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St Dunstan's, Cheam, C of E Primary School

Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful couple of weeks we have lived out at school—the children have enjoyed so many new experiences, all of which enhance their learning. Our Jubilee celebrations, encompassing both our Jubilee day in school, as well as our amazing Summer Fayre, will ensure that the children hold memories forever of their experiences of this special moment in living history. Thank you to the entire staff team for their hard work and enthusiasm in making the days so special, and a particular mention for Mrs Downes, Miss Mountney, Mrs Merova and Mrs Pennant for all of the planning and attention to detail in co-ordinating the day. It was truly wonderful to come together once again, for the Summer Fayre on Saturday—again, heartfelt thanks to the incredible efforts of the PTFA and all who helped and supported on the day. The fayre ran like clockwork and everyone had such a happy day—thank you! We know that events like this don't just 'happen' - thank you to all for your contributions in making it such a successful day—both financially, and in terms of community. Thank you also for completing the recent Parent Survey—we are closely analysing the responses and these will feed into future developments of the school; both in terms of celebrating areas of success and in our endeavours to be continually improving to be the best that we can be. As I write this Newsletter, I am preparing to leave St Dunstan's in the very capable hands of Mrs Porter, who will be Acting Head Teacher in my absence as I undergo surgery and recuperation for my hip. Thank you for all the messages of support which I have received—I will be holding you, Mrs Porter and the entire school community in my heart and my prayers over the coming weeks and I look forward to seeing you all very soon. God bless.



Ms J Corby

Summer Fayre Brochure Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Summer Fayre Brochure competition. We had some fabulous entries and it was difficult to choose. You will have seen the winning designs the Summer Brochure. Well done to everyone who took part.



Rachel L—Orion
RUNNER UP

Chloe Mc - Orion
WINNER

Sophie F—Aquila
RUNNER UP

A Survey for Pupils

Caterlink, who are our lunchtime providers, have requested for parents/carers to access the following link and with your guidance, for your child/children to complete the survey regarding school lunch.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and the feedback will help Caterlink address any areas that require attention.

Pupil Survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QD92DNC>

Thank you in advance for your time.



A BIG thank you to everyone who supported the school Summer



Fayre last weekend. It was so lovely to be able to host our first Summer Fayre since 2019 and it was a fantastic school community event.

We hope you had lots of family fun if you were able to make it.

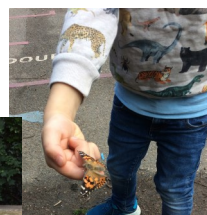
Thanks to your support and generosity with both the online raffle and the fayre we have raised over **£4,700** which is amazing.

PTFA

Releasing the nursery butterflies

The nursery children were

very excited to let the butterflies out. We all watched them fly away and we waved good bye to them. Some of the butterflies were very keen to fly straight away, others needed a bit of a time so we had a chance to look at them closely.



It was great fun!



On Friday 17th June 2022, the whole school celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children took part in a range of fun activities including baking, crown/tiara making, flag making and also creating different portraits of the Queen. In the afternoon the whole school gathered on the field to celebrate further with a special cupcake and some juice! We sang the National Anthem together, cheered and celebrated this historical moment.



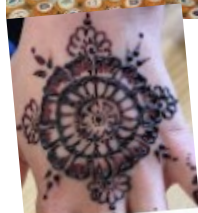
"My favourite part was reading the books that we got!" Rowan (Year 2)



"On our Jubilee Fun Day, we had an amazing time in Year 6. We made colourful paper origami tiara crowns. We also finished our pop art portraits of the Queen in the style of Julian Opie. We made mini Union Jack flags out of straws and paper. We then went to a whole school parade on the field; we got a Jubilee cupcake and a drink. It was an amazing day!" Joseph (Year 6)



"I enjoyed eating the cupcakes and drinking the orange juice!" Anna-belle (Year 1)



"My favourite part of the day was making crowns." Joshua.

"We really liked making the crowns and doing the art collage of the Queen. We had a fun day!" Samya and Theo (Year 1)



"I like seeing my brother on the field!" Leo. (Nursery)



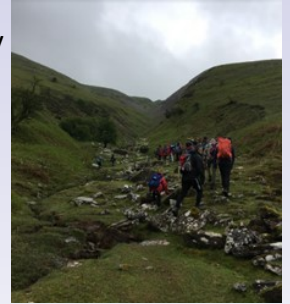
A royal, fun day was had by all!



