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The Dasset News - 28th February 2025

This Week:- Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in assembly on Tuesday morning after half term. Well done all of you.



| Hedgehogs (Reception) | Squirrels (Year 1/2) | Bears (Year 3/4) | Badgers (Year 5/6) |
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| Kathleen | Thomas | Ida | Eleanor |
| | Reuben | William | Millie |



Reception— It's been a busy first 4 days back and the children have settled back in the classroom routines, confidently. With Spring fast approaching we have been on a very squelchy walk around the school grounds in search of signs of spring. The children honed their observational skills as they searched for spring flora and fauna; finding crocuses, primroses, snowdrops, daffodils and

noticing catkins on the sliver birch and buds appearing on branches. A bumble bee has been spotted earlier in the week, at playtime, but we didn't see any on our walk. The children were very excited to see that the bulbs they planted in October are poking through and we soon hope to have some tulips. We have been looking at poetry that reflects the seasonal changes and using this an inspiration for our writing. In phonics we are recapping our Level 3 sounds, focusing on our letter formation, capital letter correspondence and writing tricky words. In maths we have been comparing amounts and using shapes to make dinosaurs. As part of our Healthy Me topic with Jigsaw Jenie we have revisited how important hygiene is, especially when and how we wash our hands. We've learned a song to sing to remind us of the correct way to wash your hands so no bits are missed!



Year 1/2— Year 1 / 2 – The children have settled back in really well this week and have worked hard. On Tuesday, they received a 'Special Delivery' in the post and made predictions about who it had come from based on clues. This led into our English lessons which have been based around the story of The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo. The children have continued to work on multiplication in Maths and have been looking at arrays. In Science we explored in-



vertebrates and in groups. The children sorted a selection of creatures into the six types of invertebrate. They worked very well and were able to identify the different features to explain their sorting. It has been lovely getting to know the children this week.

Year 3/4— The children have been enjoying our immersion into the story 'The Wild Robot' - a wonderful tale that's now showing at the cinema and available to rent on certain streaming services. It's an introduction to AI at the same time considering nature and what makes us human. In maths, we have been looking at measurement, learning about millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres and their respective usage and conversions.



RE wise, we started a Christian unit on the Gospel and the New Testament, considering what kind of world Jesus wanted? Our PSHE looked at friendships (who we are friends with, the things we enjoy and gain from having different friends and how we can feel close to someone even though we do not see them every day). Continuing our work in Geography, we studied the Pacific Ring of Fire and different states and types of volcanoes. PE witnessed us start our lessons on Tag Rugby with basic throwing, catching and travelling drills. This was followed by Dani leading a gymnastics lesson. We concluded the week with Science, continuing our work on magnetism and non-contact forces.

Year 5/6 -



Lots of good work has been going on in year 5/6 after our return from the half term break. In English, we have started a new unit on persuasive writing based around HS2. Children have been really engaged yet respectful about this real-life and local issue and have thought carefully about the pros and cons of the project. In maths we have continued our work on decimals looking at ordering and comparing them using a range of resources. In science we



drew scatter graphs to see if there was a correlation between mammalian mass and gestation times and talked about lines of best fit. We also checked in on the plants we are growing after their half term holiday at Mrs Proudfoot's (all survived!) and have started to grow our potatoes. In DT we tried different seasonal vegetables (including Brussel sprouts, which were surprisingly widely enjoyed!). Computing has been a new unit on databases and a discussion about how these are used in the real world. The children had a super time in PE completing a variety of gymnastic movements before heading up to the playground to display their agility and competitiveness as they started their unit of work on tag rugby.

Rowing Competition

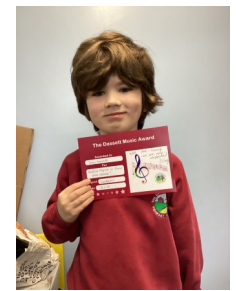
On Tuesday, four of our Year 6 boys competed in the Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire School Games Rowing Final, having made it through the preliminary heats back in November of 2024. Miss Hillman and Mr Smith were very impressed with their determination, perseverance, support for each other, respect and overall behaviour whilst at the event, especially during the relay race where they pooled their resources and dug deep to produce an amazing comeback. Even though we didn't make the medal podium this time, the boys did The Dassett proud! Well done to Aaron, Logan, Arthur and Fin.



Certificates are to be handed out during Monday's celebration assembly.

