



SUMMER TERM 2024

# LIFE AT DRAYTON COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL



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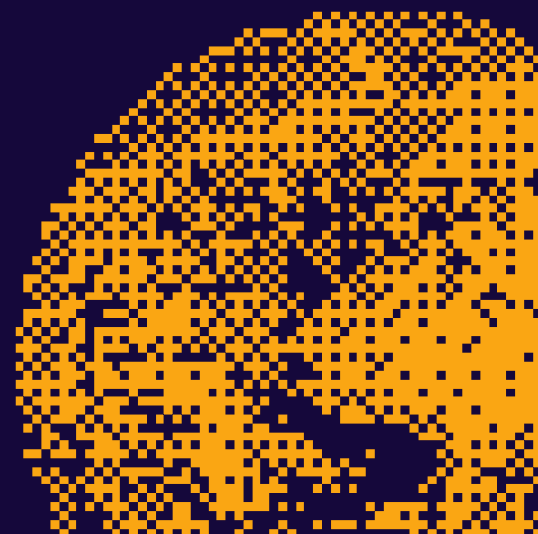
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# LETTER FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Drayton Families,

Another year has almost passed at Drayton!

It has, as always, been a pleasure to watch our children grow and learn throughout the year. They all work so hard to embody our OAK values and are a joy to work with.

Our children have done some wonderful work, really challenging themselves in their learning. We have loved watching them explore new ideas and share their learning with us.

This year we've introduced a new way of working in English, following Talk 4 Writing, a strategy that encourages children to 'learn' and hear story structures repeatedly, then 'magpie' these into their own writing. The results have been sensational and we could not be more proud of the writing the children have produced.

We have truly had such a wonderful year at Drayton- but our belief is that the best people to ask are your children! This edition of the magazine hopes to showcase some of their thoughts and highlights from the year.

Enjoy!

# OUR SCHOOL VALUES: BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

In the children's words, what are our values and what do they mean?

## Open and honest

Learning is the easy value  
because we do it all the  
time at school  
Starling Class

You can be caring to a  
person who is sad  
Dragonfly Class

## Ask, listen and learn

We have to be open to  
new ideas and things  
Squirrel Class

Our Oak values  
Open and honest  
Ask Listen and Learn  
Kind and Caring

## Caring and kind



# REFLECTIONS FROM YEAR 2



Key moments, magic memories and our proudest achievements...

My favourite moment in Year 2 was making cars in DT.

PE is my favourite because exercise is good for you

I worked really hard to have neater handwriting in Year 2

On World Book Day I got to dress up as Harry Potter from my favourite book!

I loved building Tudor houses. I have especially enjoyed PE and Maths lessons

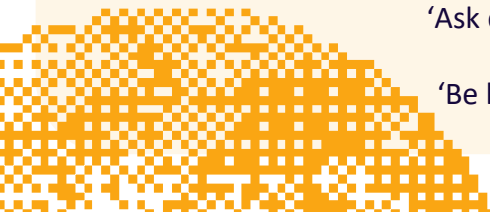
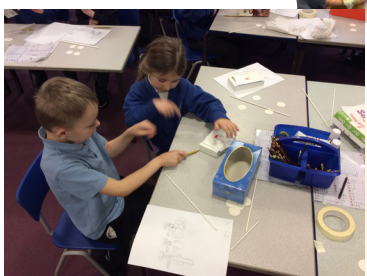
My proudest moment in Year 2 was running really fast in PE.

I loved making lemonade in Year 2

I've enjoyed Maths because I've learned new things and then I got an Oak award for working hard.

## Top tips for the new Year 2s...

- 'Always be kind to each other' Finnley
- 'Follow the OAK values!' Eleanor
- 'Work hard and listen lots' Stanley
- 'Make good friends to play with' Alfie
- 'Ask questions when you are not sure of the answer' Orlaith
- 'Be a good role model' Gabrielle
- 'Be kind and respectful. Work hard and do your best.' Alex





# REFLECTIONS FROM YEAR 1



Key moments, magic memories and our proudest achievements...