Year 6 Residential Trip to Maes-y-Lade



On the 23rd May at 7:15am, Year 6 Cygnus Class left by coach and started their journey to Wales. Two weeks later, on the 6th June, Aquila set off on the same journey. Each class arrived at the Maes-y-Lade Centre after a long journey, had some lunch and set off to Mount Twmpa.



The trek was exhausting but brilliant and we were regularly entranced by the views.



During our week, we had quite a lot of adventures: rock climbing (we climbed at a quarry and needed a lot of sticking power); the adventure trail (we went through an abandoned railway tunnel, tried out the exhilarating zip wire hanging above a stream, crawled under a waterfall and tried out the bum-shuffle ledge!); canoeing



along the River Wye, which require a **LOT** of teamwork and involved getting very wet; horse/pony trekking and finally the indoor rope centre (where we did abseiling, high ropes, some rock climbing and tunnelling).



Thank you to all the helpers in the rope centre, helpers at the Bryngwyn Riding Centre, all the staff at the Maes-y-Lade Centre and all the school staff who came with us and organised such an unforgettable trip.



‘cawsom amser hyfryd!’

(we had a lovely time!)

by Jasmine, Titus, Louise, Hannah and George



For Parents - How to Set Up Gaming Consoles to Prevent Impulse Purchases

As you will be aware, it is too easy for children and young people to purchase virtual items in games and apps.

As we approach the summer holidays, we thought this would be a useful reminder to send out to you. The link is [HERE](#).



Please refer to the school's website for Summer Camps that are running in the area over the summer holidays.

The Cheam and Cuddington Horticultural Summer Show will be held in our school hall on Saturday 9th July. More details to follow.

If you never try, you'll never know....



We are delighted to announce that Amelia in Cygnus has successfully passed her audition for the Surrey Youth Ballet, a ballet company for children who will perform a ballet show in October. This is a great achievement. **Well done Amelia!**

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 16/05/2022 was:

95.70%

Our target is **96.4%**

House Points

St Patrick
338

St Andrew
337

St David
347

St George
311

'Stars' of the last two weeks.....

Nursery	Alfie O	Charlie
Venus	Oliver	Jeremy
Pluto	Joe	Cameron
Neptune	Bethany	Bella
Mercury	Mimi	Alfie R
Jupiter	William	Blake
Saturn	Sapphire	Viktor
Delphinus	Kimberly	Tiana
Phoenix	Yusuf	Noah
Orion	Chloe Mc	Oliver L
Pegasus	Imogen S	Ben
Unicorn	Shelomi	Horald
Hercules	Lillyann	Imaan
Aquila	Christanne	The Whole Class
Cygnus	~	Charlotte R

Jubilee Lunch



The catering team put on a fine display of foods today to coincide with our Jubilee Day at school. There was much excitement around lunchtime! The team worked very hard to ensure that the children had a 'special' lunch and even the Queen made a brief appearance! Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

June

w/c 27th June

Wednesday 29th

Thursday 30th

July

w/c Monday 4th

Wednesday 6th

Friday 8th

Saturday 9th

Wednesday 13th

Monday 18th

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

Year 6 Bikeability Course

Year 3 Swimming

Pegasus— Tennis lesson at Peaches Close

Year 1 Superhero Day

Last week of clubs

Pegasus— Tennis lesson at Peaches Close

Final Swimming Lesson for Year 3

Music for a Summer's Afternoon/Thank You Tea/ Open Evening 2.00pm-6.00pm

Horticultural Show

Yr6 Southwark Leavers' Service

Pegasus— Final Tennis lesson at Peaches Close

Sports Day EYFS & KS1 9.00am and KS2 1.30pm

Prayer Group in School Library 8.45am

Yr 6 Leavers Service at St Dunstan's Church

Term Ends 1.30pm

Future Dates

September

Thurs & Fri 1st & 2nd **INSET Days**

Mon 5th

Children return to school



Monday 18th July

EYFS & KS1 9.00am

KS2 1.30pm

We look forward to seeing you!



Friday 22nd July

Summer Term Ends 1.30pm

Look out for our next newsletter which will include recounts of the school trips that have taken place this week including the Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm, Year 4 trip to the Portsmouth Aquarium, Year 3 Greek Day and much more.