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The Dassett Dispatch - 9th October 2026

This Week:- Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in Celebration Assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.

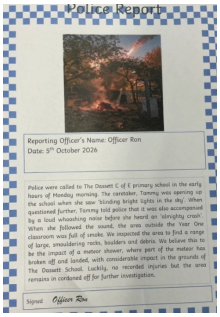
Hedgehogs (Reception)	Owls (Year 1)	Squirrels (Year 2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Willow	Anna	Hazel	Isaac	Ida
Darcie			Elliot	Fin





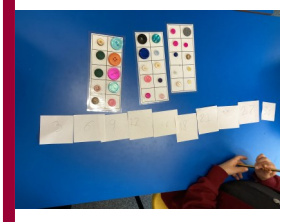
Reception— We have been exploring what large amounts look like, placing 100 conkers on the 100 square and exploring pumpkins this week after reading the 'How many seeds in a pumpkin?' The children practised their letter recognition by finding the letter 'p' to create a pumpkin patch. Some of the children have made counting wands to help Counting Cow count big items that we can't move or touch. We have also been looking at the composition of number, helping find the right amount of items for the 3 Bears. This week in phonics has been very exciting as we have been putting sounds together to read words! We have also learned the sounds 'i', 'n' and 'm'. Jigsaw Jenie and Paws have been sharing the kind things we can do with our hands. The children are getting very good at 'Calm Me' time where we focus on our breathing and relax. In PE the children have worked on their ball control, rolling the ball to each other in different ways.





Year 1 -We have had a very exciting week in Owls class. As you may have seen, we found a meteorite in our outdoor area! We read the police report and wrote our own descriptions of what we could see. We were introduced to our new focus book Look Up! By Nathan Bryon which inspired us to make our own space rockets before writing about them. In maths we have been focusing on number lines! We have been finding different numbers on the number-line and worked on jumping on and back. We have also been counting in 2s! In Science we have been learning about food chains within a range of different habitats and in PSHE we have been thinking about our rewards and consequences. We thoroughly enjoyed the Robin Hood Panto which was a brilliant way to spend a Tuesday afternoon!





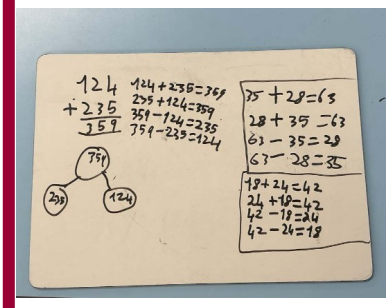
Year 2— Super learning going on in Year 2 this week. Monday was very exciting - something had happened in the outdoor area! A strange pile of rocks had appeared and Tammy had had to call PC Ron! We thought about what we could see and decided it was a pile of meteors! This was a hook for our new book 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon. As part of this we have also designed our own rockets and written descriptions of them using 'and'. In maths we have been counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We used tens frames and buttons to help us count in 3s and made a number track as we went along. In science we have looked at what a food chain is and used cards to form food chains for different habitats. In history we put together timelines of significant people including Rosa Parks and Emmeline Pankhurst. We enjoyed the panto on Tuesday afternoon and also a recycling assembly. In RE we talked about how Christians look after the world for God and gave examples of this. PSHE was pulling together everything we've learnt about rights, responsibilities, rewards and consequences to create our own class learning charter.



Year 3/4– This week has seen us continue with work on the biography of black mathematician Kathrine Johnson. We have also looked at John Glenn's biography as the first American astronaut (supported by Katherine's calculations). We have used these to develop our writing on sentences/paragraphs in chronological order. Our maths has seen us continue with rounding any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000. Moreover, our Mastery programme has looked at the concept of doubling, it's link to even numbers, together with the language of factors and products. Somewhat timely how French work this week also saw us doing number work up to 100. In computing, as part of our e-safety work on identity the children constructed two different online profiles: one for a secure site, such a classroom/school profile page vs an external online gaming profile accessible to anyone on such a platform. What precautions would they take with their profile? The details they would share and importantly - those details they do not/should not share. Our four/five weeks of music is coming together in a coordinated fashion as our confidence in performing the jazz song we have learnt continues to grow. In PSHE, children seeking election to our School Council presented their candidacy as part of our work on School Citizenship and Democracy (rights and responsibilities). In RE, we discussed the children's thoughts and reflections about creation considering both modern cosmology/physics and from the Christian tradition, the creation story from Genesis. Science had us collate and analyse food diaries we have been keeping this past week, looking at food groups in our diet, before going on to look at the dietary habits and adaptive features of some UK animals (frogs, swallows, ants, squirrels and grass snakes) over the four seasons.



