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The Dasset News - 14th February 2025

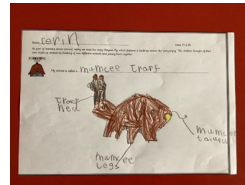
This Week:- Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in assembly on Tuesday morning after half term. Well done all of you.



Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Arham	Krish	Alex	Aaron
	William	Jacob	Isla



Reception— In Phonics the children have learned the final two sounds of Phase 3 – ‘ure’ as in pure and ‘er’. We have been looking at the tricky words in this



phase and the children have looked at which ones they know and practising ways to recognising them or, if they can read the word by sight, practice writing them. In maths we have been looking at the composition of 6 and 7 as 5 and 1 or 2 more. For internet safety week we looked at what a ‘scam’ is and read the story ‘Penguin Pig’ where a girl is tricked into going to the zoo to see a ‘Penguin Pig which turns out not to be real. The children created their own fantastical animals. We talked about what to do if you see something you don’t like on a device, learning the ‘Funny tummy song’, revisiting our early warning signs and the adults in our safety network who we could tell if we were feeling unsafe. We continued to learn about the moon and explore how the craters on the surface were created. We had a go at making our own moon craters and creating space vehicles to go on the surface of the moon. For Charles Darwin day we explored what an island is and created our own Galapagos Island in the classroom, looking at the different wildlife that Charles Darwin could have seen on his travels over 100 years ago! To celebrate Valentine’s Day the children used hearts cut out in Funky Fingers to create a card to send to those they love. We have continued to explore creating lighter and darker colours in our Starry Night pictures and using different size paint brushes for different purposes. In PE the children focused on team work and playing parachute games. Well done on another super half term of learning Hedgehog Class – I hope you all have a restful break.



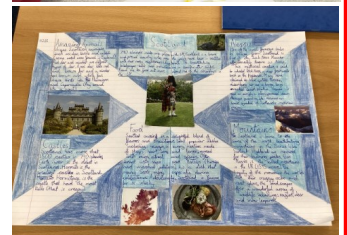
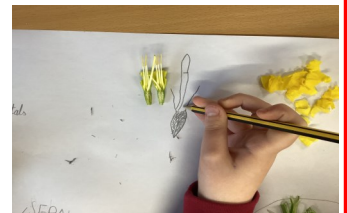
Year 1/2— The children have worked really hard this week. We have written some amazing fact sheets about Queen Victoria and both year groups have done some great multiplication / grouping work in Maths. The children have been really proud to see their beautiful artwork on display outside the classroom. They really are a talented bunch!

Year 3/4— Our English this week has seen the children writing explanations about the Rock Cycle. The presentation our visitor, Mrs West (see separate entry) greatly assisted in the knowledge base for this work. In maths we continued with our fraction work looking at improper fractions and mixed numbers. RE and PSHE saw us concluding our respective units on Buddhism and Dreams and Goals. In computing we had a very insightful discussion about screen time and then we finished our e-safety comics. In music we finished our unit on 'Using Our Imagination' by performing all the songs we had learnt across the half term and then completing a quiz. We also watched the Riverdance performance from the 1994 Eurovision Contest (an essential part of any child's education). In Netball we held our first actual games involving teams of seven. Dance followed this, concluding in the children's compositions inspired by natural disasters. Our science this week has introduced magnets and the concept of magnetic forces.

Yr 3/4 Geology Afternoon. On the afternoon of Wednesday 12 February, Jackie West, a STEM Ambassador and local geologist visited the class to give a presentation and series of activities about rock types and those found locally. The children physically examined a range of rocks and in order for them to understand the rock cycle. They then made a version of sedimentary rock out of pressed milk and white chocolate flakes. Applying further pressure and friction from their hands, these chocolate pieces then metamorphized into a marble effect; before being heated over a kettle - melting (to resemble magma). Once cooled, this chocolate solidified mimicking the creation of igneous rocks. Finally, the children studied, measured and drew a series of different fossils. Thank you to Mrs West for this fun and informative experience.



