

Dear parents/carers,

Science Week

A big thank you to Miss Jagger for organising our Science Week this year. The children have enjoyed immersing themselves in science and it was lovely to recognise the children who have stood out this week in this morning's Gold Book assembly.

We were visited this week by our School Effectiveness Officer from the Local Authority Michelle Joyce. With it being Science Week we asked her to carry out monitoring activities for science. This involved speaking with Miss Jagger as our Science Lead, observing parts of science lessons across the school, speaking with pupils and looking at a selection of science books. The feedback from Michelle was overwhelmingly positive and she actually could not think of one development point for us she was so impressed with what she saw!

Polite Reminder

We close for Easter next Friday at 1.10pm and there are no Friday after school clubs or Dean Field Den on this day. Please ensure you make arrangements for your child to be collected. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Parents' Evening

Letters will come out next week to book your parents' evening appointments for **Tuesday 23rd April**. Appointments will start at 1.20pm and run through to 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Pether

Staff Training

This week the teaching staff from all Trust schools got together to hear the latest updates from our English specialist Sara Cockcroft (Deputy Headteacher at Beech Hill). Each year group then worked in teams to moderate writing to ensure we are accurately assessing writing in line with year group expectations.

Miss Brambani has met with all Read Write Inc teachers for their monthly RWI Club. This is to ensure that the teaching of phonics and early reading across the Early Years and KS1 is consistent and to the highest of standards. I was lucky enough to join Miss Brambani on a phonics learning walk on Wednesday morning and was really impressed with the high quality phonics teaching demonstrated by all staff and the attitudes to phonics the children demonstrated.

SAFEGUARDING

Enjoy your Easter break and stay safe!



The poster features a light yellow background with various cartoon characters. At the top, there are two logos: 'TIMEOUT' with the tagline 'Time, Space, Talents' and 'Healthy Minds' with 'Calderdale Wellbeing'. The main title 'WORD HUNT' is in large, bubbly yellow letters with blue polka dots. Below it, 'WITH CHOCOLATE EGGS!' is in brown and 'AND DRAWING!' is in blue. The illustrations include a blue pencil character, a bee, a running chocolate egg character, a pink octopus, an orange cat, and a pink flower. At the bottom, there is a green bar with the website URL and social media information.

TIMEOUT
Time, Space, Talents

Healthy Minds
Calderdale Wellbeing

WORD HUNT

WITH CHOCOLATE EGGS!
AND DRAWING!

Time Out is going on another word hunt...
But will we find easter eggs as well? Come and join the
search party at Beechwood Library for a morning of
writing, cartoons and general word play. And remember
– all the best detectives come equipped with a notebook
and pen. With cartoonist Zeke Clough and author, Tara
Guha.

Thursday, April 4 · 10:30am - 1:30pm

Beechwood Road Library
Beechwood Road Ilkley HX2 9BU

www.healthymindscalderdale.co.uk/time-out-activities

@TimeOutCalderdale | @TimeOutCalder | 01422 345154

Open Minds
For Children and Young People in Calderdale

Smartest Class of the Week

This week Year 6, Ireland Class are smartest class of the week!



ONLINE SAFETY

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

'Persuasive design' refers to the techniques that companies employ to influence our thoughts and behaviours when we're on the internet. These approaches can be spotted on websites, in apps and even as part of some video games. Persuasive design means that this content has been deliberately presented in a way that's intended to encourage you to spend your time or money (or both). These methods often prove highly effective at keeping people engaged and invested for longer than we might expect.

POTENTIAL ADDICTION

In the digital world, persuasive design can make certain activities more addictive and harder to walk away from: some people may begin to feel anxious or irritated without access to their device or their favourite app; for example, it can also often leave users feeling isolated, as – if they spend most of their time on social media – they may start to find it difficult to talk to other people in real life.

MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Scrolling online or gaming without regular breaks is proven to be harmful to our mental health. The constant bombardment of news stories (many of them negative), images and influencers' posts can create sensations of unease, uncertainty and FOMO (fear of missing out). Young people can get so immersed in this environment that they become less likely to spot misleading posts.