Year 5/6 - It has been another busy and productive week in Year 5/6, with the children continuing to work hard across all areas of the curriculum. In French, we have been learning about the human body. The children have been developing their vocabulary and practising the names of different parts of the body. In Science, we have been learning about levers and investigating the three different types of lever. The children have explored how levers work and identified examples in everyday life. In English, the children have been completing their final pieces based on Star of Fear, Star of Hope. They have created their own outcomes for Lydia, considering the different possibilities for her future. Did she manage to escape, or was she arrested? The children have worked hard to create engaging endings while maintaining the historical context and themes of the original story. Our focus in Maths has been on presentation, organisation and accuracy. The children have been practising how to set out calculations correctly, particularly when using the column method. We have emphasised the importance of neat and clearly organised working to support both accuracy and mathematical reasoning. **A Reminder for Home** Please ensure that your child is logging on to TTRS regularly and completing their times tables practice. We also ask that children continue to read at home at least five times each week. Regular reading and times tables practice make a significant difference to children's confidence and progress. Thank you for your continued support at home. It is greatly appreciated.



Open Day

On Tuesday 3rd November ,we will be holding our open day. If your child is starting school next September or if you know anyone who would like to visit please share the attached poster with them.



School Pantomime



On Tuesday, we were thoroughly entertained by the school pantomime — OH YES WE WERE! The children greatly enjoyed the performance and were fantastic members of the audience. Mrs Burns and Mrs Byrne were very pleased to be selected to dance with the actors at the front… OH NO I WAS-N'T! It certainly provided plenty of laughs and was a wonderful afternoon for everyone. Thank you to all those who contributed towards the cost of this fabulous afternoon.

Recycling Assembly



A huge thankyou to Ruth Payne from Warwickshire County Council who visited the school this week to talk to children about the importance of recycling and the processes recycled waste goes through.

Next Week

Monday 12th October—Celebration assembly will be at the normal time of 9.00am.

Tuesday 13th October—Special menu. Roald Dahl Day. Children can choose from Georges' Marvellous Meatballs with wormwood noodles or Mosquitos' Toes and Wampfish Rose most delicately formed into Vegetable fingers with Crabcruncher diced potatoes serviced with Trunchball vegetables or Snozz Vegetable sticks. Dessert is a choice of Bruce Bogtrotter's Chocolate Cake or Bunces Doughnuts.

Tuesday 13th October—Return forms for Myton Hospice

Wednesday 14th October— Photographs—individual photographs of class members and their siblings. If you would like family group photos with pre-school children please let the office know.

Friday 16th October—The Friends of The Dassett AGM is being held in the hall at 2.30pm. The current Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will be stepping down so these positions are available. The Friends has raised money over the years to subsidise school trips, pantomimes and PE equipment/lessons by organising film nights, disco's, fairs etc. All money raised is very much appreciated by school and we would be sad to see this go. If you would like to get involved either in a role, committee member or helper please do come along to the AGM.

Coming Up

Monday 19th October—Reception eye tests.

Wednesday 21st October—Severn Trent Water assembly.

Thursday 22nd October—Harvest Festival Service in the church. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us at St Peter and St Clare's at 2.15pm.

Free School Meals

Eligibility for free school meals changed in September 2026. If you think you may now be eligible please apply via the website https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals

Governors

We currently have vacancies on our governing board for a parent governor. As a parent governor, you'll help shape our school's strategic direction, support the headteacher, and ensure we deliver outstanding education while making the most of our resources. If you would like any further information please contact Miss Corry, Mr Hackett or Mr Jeffrey our Chair of Governors. All nominations to be in by Monday 19th October. Please see attached application form.

Modification Order of Memorial Road Footpath

Please find attached information regarding Warwickshire County Council's notice of a modification order concerning its plan to reinstate the footpath across the field on to the definitive map. The school and the local community currently have an agreement, as part of an existing covenant, that the field is opened for access when there are no children on the school site. We believe this arrangement is working successfully for all parties and, most importantly, enables the safeguarding of all students using The Dassett School site, whether they are school pupils, Abacus Nursery children or Dassett Care Club users. If the modification order is enforced, there would need to be considerable rearrangements to break times, lunch times, PE lessons and forest school activities. We invite parents to read through the documentation and, if they have any concerns or observations, to write to: The Strategic Director, Communities Group, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4SX.

Reading Workshop

Thank you to those who attended our reading workshop last week. We hope you found the experience informative and beneficial. Thank you to Mrs Byrne for all her efforts in organising the event and giving up her time. In order for all to access the information, we will share the slides from the night via Class-Dojo. We will look to host another one of these events in the near future to help further support families in reading with their children.

Library

Last week, Warwickshire Library Sevices, completed their renovation of our school library. They weeded through and recategorised thousands of books to make the space more manageable. We have had application in for school librarians to make this space as fantastic as it could be.



Well done to all the children this week for focusing really hard on their learning. Have a lovely weekend from Miss Corry, Mr Hackett and All at The Dassett!