylvester Mountaineer Visit with Year 6

Year 6 spent the morning at Beech Hill on Wednesday listening to Al describe his wonderful experiences in the Himalayas. Al described all his expeditions, the conditions and attire to complete his journeys. The pupils then had the chance to wear the specific clothing and equipment needed for his dangerous climbs. They ended their day asking many questions.



Chinese New Year

This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. We have had lots of fun exploring a wide range of activities developing our skills in writing, cutting and creative development. On Wednesday our parents kindly helped out by contributing food to enable us to create our very own Chinese banquet. The children enjoyed trying lots of traditional Chinese foods and we had a fantastic time discussing which was our favourite. Thank you to the parents for your support.



Year 1 Eureka Trip

On Tuesday China class visited Eureka as part of our topic, "It's Good To Be Me". We had a great time playing in all the different areas and finding out all about our amazing bodies. We learned lots about our senses at the science show. We guessed different sounds, some children got to wear a blindfold and touch different objects to guess what they were and some brave children put their smell to the test on mystery boxes! We enjoyed cleaning the giant teeth, finding out all about our taste and looking up the giant nose! The children all had a great time and I think the adults did too!



Community Playgroup Opportunity

Although Innovations is a separate setting and service we look at ways to support our community together. Therefore, please see the weekly playgroup on a Friday if you are unable to make our Monday group or would like to join both. A great way to meet up with other families and staff for advice, support and fun.

Innovations Children's Centre Baby & Toddler Group



Come and join our baby and toddler group for children 0-3 years at

Innovations Children's Centre
Cousin Lane, Ovenden , HX2 8DQ

Every Friday

At 9.15 - 10.45am

Cost—£1.60 per family (first group is free)

There will be an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents, take part in some fun age appropriate activities and enjoy outdoor play which will help to support your child's development.

Our qualified, friendly staff are happy to share ideas and are on hand to offer advice and information on other services, groups and training.

Please telephone 01422 24822 for more information

Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

HALF TERM FUN

13th February to 17th February 2023

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during February Half Term!

Calderdale Council

ACTIVE CALDERDALE

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE

HALF TERM FUN

This is your chance to take part in **free, fun** activities during the half term holidays! Scan the QR code to find out what activities are available to book.

Whether it's abseiling or caving, drama or dance there is something for everyone.

Calderdale Council are providing free activities for young people eligible for free school meals aged 5-16.

Calderdale's Healthy Holidays Half Terms provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe & fun environment, during the school holidays.

Find out what's on and book your place at...www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Calling all 5-16s on Free School Meals - Book your place now!



HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



HOW TO USE TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

For every £8 you pay in, the government will automatically add £2, up to the value of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children)

1

CHECK YOU'RE ELIGIBLE

Find out more about eligibility on
www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

You **can't** use Tax-Free
Childcare together with:

- X Tax Credits
- X Universal Credit
- X Childcare Vouchers

2

APPLY FOR TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Apply at www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

If eligible, you'll get an online
childcare account.

[Watch this video](#) to find out more
about how to apply.

3

PAY MONEY INTO YOUR CHILDCARE ACCOUNT

You can deposit money into your
childcare account using a debit card,
but it's quicker by standing order or
bank transfer. We'll add the
government top up automatically
and you can use this money when it
shows as 'available'.

4

SELECT YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Your childcare provider(s)
must sign up to receive Tax-Free
Childcare payments.

5

PAY YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Use the money in your childcare
account, including the government
top up, to make one off or regular
payments to your childcare
provider(s).

6

RECONFIRM

To continue getting the government
top-up, you'll need to confirm your
details are up to date every 3
months. We'll send a reminder when
you need to do this.

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 31st January	Year 3 Dinostar Trip at Beech Hill
Wednesday 1st February	Reception Pirate Day
Thursday 2nd February	Topic Parent Workshop 1:45-2:45pm
Tuesday 7th February	School Class Photo Day
Friday 10th February	Dress as a Rockstar Day
Friday 10th February	School closes
Monday 20th February	School reopens

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.



**“DON'T TRY
HARD TO FIT IN,
AND CERTAINLY
DON'T TRY SO
HARD TO BE
DIFFERENT...JUST
TRY HARD
TO BE YOU.”**

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this Year



Brazil	81.7%
Poland	90%
Australia	86.7%
Ireland	80%
Kenya	85%

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	98%
China	95.7%
Australia	93.8%
Poland	94.8%
Kenya	97%
Brazil	92%
Ireland	93.4%
Total	94.9%

Congratulations to Mexico class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Kenya 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	Rocco S	For attempting harder challenges during DT week.
	Violet C	For super and sensible listening!
China Year 1	Reggie A	For a big improvement to attitude and behaviour in Phonics.
	Kaya M	For being our DT superstar!
Australia Year 2	Lennon W	For your expert knowledge of vehicles in DT!
	Shauni H	For fantastic engagement with maths!
Poland Year 3	Isaac P	For being helpful in class.
	Kayson-Lee T	For being a DT superstar!
Kenya Year 4	Sarah A	For your fantastic design in DT.
	Lucas W	For always showing fantastic teamwork skills.
Brazil Year 5	Layla M	For being a DT superstar!
	Leo O	For always modelling our school values.
Ireland Year 6	Logan B	For your superb efforts during DT week.
	Elliot G	For your enthusiasm on our trip.