



Dear Dover Park Family,

It has been another busy week here at Dover Park. Music and community safety have taken centre stage, and I am constantly impressed by how our pupils represent our school values out in the world.

A Musical Treat n the Cabin

We were delighted to welcome the **Ryde School Swing Band** into school this week. They performed an incredible set for our older children in the Cabin, filling the air with energy and talent. It was wonderful to see such young, gifted musicians inspiring our pupils. Every child involved truly got to **enjoy** the magic of live performance, and many left feeling motivated to pick up an instrument themselves!



Collaborative Compositions with Greenmount

Our own talented musicians took their skills on the road this week, heading to Greenmount Primary to perform as part of the '**Young Sounds**' group. Our children were absolute ambassadors for the school; their behaviour was impeccable and the music they produced together was nothing short of fantastic. This was a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to **belong** to a wider community of performers and experience the power of collaboration

Community Safety and Police Visits

You may notice a police presence around the school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times. This is part of a proactive community effort to ensure our local area remains a safe environment for everyone. Officers will also be visiting us to work directly with the children. These sessions are designed to help our pupils **believe** in their ability to make informed, safe choices by discussing important topics such as the law, internet safety, and the risks associated with vaping.



Adult Community Learning

Adult Community Learning are delighted to share their new programme of workshops and courses, for adults 19+ years. Whether it is ICT, art, craft, health and wellbeing or careers advice, we have something for everyone. Check out what's on offer and book at www.iow.gov.uk/aclcourses , or call us on 817280. Come and learn something new in a relaxed and informal setting, at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde.

A Vital Request: Road Safety

Finally, I must ask for your renewed cooperation regarding driving and parking around the school. We have had several worrying reports in recent months of vehicles accelerating hard and driving at speed past our gates. **Please take your time.** Our priority is to keep every child safe, and that starts with mindful driving in our immediate neighborhood. Let's work together to ensure the school run is a safe space for all our families.

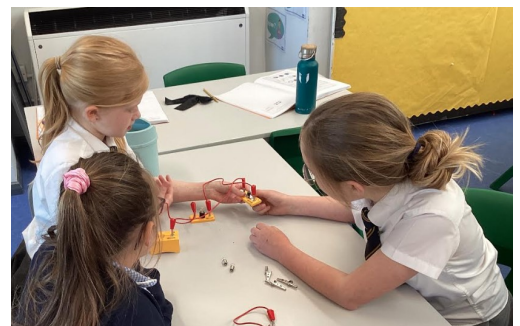


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In the past week, Year 5 have donned their chef's hats and *kneaded* no encouragement as they took on the role of chefs, creating their own pizzas from scratch. The taste testing was a particular hit! We have also continued our video projects, creating a tour of the United Kingdom by selecting the industries and counties they'd like to showcase.



This week in DT and Science the children enjoyed exploring how electricity works and what a circuit needs to work.



Year 3 have been working hard with their maths since coming back from our Easter break. We have explored statistics and data, place value and how to represent the 3 and 4 times table.

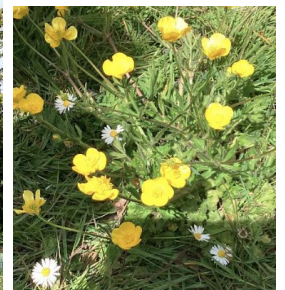


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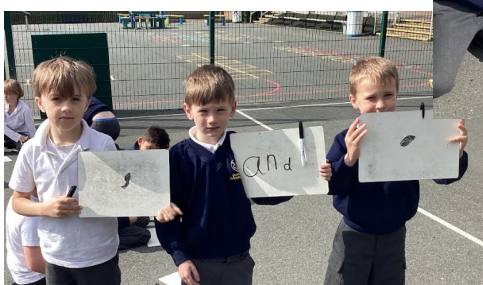
This week in maths Reception class have been developing their subitising skills by looking at increasingly complex arrangements. We focussed on six objects and made different arrangements using their understanding of doubles to help them.



This week Year 1 have been identifying and classifying trees and plants. We have talked about the different parts of trees and how this is similar to a plant. The children then went on a tree hunt, we found holly bushes and an oak tree. We also found bluebells, dandelions and buttercups on the school field. We examined the features of the leaves back in the classroom and sorted the deciduous and evergreen trees.



Year 2 have been adding to their repertoire of sentence types by learning about using commas in lists. They enjoyed doing some of their English work outside in the sunshine making human sentences.



Hot Chocolate Friday

Year 1— Sofia

Year 2— Travis

Year 3— Arabella

Year 4— Hannah

Year 5— Dakota

Year 6— Emily W



Reader of the Week

Year 1— Phoebe

Year 2— Amelia

Year 3— Kayla

Year 4— Hannah

Year 5— Isabelle

Year 6— Koban



Cloakroom Award

Year 5



Geography Wow Awards

Year 1— Jasmine & Odin

Year 2— Leo & James

Year 3— Kaelen & Farley

Year 4— Hannah & Aleksandra

Year 5— Oscar & Dakota

Year 6— Isaac & Isabelle

Kaino has received a medal after taking part in a football tournament and Ellie has been working hard in swimming and has gained two new certificates and badges. Well done both!



Diary Dates

11th-14th May—Year 6 SATS

14th May — Year 4 Assembly

20th May — Year 1 Music Workshop

21st May — School Disco

22nd May — Reception Music Workshop (please note change of date)

22nd May—Sing Up

22nd May—Last day before May Half Term

1st June Children return to school

5th June — Year 3 Parent Workshop

8th June—Year 5 Music Workshop (please note change of date)

17th-19th June— Year 6 residential

19th June— Whole School Teddy Bear Picnic 12:15-1:00

24th June—KS2 Sports Day (parents will be welcome in the afternoon, details to follow)

25th June—Reception & KS1 Sports Day (parents will be welcome in the afternoon, details to follow)

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Hampshire and
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Helping to keep your child healthy

The Isle of Wight 0-19 Team is made up of Health Visitors, School Nurses, Community Nurses, Associate Practitioners and Administrators.

We use our skill mix team to ensure that all families are offered mandated health contacts for needs assessment, advice and support.

Please see Family Assist for additional support information.



If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Health Visitor or School Nurse, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on **0300 123 5224**





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