Year 5/6 - A good week leading up to half term in year 5/6. We've completed a couple of big science projects this week to finish off the half term. First, we researched different animal life cycles and chose how to present our findings to the class (a special mention to the group that wrote and performed an incredible rap - scientifically accurate and entertaining!). Then on Wednesday we carried out a daffodil dissection and looked at the different parts of this flower and learnt about the functions each part had. In maths we have been rounding off our fractions work. We have completed a mix of questions to make sure our understanding is secure and we played a fractions game based around squares (after the prerequisite learning of how to play squares!). In English, we have published our non-chronological reports - they look fab and the children have really enjoyed researching their different countries. Tuesday was Safer Internet Day - see the section later in the newsletter for what we got up to. In RE, we looked at the origins of Buddhism and analysed why the number of followers might be on the increase. We found out all about meditation and how Buddhists would meditate to try to help them achieve enlightenment. Well done to all the children this half-term. Have a fabulous half-term break.



Uniform

Please can we remind you of the school uniform. Suppliers can be found on our School Website, please see link below.

- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey or black skirt or pinafore dress, or grey or black tailored trousers
- White Blouse, shirt or polo shirt
- Summer dress burgundy (red)/white check or grey tailored shorts
- White, grey or black socks or grey tights
- Plain black shoes.

<https://www.thedassettprimary.co.uk/school-uniform/>



Music

Well done to Lexi for superb flute playing.



The Friends of The Dasset

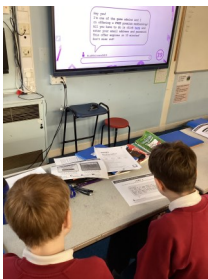
Thank you to all those who attended the school disco last Friday, we raised £185.65.

Safer Internet Day 2025 | **Tuesday**
11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday we celebrating Safer Internet Day. Mr Hackett and Year 5/6 started the day with an assembly all about the theme of the day: 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. They did a fantastic job of this and produced a really informative, entertaining assembly. Throughout the day the different classes carried out further activities to mark the day. Reception learnt about whether things are true or not online via a story called 'Penguin Pig' and watched the animation 'Jessie and her Dog' to learn about what to do if they see something upsetting online. Year 1/2 discussed how to recognise scams and how to stay safe on the internet. Both Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 took part in a BBC Live Lesson where we took part in the 'Scam Smashers' game to beat the scammers. We learnt about keeping personal information private through secure passwords and how to spot scams. Further information on Safer Internet Day can be found here. It's run by the UK Safer Internet Centre and you will also find a useful parent and carers section on the same site:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

Connect for Health

https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/06.-C4H-Parent-and-Schools-Newsletter.-February-2025_compressed.pdf

Please see above for the link for the February health and wellbeing newsletter from Connect for Health, the school nursing team. This newsletter includes information on safer internet day, supporting children to stay safe on mobiles apps and games, exploring mental health, supporting your child's incontinence and more.

Onside

Please see attached information on how to book the after school football club run by Onside on a Friday.

Dates for Diary

Half term is the week of **Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February.**

Monday 24th February is an inset day

Tuesday 25th February—children return to school

Tuesday 25th February—Celebration assembly. Parents/Carers are invited to join us at 9am.

Tuesday 25th February—Year 6 boys Rowing Final. You will have been notified if your child is involved in this.

Monday 3rd March—Celebration assembly will be held at 9am for parents/carers to join us. This will be held every Monday and you are welcome to join us.

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

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.

Wednesday 12th March—Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 RE trip to Leamington Gurdwara and Coventry Cathedral.

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.



Wednesday 25th March—Parent Evening

Thursday 26th March—Parent Evening

Thursday 10th April—Easter Service at Church

Friday 11th April—Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April—Children back in school

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>



Eco Committee.

This competition has been extended for Key Stage 1

We would like to run a competition to promote looking after the newly refurbished village park. Ahead of spring, we thought it would be a good idea, if children could design a colourful poster encouraging park users to care for it.

Ideas and messages may include: not littering, caring for the equipment, ensuring any dogs are well-behaved and any mess is placed in the bin. Be as creative and as catchy with your phrasing as you like. Three prizes will be awarded: best KS1 entry; best KS2 entry; and the Overall Winner as voted for by eco-committee members. Deadline for entering is Friday 28th February.

Have a lovely half term holiday and we will see the children back in school on Tuesday 25th February— from Miss Corry and All at The Dasset