



Dear Dover Park Family,

### Welcome Back

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our pupils and families. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and managed to make the most of the spring sunshine. We are looking forward to seeing the children returning to the classrooms this morning. As we embark on the Summer term, I would like to take a moment to look back at the final week of the Spring term, which was an incredibly busy and rewarding time for our entire school community.

### Attendance Champions: Year 3

We would like to give a huge "well done" to Year 3, who won the school Attendance Award for the last half term. As a reward for their dedication to being in school every day, the class chose to have a 'Crafternoon', where they enjoyed an afternoon of creativity and making.

We take attendance very seriously at Dover Park as it is a fundamental key to a child's success. National evidence consistently shows a direct correlation between high attendance and academic attainment. When children are here, they are learning, growing and thriving and we thank all of our families for supporting your children by avoiding term time holidays.



### A Milestone for Year 1

It was lovely to host family events during the final week of term. At Dover Park, we truly value having parents and carers on site and sharing in the children's learning is a vital part of our identity as an extended school community—working as one big team. A particular highlight was Year 1's first-ever assembly. The children reached this significant milestone with wonderful confidence, performing beautifully for their families. It was a proud moment for the staff to see so many parents in attendance to share in the children's very first showcase.

## Year 4 Residential: PGL Adventures

Our Year 4 pupils embarked on their residential trip to PGL during the final week, and I am delighted to report that they were an absolute credit to the school. Their behaviour was impeccable and they approached every challenge with resilience and spirit.

I was lucky enough to visit the group for an evening and the atmosphere was electric. Every child I spoke to was full of enthusiasm for the activities they had tackled. It was lovely to hear how children had been challenging themselves, facing their fears and enjoying their time with friends. The PGL staff even took the time to comment on the fantastic manners and attitude of our children. I must extend a huge thank you to our staff members who gave up their own time to ensure every child was safe and had a wonderful experience.



## **Fundraising Successes**

Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your overwhelming generosity during our recent fundraising events.

**Tula's Campaign:** Our Rainbows and Unicorns Day was a vibrant success, raising a fantastic £331. These funds are much-needed and your contributions will make a difference to Tula and her family. So far, the fund raising totals almost £200,000!

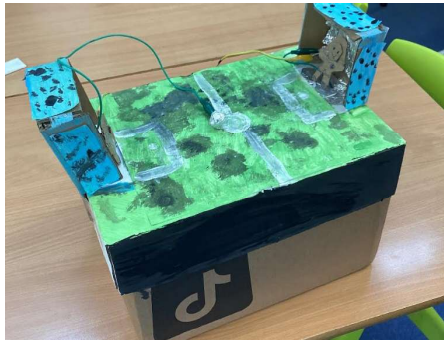
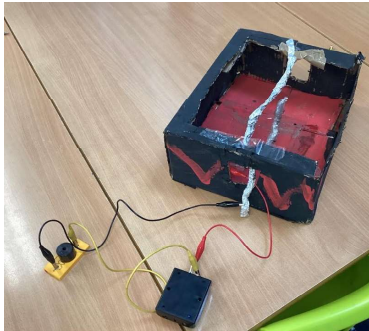
**Easter Egg Tombola:** This was a roaring success and provided a great deal of excitement for the children. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces!

We are currently in the process of finalising the totals for the Tombola and will confirm the amount raised once the final count is complete. Thank you once again for your continued support and wider community.



# LEARNING

Year 6 have finally completed their DT Projects. The aim was to plan and construct a game that includes circuits so they were making good use of what they had learnt in Science. They were tested out and they completed an evaluation.



This week in science, Year 5 explored a big question: how does parachute size affect how quickly it lands? The children launched parachutes from the top floor and discovered a clear pattern, the larger the parachute, the longer it took to land, thanks to air resistance. In maths, the children have been converting between fractions, decimals and percentages and are growing in confidence, while in history, the children designed their own civilisations, thinking carefully about what makes a society successful, inspired by the Sumerians, Egyptians, Indus Valley and Shang Dynasty.

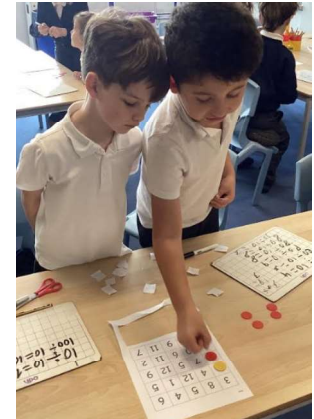


Year 4 had an amazing time at PGL!



# LEARNING

Year 2 have enjoyed playing a game of 'trios' to develop their fluency in multiplication and division facts. They worked in pairs, showing encouragement alongside a respectful competitive spirit whilst trying to get three in a row to win the game. It was great for their maths and also for their sense of belonging together in the classroom.



Reception started looking at numbers that are even or odd. They started by looking at patterns using Number-blocks 1-10 and seeing which ones had flat tops (even). They were then given their own bricks to make an odd or even number. Finally they sorted themselves into two groups- odds and evens.



In PSHE, Year 3 looked at how money is earned in different ways, and why professions have different salaries. They had to put jobs in order of who earns the most, and who earns the least.



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This half term Year 1 have been looking at toys from the past and present. We have been comparing the look, materials and how children play with the. When we made our own, we thought about the materials and made our own toys. The children then got to play with them, compared them to their own toys and decided they preferred toys from the present!



## Diary Dates

**13th April—Children return to school**

4th May —Year 5 Music Workshop

14<sup>th</sup> May — Year 4 Assembly

20<sup>th</sup> May — Year 1 Music Workshop

21st May — School Disco

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

**22nd May—Last day before May Half Term**

**1st June Children return to school**

5th June — Year 3 Parent Workshop

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

The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks - e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness



### **Session Dates for 2026**

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 Jan, 19 Feb, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May and 18 June.

Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to **[iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net](mailto:iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net)**

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department,  
St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight



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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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