My favourite things to do in Year 1 are Science and Art. I really like play times, and reading books like 'The Koala who Could.' Our trip to Gressenhall was so fun because we got to make potions



I liked learning about continents and oceans in Geography.

We have learned lots of songs to help us learn new things about maths and georgraphy and science.

I liked learning how to do sign language with Elise for 5 things to make my brain and body feel super duper! (5 Ways to Wellbeing)

I liked looking after the fallen star in our classroom. I liked going to the church to make Christingles at Christmas time. I also loved going on a science scavenger hunt for plants outside. We got to plant some plants and take them home too!

We got to try freeze dried apple and freeze dried icecream that people take into space!



Top tips for the new Year 1s...

- Never give up
- Be a good friend
- Be kind
- Listen to everyone
- Be a good role model.





# REFLECTIONS FROM RECEPTION



Key moments, magic memories and our proudest achievements...

When it was my first day here I met new friends and I had my best friend beside me



I enjoyed seeing the giraffes and cheetahs at Banham zoo



When I first started school I met new friends



I love it when I do good Maths and when we count our numbers in songs

When we first started reception we didn't know all our sounds and now I know how to remember all my sounds

I have enjoyed play time and playing football



## Top tips for the new reception class..

- 'Listen to the teachers so they can learn the things that are new' Myla
- 'They need to know where everything is. If they don't know they need to ask the teacher' Henry
- 'They need to sound the words out to help with their writing' Ronnie
- 'They need to know how to do their sounds' Jace



# Health and Wellbeing Week

## Drayton Infants School

June 2024

24th June at DCIS was our annual Health and Wellbeing week where all the children of the school have a chance to participate in sporting activities that they may never have done before. This year this included Tennis, Archery, Boogie Bounce, Karate, Basketball, Yoga, Cricket, Speed Stacks and Zumba.

The children also discussed what they should do to keep their bodies and mind healthy, by what they eat, how active they are, how much water they drink and how much sleep they have each night. They also discussed how they can manage their feelings.

The sun shone for us and we all had an amazing week!!

*Bouncing into the week-end with Mole Class, Mrs Dearden, Mrs Howe and the Boogie Bouncers !!!!*



*What an amazing resource to have in school*



“This week I learned to dribble the ball in basketball.  
My favourite session was boogie bounce because we got  
to bounce on trampolines. It was very tiring but also fun!” (Squirrel)

“My favourite bit was Karate because we learnt karate moves  
and it was fun!” (Squirrel)

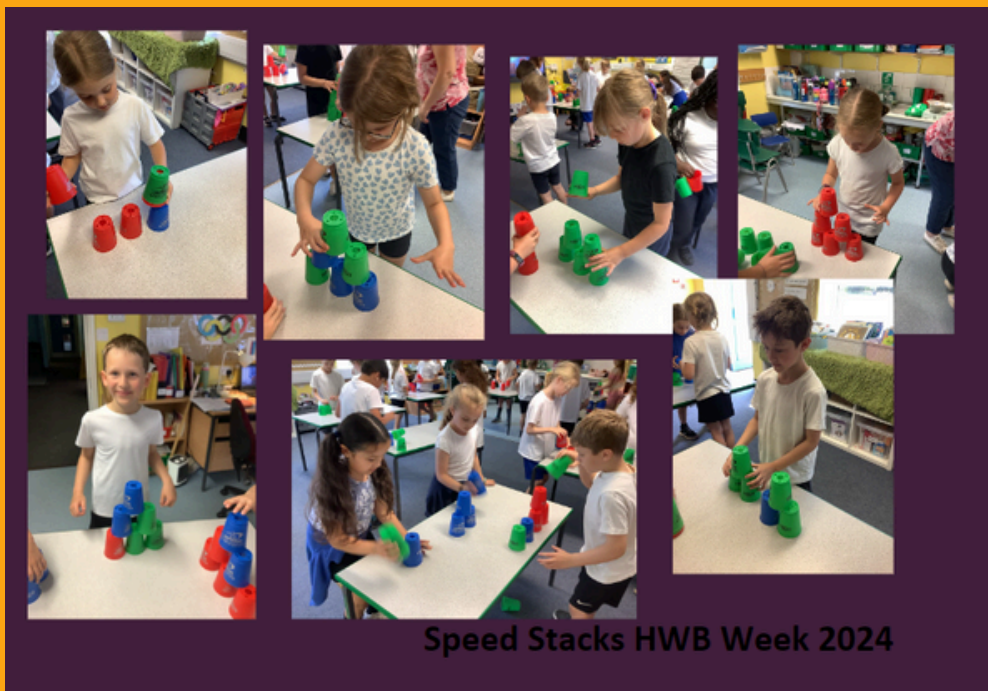
My favourite bit was basketball because I liked throwing it  
in the net.” (Squirrel)