Music

Well done to Tommy for brilliant progress with learning the piano. Well done to Pops for trying so hard with learning the flute.



Gradings—Well done Thomas for achieving a Merit on Grade 1 with the recorder. Mrs Foxwell loved the replica recorder that you made her in Care Club.



Head Teacher Award

Well done Oliver for a great holiday diary. Thank you for sharing your hard work with me.



Dates for Diary - Next Week

Tuesday 4th March—School Lunches—Pancake Station. We will have a pancake station which children can choose from a selection of toppings—fruit in juice, choice of sauces, traditional lemon and sugar, golden syrup, honey or fruit jam.

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day—Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character.

Thursday 6th March—Special World Book Day lunch. Children can choose from Harry Potters Bangers and Mash or Gruffalo Quesadilla (wrap filled with peppers, onions and cheese) served with potato wedges, vegetables of the day or salad. Dessert is a choice of James and the Giant Peach Melba sponge and custard or Willy Wonka's Chocolate mousse.

Coming Up

Monday 10th March—Class photographs. Children will be photographed in their classes. These photos will then be available for purchase. If you do not wish your child/ren to be part of the group photo please let your class teacher know. Celebration assembly will be tomorrow.

Tuesday 11th March—Celebration Assembly will be held today at 9.00am.

Wednesday 19th March—Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 RE trip to Leamington Gurdwara and Coventry Cathedral

Friday 21st March—Red Nose Day. Special dessert of Red Nose Biscuits.

Tuesday 25th March—Air Ambulance Assembly. The Air Ambulance are coming into school to share with the children the important work that they do. We are going to hold a cake sale to raise money for this worthy cause. Please bring in donations of cakes on the day. Cakes will be sold at 50p each. All money raised will be donated to Air Ambulance.



Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March—Parents' Evening

Friday 28th March—Special Mother's Day Lunch—choice of battered fish fillet or vegetarian hot dog served with chipped potatoes, peas, baked beans or salad. Dessert is orange/lemon drizzle cake.

Wednesday 9th April—Solar Panel assembly. The children will learn how they work and benefit us.

Wednesday 9th April—Special Easter Lunch. Roast chicken with sage and onion stuffing or quorn fillet both served with crispy roast potatoes and vegetables of the day. Dessert is a choice of Easter Bunting biscuit or Strawberry swirl mousse.

Thursday 10th April—Easter Service at Church

Friday 11th April—Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April—Children back in school

SNACKS At The Dasset, we are quite relaxed where snacks are concerned. However, we do ask that you don't send children with packets of crisps (popcorn is fine) , sweets or chocolate bars. Acceptable snacks are almost everything else, including fruit, cereal bars, vegetables, cheese and crackers. We do accept that cereal bars may have some chocolate in them—we are happy to accommodate these. We are a nut free school so please do not send any nuts or nut spreads. Please ask your child's teacher if you are unsure. Very occasionally, children bring sweets as gifts for their birthdays. We will send these home with your child unless you instruct us not to. Please let your child's teacher know if you do not want these birthday treats given to your child. Packets of crisps and sweets and chocolate bars will be returned home.

Wake Up Wednesday

Please see attached information on What Parents and Educators need to know about Marvel Rivals.

Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Education Team

Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name their new county fleet cycles. Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training delivered by our cycle training providers. By providing fleet cycles they are aiming to remove barriers to children gaining the skills they need to become the safe cyclists of the future. By naming the cycles they hope to make them engaging for the users, and make it easy for children and their team to identify the different cycles.

The competition is open to everyone. The closing date for entries is 31st March 2025. You can suggest a name for one of our cycles per entry. All names will be considered by the Road Safety Officers and cycle instructors.

They will share the new names for the 20 cycles once they have been chosen and let the winners know that they are using their name. They will provide a small, age appropriate prize for the winning names. Winners who are under 18 will be contacted via their school or college. Winners over 18 will be contacted via email.

This is the link to the entry form - <https://forms.office.com/e/PHUzdVsqPi>



Solihull College and University Centre/ Stratford Upon Avon College

Please see attached a Flexible Learning Course leaflet. These courses are free for adults (19+).

Warwickshire Family Information Service

Please see link below for the latest newsletter. This includes information on housing, childcare, moving to secondary school and more.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=1432f4d5a3>



Have a lovely weekend—from Miss Corry and All at The Dasset