PROLONGED SCROLLING

Social media can draw any of us – regardless of age – into a continuous pattern of refreshing our screen, following posts and links down rabbit holes or reading countless comments made by others. This aimless scrolling can eat up time which could have been spent on more productive activities. It could also lead younger users into areas of the online world which aren't age appropriate.

SENSORY OVERLOAD

Repetitively scrolling, clicking on links or playing games can create an unending stream of new information and visual stimuli. Put it this way: social media isn't exactly renowned as a carefree, chilled-out environment. Such overstimulation can become too much for young people to handle, resulting in sensory overload and causing them to feel stressed, overwhelmed and exhausted.

COSTLY ADDITIONS

Video games sometimes display offers for downloadable content or loot boxes which can be bought with real money. While these 'microtransactions' temptingly promise to improve a player's gaming experience, most of the time they are money sinks. Young people in particular, excited by the chance of enhancing their game, could spend quite a sizeable sum very quickly indeed.

PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

Hours spent sitting and scrolling means far less time moving around and getting exercise: hardly ideal for a young person's physical health. Additionally, prolonged exposure to the light given off by a phone's screen can lead to eye fatigue and discomfort, especially if viewing it in the dark. Extended phone use before bed can also impact on sleep quality, affecting mood and energy levels over the following days.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ESTABLISH LIMITS

Talk to your child about setting some time limits on how long they can use their phone, tablet or console in the evenings or at weekends – or perhaps how often they can go on a specific app, game or website. You could also decide to involve the whole family in creating this shared screen time agreement, making things fair (and healthier) for everyone.

ENCOURAGE MINDFULNESS

Acknowledging any addiction is key in overcoming it – and compulsive scrolling is no different. If anything mentioned in this guide sounds familiar, it could help to have an honest, open chat with your child about how much time they spend online. Get them to think about how often they scroll through social media aimlessly or habitually open it up whenever they have a spare moment.

NOX NOTIFICATIONS

Stop knee-jerk responses at the source by turning off push notifications and alerts. Whether it's a gaming notification or a social media update, these not-so-gentle reminders are designed to catch our attention and lure us back to our device. Switching them off – or even deleting any particularly intrusive apps – can help prevent your child from being reeled back into the online world.

MAKE A CHECKLIST

Considering a list of relevant questions can be an effective way of helping children figure out why they're scrolling on certain sites or consuming particular pieces of content. A checklist can prompt young people to ask themselves if they're learning anything or benefiting from this activity – or if they're wasting their time. Taking a step back can sometimes help us to see things more clearly.

Dean Field Values

This half term our focus value will be caring!

Here are the focus values for the rest of the academic year:

Spring 2 – **Caring**

Summer 1- **Friendship**

Summer 2 - **Kindness**

We are really looking forward to recognising the amazing achievements of the wonderful children here at Dean Field School!

We will be introducing our new STOP approach to bullying this coming week. Keep an eye on Seesaw for more information.

Bullying is...		You need to...
Several	STOP	Start
Times		Telling
On		Other
Purpose		People

This half term's focus value is...



Pupil Well-Being Survey Results 2024

What is your favourite thing about Dean Field?

All teachers look out for us and help us.

Everyone is kind and treats us with respect.

I like that we get to do Master Chef with our class.

There are lots of caring people like my friends

I like the vocabulary quizzes on Reading Plus.

I like maths and English and doing different lessons in the afternoon.

I like how teachers help us with our problems.



Dean Field

Community Primary School

We get help we need it.

I like that we get to do Master Chef with our class.

We always do fun experiments in science.

I love playing on the gym equipment and trim trail outside.

Everyone is kind and treats us with respect.

My friends at school always make me happy.

I love dress up days when I can express myself.

I love having workshops when our family can come into school and do fun things with us.

Easter Bun Sale

School are selling chocolate Easter crispy buns next week.