“My favourite session was archery because it was fun, even  
though I didn’t hit it in the middle.” (Squirrel)

“My favourite session was karate because I learnt new moves  
like head blocks. (Squirrel)







**Speed Stacks HWB Week 2024**

**“I like basketball because I nearly got it in the bucket. I also like dribbling the ball in and out of the cones. Next year I would like to do more basketball because I want to get better and better each day.” (Darcie)**

**“I love the zumba because I like dancing as it gets me fit. I would like to do more because it is interesting.” (Elliot)**

**“My favourite bit was yoga because we stretched a lot and learnt about trees.” (Luna)**

**“I liked everything because they are extremely fun, especially Sports’ Day. It was always sunny and HOT and we were all hot and stuffy.” (Motayo)**



**Tennis and Archery  
HWB Week 2024**



**“I would like to do more archery because last time I did archery I missed the target and I am not giving up!” (Flo)**

**“My favourite bit was basketball because I liked dribbling and I want to do Sports’ Day again.” (Olly)**

**“My favourite bit was cricket because I liked batting the ball really far. I would like to do more cricket because I like batting the ball as far as the moon and running round in circles.” (Harry)**

**“Mrs Dearden is fit, fun, forever as she runs with us each week and she does all the sports in the school.” (Running Club children)**



# 2023-2024 Our Busy Year In Numbers

Did you know that over the last **190** days in our school year we have achieved:



Over  
**15,500**  
Free School Lunches



Over  
**760**  
Books added to the school



Over  
**£515**  
Raised for charity



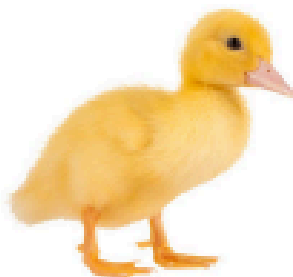
**227,050**  
Hours of learning



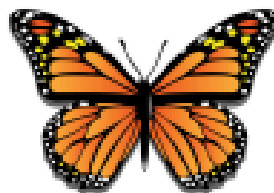
**£1,900**  
Sports assembly fundraising  
(spent on equipment)



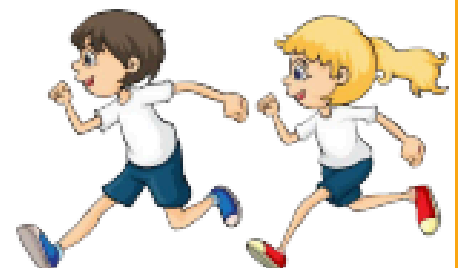
**362kg**  
Recycled in the clothing bin  
(fundraising for school)



**5**  
Ducklings hatched



**7**  
Hatched butterflies



**525**  
Miles run by the running club

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Thank you for all of your support. We have achieved so much together.