DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 6th June 2025

Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year – I hope you all had a good half term break.

In a few weeks, we will be having our Healthy Living Week in school, which finishes with our School Games Day on Friday 20th June. You are very welcome to join us from 1:15pm for the races on the school field for Reception to Y6 and Nursery races will be held 9:15 – 9:45am. I look forward to seeing you for that and hope the weather is kind. A letter will be sent out with further details, however as a reminder the children can come in during the week in their correct **school** PE kit (Plain black/blue shorts, plain white t-shirt and suitable sports trainers), so they are ready for the various activities throughout the week.

Staff News. Sadly, for us, we will be saying farewell at the end of this term to Ms Butt, as she leaves to follow a new adventure and Mr Mahony, who has secured a new teaching role out of the county – congratulations to him. I know they will be sadly missed by the children, particularly from the year groups they have taught and the rest of us. We will, of course, say our goodbyes at the end of the term as we wish them both well as they leave us. I will keep you updated on recruitment news over the term.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Self-Control

Self-control is essential to success, in relation to our daily habits, our character, our attitude, our emotions, and our actions. We are able to control ourselves in order to do what needs to be done to make us successful.

'Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.
(1 Corinthians 13 4-5)

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 9th June – Tile Painting Workshop
Wednesday 11th June –Library staff visiting Year 2
Friday 13th June – U11 Girls Cricket at Shipton under Wychwood
w/b 16th June – Healthy Living Week
Tuesday 17th June – Festival of Voices – Dorchester Abbey for choir
Friday 20th June – 1:15pm Sports Afternoon
Monday 23rd June - Y2 Ultra Olympics
Monday 23rd June – 3:15pm Y5 Meeting about Pioneer

Achievements Assembly

Well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

Ducklings: Isaac Molloy, Kai Molloy, Henry Bond
Owls: Ignacio Beards, Toby Cross, Albie King, Freddy Burch
Mandarins: Jacob Webster, Jack Aust
Eagles: Eve Jackson, Darcy Mittell
Robins: Freya Wootton, Ibbie Wright
Kingfishers: Alana Bowers, Elliot Dunsby
Red Kites: Whole of Year 6 for their PSHE work.

Around the School

Year 2 News

We have been so busy in Year 2 and really enjoying our learning. In history we have been learning about flight, so many children have been very excited to share their knowledge about this interesting topic. We also made planes and flew them.

We have been closely watching the birds that have made a nest in the nesting box outside our classroom. The babies have now left the nest, and Mrs Miles showed the children the nest and a tiny egg which sadly didn't hatch.

Mrs Miles took the class into the Reading Shed for story time.

We enjoyed our belated last forest school session. The children were challenged to make a river or a pond. The children had lots of fun standing in the water after making their creations! They also had the traditional forest school fire to cook pancakes and crumpets and played hide and seek.

Reception:

Here are some of our learning adventures over the last few weeks

Reading in our new book corner.

Using our imagination playing a game.

Reading our weekly class Rocket Phonics book.

The children went on an exploring mission in the outdoors finding lots of interesting things such as minibeasts, plants and natural materials.

Listening to a story in the outdoors. Each child has a cushion to sit on whilst an adult sits in the story chair and reads the story.

We drew minibeasts on whiteboards. Then we photocopied our pictures so we could paint them.

Seeing who can make the longest snake in a minute

Finger painting creating caterpillars, practising our counting and comparing different lengths.

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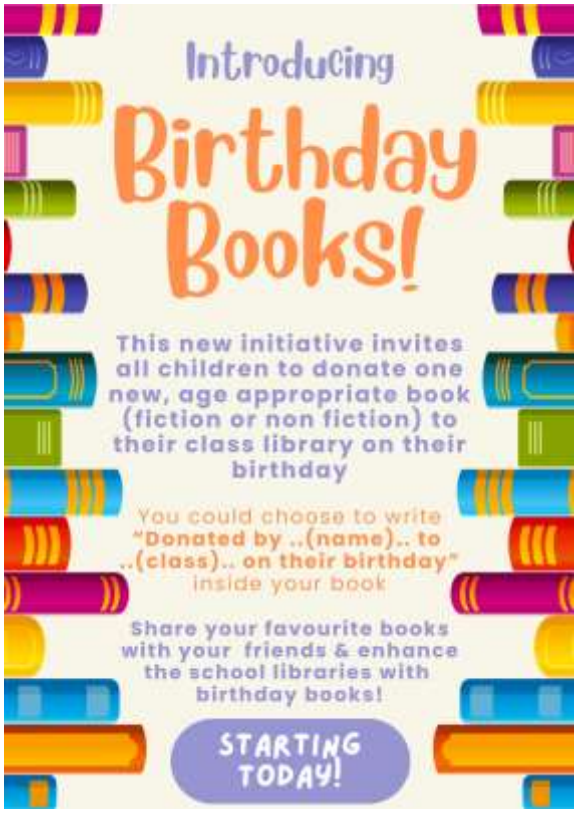

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