Please pay on school money by Monday 18th at 3pm (No cash or any payments after this date will be accepted).

Buns will be given to children on Thursday 21st March.

Children with allergies will be provided with an alternative.



Easter Raffle

Our exciting Easter Egg Raffle is back! We have already been kindly donated some excellent Easter eggs by lots of different companies and people.

If you would like to enter the raffle and be in with a chance of winning some extravagant Easter prizes please return your letter along with your payment to school.

Raffle tickets will be sent home, please keep them safe. No ticket no prize.

The raffle will close on **Wednesday 20th March at 9am.**

Good luck!

*Which one will
you win??*



3v3 Girls' Football Tournament

On Friday 8th March, 4 girls went to take part in the 3v3 girls' football tournament. They competed in 8 mini football games against other school around the area.

All the girls played with great sportsmanship and great talent. The girls came 2nd in the competition. Well done girls and also a huge thank you to Miss Stansfield who coaches the girls every week.



British Science Week

This week was the 30th anniversary of British Science Week. The theme was 'time'. We opened up British Science Week with an assembly delivered by the Science lead Miss Jagger. She discussed what time meant to us, how time was everywhere in our lives and how scientific discovery has changed over time.

Each day, the children completed a variety of 'time' activities as a class. These activities involved discussing all about STEM jobs linked to time, creating an acrostic poem and looking at how telling the time has changed over the years.

Poster competition:

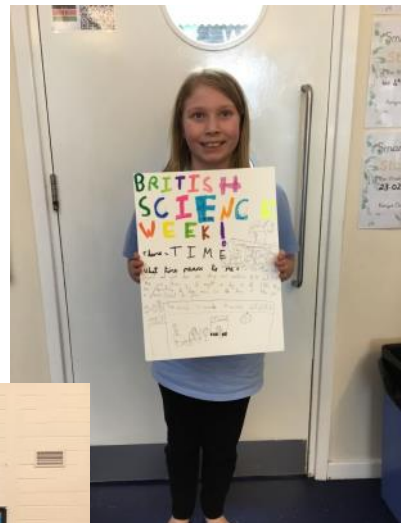
This year, we are asking students to create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself.

Students could also go futuristic by showing us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Students could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

Submit to <https://www.tfaforms.com/5100112>

The deadline for filling in this form is 6pm on Thursday 28th March 2024.



Easter Bonnet Parade

It's time for your children (and you of course) to get creative and make some Easter bonnets! Nursery and Reception will be taking part in their own Easter bonnet parades to showcase their hard work. Tickets will be released next week - 2 tickets per pupil. Have a cracking time creating your masterpieces. We can't wait to see them.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Nursery:
Tuesday 19th March
- 9-9:30am



Please sign in via the
school hall door on the
day of the event.

Reception:
Wednesday 20th March
- 9-9.30am



Please keep hold of your
tickets and bring them
with you on the day.



Limited to 2 spaces
per child.

Make your Easter
Bonnet as creative as
possible!



If your child doesn't attend
this day you are welcome to
bring them to the event.

**Please bring completed Easter Bonnets in to school
before Friday 15th March .**

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Don't forget to join our school lottery and be in with a chance of winning cash prizes up to £25,000, plus great bundles like the one shown here.

The school lottery helps support our school so we can buy extra resources and do extra curricular activities.



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win £1,000 to spend in Sainsbury's

BUY TICKETS



GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 30/03/24

EASTER CAMPS

DEAN FIELD
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
COUSIN LN,
OVENDEN,
HALIFAX
HX2 8DQ



MONDAY 25TH MARCH -
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
10AM - 2PM
AGE 5 - 11



FREE
TO CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE
FOR BENEFIT-RELATED SCHOOL MEALS

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
NERF, FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, BOXERCISE,
PLUS MANY MORE!

TO BOOK
[HTTPS://HEALTHYHOLIDAYS.CALDERDALE.GOV.UK](https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk)

Project Sport are using our facilities again this Easter to run a holiday club.

