



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Headteacher's Thoughts

Next Friday (27<sup>th</sup> January), FODs are holding their first disco for a long time, and I know there has been a wonderful response to tickets. If you haven't got your ticket yet, check out the ticket information in the poster at the end of the newsletter. I am looking forward to it!

It has certainly been a cold spell this week (especially at the gate in the morning!) and as usual, we make sure that the children are out for their break times, therefore, please can I remind everyone to make sure that your child has a warm coat with gloves and if possible, a hat.

A quick update, on the Year 2 classroom, with the old carpet removed, the painters were busy repainting the walls and doors. Whilst the children selected the colour of their new carpet, which will be laid on the 30<sup>th</sup> January. We are getting there.

You will have seen in the news the NEU has announced national and regional action in England starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please look out for an initial letter today about the industrial action.

Mr. Leigh

### Our Christian Value for this half term is:

## Courage

We can think about the importance of **standing up for what is right** against the odds, **sticking by one's convictions** and **not being swayed as well as strength of will**. We can also think about how we can encourage each other to do so too.

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"** Joshua 1:9

### Future Diary Dates.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – FODS Disco (details below)  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Reception/Y6 Height and weight checks  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3:15pm – Y6 Pioneer Meeting (further details to follow)  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half term Holiday  
 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Pioneer Residential  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings

### Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

<b>Cygnets:</b>	Noah Reed
<b>Ducklings</b>	Penny Tyler, Evie Spolander
<b>Owls:</b>	Flora Bynorth, Jack Mason
<b>Mandarins:</b>	Ellis Moore
<b>Eagles:</b>	Tess Jackson, Indigo Ivory
<b>Robins:</b>	Oliver Dickinson
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Isla-Rose Harris, Bailey Woodward
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Lily Coombes, Ella Hale

## Around the School

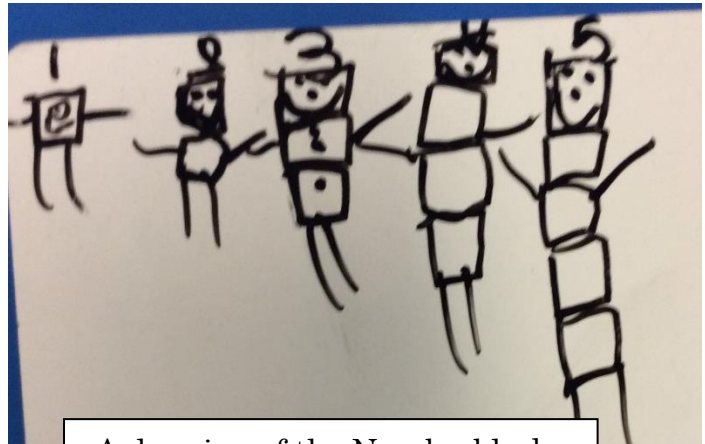
Here are a few photos from **Reception** class this week. Ducklings have been busy concentrating, exploring and applying their learning within different activities.



Exploring and playing with the Numberblocks, counting, ordering and singing songs.



Sharing ideas and building models with the Lego. Talking and listening to one another.



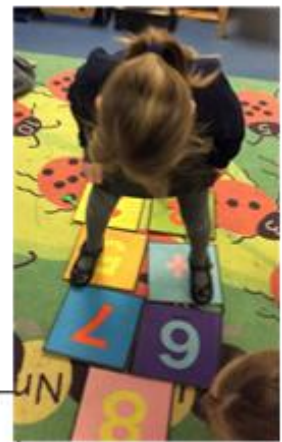
A drawing of the Numberblocks all in order of size and number.



Paintings inspired from sharing "Where the wild things are".



We created our own monsters that Max met when he visited the "Wild Things".



Applying maths language and creating our own games both inside and outside.

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# SCHOOL DISCO

**FRIDAY 27 January**

**4pm - 4.45pm**  
**Reception & Nursery**  
*(Only children going to school in September 2023. A parent/carer must stay with nursery children)*

**5pm - 6pm**  
**Years 1, 2 & 3**

**6.15pm - 7.15pm**  
**Years 4, 5 & 6**

**TICKETS - £5**  
*Includes:*

- two snacks
- carton of juice and
- 2 glo sticks

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