

# Donnington Digest

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A newsletter for our school community

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With Easter just around the corner it has been wonderful to watch our playground come alive with blossoming trees and flowers. A two week holiday allows for all of us to rest and recharge. I hope that you have a lovely holiday and come back refreshed.

**Please remember that the Summer Term starts on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

## **House Points**

Congratulations to Seacole House for working hard this half term and winning a VIP day today.

## **Class Assemblies**

This half term we have been around the World with Year 2 showing us all the continents they made; been taken on a Bear Hunt with Nursery and have even hunted a Gruffalo with Reception. It was also lovely to see older children remembering their time in younger classes by joining in with the songs. Year 4 showed an extremely professional attitude when presenting their assembly. The assemblies were wonderful reflections of what children have been learning.



## **Science Week**

Thank you to Ms Kelly for organising a wide range of science activities for our Science Week. The children loved the different experiences and showed a great deal of knowledge in the Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 quizzes. We hope you enjoyed the whole school Assembly showcasing all the activities.

## **Year 4 Tricycle Theatre Workshops**

Over a ten week period Year 4 have taken part in a series of workshops with The Tricycle Theatre. They have written and acted out their own play. Yesterday they were able to see their work performed by a professional theatre company.

## **School Meals**

If you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements for the Summer Term either to or from School Meals, please inform the School Office.

## **After School Clubs**

The Football, Wushu, and Dance Clubs have continued successfully and we are pleased to say that the Cooking Club has been a huge success. Please look out for the letter announcing when the next group will start. We are hoping to have a Science Club beginning after the Easter Break depending on the number of applications.

## **Parent Survey**

Thank you to all those who filled out a Parent Survey at Parent Evenings. It is very helpful to us as a school to read your comments. For those in Reception and Nursery who have not yet managed to return your forms please try and do so as soon as you can.

## **Red Nose Day**

The School Council would like to thank the whole school for raising such a brilliant amount this year. We raised a **fantastic £356.20** which will give a great deal of support to many in need. Thank you for being a very generous community.



## **Attendance**

**Please continue to make sure that your child is in school as any time off has a direct impact on their learning.**

**If your child is absent on the first day of next term (Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April) without a medical note this will be reported to the Brent Education Welfare Officer.**

## **Diary Dates:**

**3Apr – 17Apr Easter Break**  
18 Apr Children return for Half Term 5  
25 & 27 Apr Year 4 Art Workshops  
**1 May Bank Holiday**  
4 May Class Photographs  
8 -12 May Year 6 SATS  
19-25 May Book Fair  
25 May Term ends at the usual time  
**26 May Staff Training Day**  
**Half term holiday 29 May – 2 June**

### **World Book Day**

Our theme for World Book Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March was 'Hats'. Everyone came wearing a fantastic range of hats and during the day classes read to other children and shared their reading skills. Well done for all your creativity.



### **School Trips**

Year 5 & 6's visit to the Courtauld Gallery has provided them with a great deal of inspiration for their story writing over the past few weeks. Year 6 have also taken part in a 'Staying Safe' Workshop.

A team from Years 3 & 4 participated in an Indoor Athletics Competition.

Years 1 & 2 have been to the Gunnersbury Triangle on a field trip and Year 2 took part in a London Symphony Orchestra Concert at the Barbican.

Sadly, due to the incident last week, the Years 5 & 6 trip to Westminster Abbey was cancelled but has been rescheduled for June.

### **Donnington Happy Feet**



On Friday our Dance Club went to the Willesden Sports Centre to take part in the 'Bossing It' Broadway dance competition. We came 3<sup>rd</sup> and won the whole school half a day of activities from Premier Sports. We had fun participating in the competition. We danced to 'It's a Hard Knock Life' from the musical 'Annie'. Five schools, including Donnington took part in the competition. Donnington Happy Feet would like to say a big thank you to Ms Sharon and Mrs Watson for their time and effort.

***Kedija & Vinaldine, Year 6***

### **Year 6 SATS**

It is almost that time of year again when Year 6 will be sitting their SATS tests. These take place in the week of the 8 - 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please try to give your children early nights and healthy meals to ensure they are ready for a long, challenging week.

### **E Safety**

It is always our priority to make sure that all pupils are safe and are aware of how to stay safe when using the Internet. During the two week holiday please continue to monitor your child's safety as they will probably have more time to play games and use the Internet.

### **Before School in the Playground**

It is our school policy that before school children should not be playing ball games in the playground as this is a time when parents, pupils and younger siblings are present.

Any pupil found bringing in balls or other sports equipment will have it taken off them and it will be given back at the end of the week.

### **School Uniform and PE Kit**

Children should come to school wearing the correct Donnington school uniform. This must be worn by all children in the Reception class and in Years 1 - 6. Note that shoes must be black. Boots and trainers are **not** school uniform.

P.E. kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls and trainers as required. **All children must have a pair of plimsolls for P.E.** P.E. kits are left in school for the whole half term and should not be taken home until the half term break.

### **FODS International Evening**

International Evening last Saturday evening 25<sup>th</sup> March saw a fantastic turnout. A huge thank you to Mrs Crouch for all the hours of rehearsal and all her organising for the night.

Thank you to all those who attended and especially the children who performed. It raises much needed funds for FODs and provides an opportunity for children to showcase their talents to all.