This is free to all children who are eligible for benefited related to free school meals.

Please contact them to book on.

FREE Easter Trail at Shroggs Park

Saturday
30th
March
11am

Meet by the play area
Collect items along the Shroggs
Park Trail and exchange them
for a chocolate egg.

Booking required!

Email
Tracey.Chambers@nhpltd.org.uk



JOIN THE FUN THIS SPRING AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE SPRING PROGRAMME

This Spring, during the Easter 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.



Book your place now to join the Healthy Holidays Calderdale fun, taking place this Spring across Calderdale.

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

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



Youth Club—Forest Cottage

Newground Together Youth Team had their open day last Friday which was a real success and they would like to build on this and provide as many young people in the north Halifax area a safe space to attend and enjoy the set activities and make new friends.

The youth club is totally free and they also provide a warm meal. They are open every Friday 15:30-17:30. The age ranges is for Year 4 – Year 7.

A poster for the Youth Club at Forest Cottage. The background is a vibrant green with horizontal stripes and some black splatter graphics. The text 'YOUTH CLUB' is written in large, white, hand-painted style letters at the top. Below it, in a black rectangular box, is the text 'Ovenden Juniors @Forest Cottage'. Further down, 'EVERY FRIDAY' and '3.30PM - 5.30PM' are written in the same white, hand-painted style. At the bottom left, the address 'Cousin Ln, Halifax HX2 8AD' is written in white. Below the address, in a black box, is the text 'A safe space for school years 4 - 7 to meet friends and access help and support from trained Youth Workers'. On the bottom right, there is a silhouette of a group of seven diverse young people standing together. To their left is the 'newground together' logo, and to their right is the text 'YOUTH TEAM'. At the very bottom right, there are icons for Facebook and Instagram, followed by the text 'NT Youth Team Calderdale'.

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 19th March	Year 1 Music Parent Workshop
Tuesday 19th March	Year 4 Stone Age Day
Thursday 21st March	Reception Shroggs Park Trip
Thursday 21st March	SEND Coffee Afternoon 2-3pm
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter at 1:10pm

REMINDER: All school fees, dinner money, extended provision and Nursery fees 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.



REMINDER: If your child has asthma please ensure they have an inhaler in school and you have filled out a medical form at the school office. Thank you.



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NEVER BELIEVE THAT A FEW
CARING PEOPLE CAN'T CHANGE
THE WORLD. FOR, INDEED,
THAT'S ALL WHO EVER HAVE.

– MARGARET MEAD

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



China	70%
Australia	91%
Poland	76%
Kenya	75%
Brazil	74%
Ireland	75%

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!

TTRS Stars of the Week

Year 2 – Noah G

Year 3— Lennon W

Year 4 – Kayson T

Year 5 – Kyia R

Year 6 – Kylan T



This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	90.7%
China	92.7%
Australia	93.4%
Poland	93.5%
Kenya	89%
Brazil	96.4%
Ireland	98.6%
Total	93.4%

Congratulations to Ireland 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	Rosie H	For a huge improvement in her writing. Fantastic independence.
	Autumn S	For being able to explain what a plant needs to grow and survive. Showing care for living things.
China Year 1	Angus M	For an excellent shift in his attitude towards all of his learning.
	Lucas W	For fantastic facts about our science topic, Animals including Humans.
Australia Year 2	Noah G	For amazing assessment scores in reading and maths.
	Conner-Junior C	For being a superstar scientist.
Poland Year 3	Leo B	For fantastic effort in his maths assessments.
	Poppy B	For being our scientist of the week.
Kenya Year 4	Jaida S	For always being a superstar in science.
	Lucy H	For showing a huge improvement in all lessons.
Brazil Year 5	Vihaan P	For writing an excellent newspaper report.
	Sydney A	For being a science superstar!
Ireland Year 6	Lily B	For being a superstar in science!
	Kylan T	For persevering with his learning.