

Dear Parents/Carers,

National Science Week

This week has been National Science Week and we started it off with letter writing, linking to the theme 'connections'. Each class at Dean Field wrote a letter to find out more information about their partner class at Beech Hill School, we cannot wait for our replies!

Alongside this, lots of science activities were completed across school. Children in EYFS have been caring for real life caterpillars and observing the butterfly life cycle. Children in Year 1-Year 6 enjoyed a visit from Sublime Science where Catherine showed them some fantastic scientific tricks and experiments.

Year 2 also enjoyed a trip this week to Manor Heath Park! The rain didn't stop them having fun. There they talked about human and physical features of geography as well as discussing plants and materials which link to their science topics.



Parent/Carer Evening

Another successful parents' evening tonight at Dean Field. A big thank you to all our parents and carers who attended and our wonderful prefects for supporting.

Our head girl and boy alongside our deputies and prefects helped out during parents' evening. As always, they impressed us with their polite manners and we received some wonderful comments from our parents.



Safeguarding

Parents & Carers role in child protection:

Children are our nation's most precious resource, but they often lack the skills to protect themselves.

It is our responsibility, as parents and responsible citizens to safeguard children and to teach them the skills needed to stay safe.

Every home and school should teach children about safety and protection measures. As parents & carers you should take an active interest in your children and listen to them. Teach your children that they can be assertive in order to protect themselves against abduction and exploitation, and most importantly, make your home a place of trust and support that fulfils your child's needs.

Together we can protect our future generations by teaching them to be smart, strong and safe.

Visit [NSPCC website](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) for more Information.



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

At Dean Field we respect children's opinions and ensure they have the opportunity to express them. We ensure that we always take children's view on board before making a decision that will affect them. We encourage our pupils to get involved in school life as much as possible and we value pupil voice. Our school council work hard to ensure the views of the pupils in their class are shared with leaders in the school and these views are taken on board when making decisions.



Year 4 'Diaversary' Celebration

Last week, Sydney in year 4 celebrated her 1st year 'diaversary'. Sydney was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes last year. On Wednesday, Amanda from the children's diabetes team came to celebrate with Sydney and share the journey Sydney has faced throughout the year with the whole class. We also celebrated with a fantastic cake.



School Council Learning Walk

Yesterday, some of our school councilors went on a learning walk around school. They visited each class from year 6 – nursery to observe the teaching, learning and learning environment. They were AMAZED with what they saw and how well the pupils were engaging in their lessons! They noticed lots of positives and were very complimentary about pupils' behaviour and attitudes. They worked together to provide some feedback for each class teacher about what they saw in their lessons. Here are some of their comments.

All the adults in the classroom were helping children improve their work.

Lots of children had really neat handwriting and presentation in their books.

The children were sensibly moving around the classroom and following the instructions they were given.

The children were using the working walls to improve their vocabulary.

The children were being respectful to each other and the adults.

Almost everyone was on green or above on the behavior chart!



Free School Meals

Please see information below on criteria for Free School Meals. If you need an application for your child please ask at the school office or follow the link to apply online—<https://calderdalecouncil.custhelp.com/app/free-school-meals>.

Eligibility criteria for free school meals

Section 512 of the Education Act 1996, as amended, places a duty on maintained schools, academies and free schools to provide free school meals to pupils of all ages that meet the criteria.

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals as follows:

- Since 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants have continued to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out. This applies even if their earnings rise above the threshold during that time.
- In addition, any pupil gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals until March 2025.
- After March 2025, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary).

A pupil is only eligible to receive a free school meal when a claim for the meal has been made on their behalf and their eligibility, or protected status, has been verified by the school where they are enrolled or by the local authority.

WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?



MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES



- KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND**

- Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.



REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- PUT SAFETY FIRST**



- GET THINGS CLEAR
IN YOUR HEAD**



- ✔ Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- ✔ Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- ✔ What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- ✔ If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

Meet Our Expert

Cosky Argente is a registered counselor with the Health Professionals Council for South Africa, working in private practice to offer counseling to children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of *Upage Support*, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to schools and parents.



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Big Walk and Wheel 2023

We're taking part in @Sustrans #BigWalkandWheel - the UK's biggest #walking #wheeling #scooting and #cycling to school challenge. Encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible between 20- 31 March 2023.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!



Easter Raffle

We are excited to launch our Easter Raffle 2023! We have some fabulous Easter Eggs to be won.

To be in with a chance of winning please return the reply slip along with your payment.

Tickets cost **£1.00 per strip**. Raffle tickets will be sent home.

The raffle will close on Friday 31st March at 9am and will be drawn in the afternoon.



REMINDER: School closes on Tuesday 4th April and reopens on Monday 17th April.



OOSC Parent Feedback

Thank you to all parents who gave feedback to the OOSC; we really appreciate any comments made so that we can make improvements to the extended provision.



World Autism Acceptance Week

Monday 27 March to Sunday 2 April 2023

The theme for the 2023 Autism
Acceptance Week is 'colour', therefore,
Tuesday 4th April is rainbow non-
uniform day!



Each class will be completing a 'spectrum
colour walk' on this day. We will also be
holding an Autism Acceptance assembly during
Autism Acceptance week, providing staff with
refresher training from an ASD specialist and
various other activities to promote inclusion
throughout the week.

For more information on World Autism Acceptance Week you can visit the
website <https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-acceptance-week-2023>

JOIN THE FUN THIS SPRING AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE SPRING PROGRAMME

This Spring, during the April school holidays, children and young people aged 5-16 eligible for benefits-related free school meals are invited to take part in a range of exciting and fun activities through the Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment.



To book scan the QR code or visit healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/

You will need to register your child on the booking system before booking your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the spring programme please contact:

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

Website: www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk





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DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 22nd March	Hot Dogs on sale
Wednesday 29th March	Reception Easter Bonnet Parade 2:15pm
Thursday 30th March	Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade 9am
Friday 31st March	Easter Raffle drawn
Monday 3rd April	Dean Field's Got Talent
Tuesday 4th April	School closes for Easter

REMINDER: All school fees, dinner money, extended provision and Nursery need to be paid in advance.
We do not offer any credit and there are no exceptions.
Please pay fees on time.

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 week



Brazil	82.4%
Poland	95%
Australia	83.3%
Ireland	90%
Kenya	77.1%

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!

TT Rockstars Weekly Winners

Year 2 – William H

Year 3 – Nico G

Year 4 – Jacob B

Year 5 – Ashton J

Year 6 – Jessica C

Class Winner - Kenya



Group	% Attendance
Mexico	84.9%
China	95.3%
Australia	88.3%
Poland	96%
Kenya	93.2%
Brazil	94.4%
Ireland	97%
Total	92.7%

This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Ireland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Poland 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	Nilaani S	For being an enthusiastic and curious scientist.
	Lucas W	For always contributing in lessons, asking questions and helping your peers.
China Year 1	Annabelle H	For being an enthusiastic and knowledgeable scientist.
	Esmee W	For improvement in attitude, confidence and independence with your work.
Australia Year 2	Olivia-Jo J-H	For always trying hard with everything you do!
	Charlotte H	For your fab contributions to science week!
Poland Year 3	Joshua G	For your determination and perseverance in maths.
	Conor M	For being an enthusiastic scientist!
Kenya Year 4	Lewis S	For your fantastic engagement during the science workshop.
	Levi N	For great quality of work in English.
Brazil Year 5	Ashton J	For being a very enthusiastic scientist.
	Georgie A	For always being an excellent role model.
Ireland Year 6	Molly C	For being a helpful, polite and well mannered 'always' pupil.