



Dear Dover Park Family,

It has been another bustling and productive week in school. As we move further into the summer term, it's great to see our children engaging so deeply with their learning and representing our school values (ENJOY, BELONG, BELIEVE) so consistently in the wider community.

Year 2 Explore Local History

Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Appley Tower this week. The trip provided a brilliant opportunity for the children to see their History and Geography curriculum come to life. They spent the day investigating the tower's rich heritage and identifying the various human and physical features of our local landscape.



I was particularly delighted to receive feedback regarding the children's conduct. Their behaviour was exemplary throughout the day; they were inquisitive, respectful and a credit to our school. Well done, Year 2!

Year 6 SATS

Next week marks the beginning of SATS week for our Year 6 cohort. While these assessments are a formal part of the academic calendar, we have spent time reminding the children that these tests are merely a snapshot of their understanding in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling, and Mathematics.

We are immensely proud of every single Year 6 pupil. Each child brings a unique set of skills and a distinct personality to our school and we know we have exceptionally talented musicians, artists, athletes and geographers in the class. We wish them the very best of luck; we know they will simply do their best.

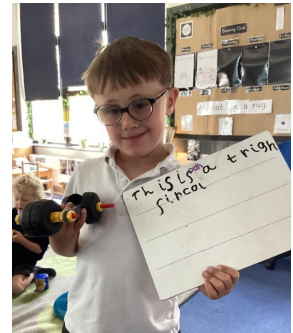
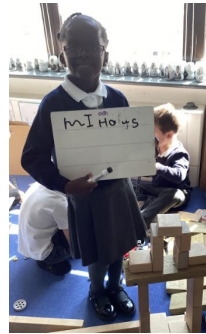
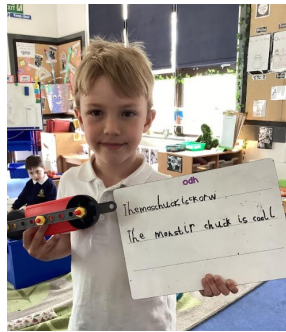
Teddy Bear's Picnic

The Dover Park Teddy Bear's Picnic will be returning to school on 19th June. Between 12 and 1pm Parents are invited to come into school to share a picnic lunch with their children on the field. This is a fantastic opportunity to spend time as a school community and to share time with loved ones. What a lovely way to start the Isle of Wight festival, for all the Dover Park revellers! More details will follow.



LEARNING

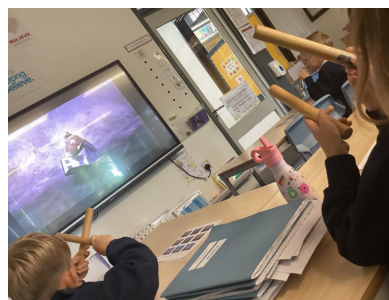
Reception have been working hard on their writing this week. I set them a challenge to write about their models.



Year 1 tested and evaluated some fruits they might choose to use in their fruit salads for design technology. They have thought about tastes, smells, colours and noticed some are juicier than others! They will be putting all of their skills together to make our fruit salads very soon.



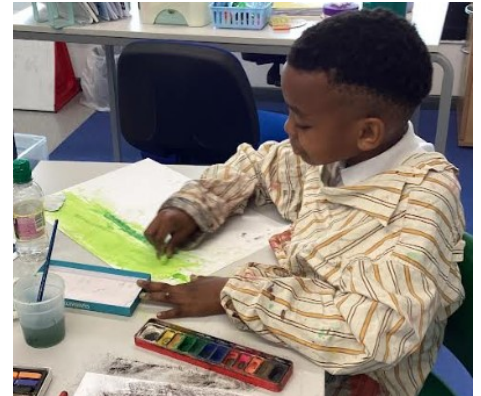
Year 2 have enjoyed composing a soundtrack to a silent animation using claves and triangles. They have listened to "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" noting how the dynamic (volume) of the music changes and where there is space or silence. They represented these musical



Year 3 really enjoyed their science experiment this week! They worked in pairs to demonstrate how rocks form and change over time, using squashies.

LEARNING

This week, children in Year 4 created pictures of the Northern Lights using pastels and water colours.



This week began with a mysterious arrival linked to our new class text, an old suitcase covered in strange, unknown symbols. The children instantly became detectives, examining clues, making predictions and trying to piece together the story of its mysterious owner, filling the classroom with excitement and curiosity. In art, we have continued our soap carving, experimenting with different textures and depths while discovering just how much carving a piece of soap can survive before it finally gives up and snaps! Meanwhile, in Geography, we have continued creating our video tours of the United Kingdom, adding voice-overs and beginning to sound very much like professional documentary presenters.



Year 6 are working hard towards producing their final art piece. Today was about creating a colour wash background for the printing they will do next week.



Reader of the Week

Year 1— Harry W

Year 2— James

Year 3— Beaudi

Year 4— Esther

Year 5— April

Year 6— Darcy



Hot Chocolate

Year 1— Koda

Year 2— Elula

Year 3— Robert

Year 4— Halle

Year 5— Sophia B

Year 6— Alfie

Writing Wow Awards

Year 1—Jasmine and Phoebe

Year 2—Lucy and Jacob A

Year 3—Kayla and Lennon

Year 4—Edie and Isabelle

Year 5—Evie and Isabelle

Year 6—Aline and Max Judd

Cloakroom Award



Lots of fabulous awards from home—Ella has been brave at hospital, Gabby and Aleksandra have been working hard at swimming and Kaino and his football team have been winning awards at football!
Well done all!



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

22nd June—School Development Day (School closed to children)

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)

23rd July—Last day of term for children

Friday 24th July—Inset day STAFF ONLY

Monday 27th July—Inset day STAFF ONLY

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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**

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



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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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