



Autumn Term Week 5 – 3rd October 2024

We have really seen the full spectrum of autumnal weather this week. I have been proud to see how pupils have been continuing to be their best selves, even when they might have had to have a wet play. This is the time of year that pupils all need to be bringing in a coat in case it rains as we know the benefits of being out in the fresh air even if it is a little rainy far outweigh staying in the school building all day. So, even if it is sunny in the morning, please remind your children to bring their coats.

School Values: Courage

This term, we are focusing on one of our school's values: Courage. In assembly, we have asked what it means to have courage and spoken about how it can mean making the right choices on the playground even when others aren't. As a learner, it also means having a go when you're not feeling so confident. Joining into a lesson even when you're worried about how well you might be able to do it. When children begin to understand that mistakes are as an essential part of the learning journey, it helps them not to worry so much about what might happen if they get it wrong the first time. We are encouraging pupils to take part in all aspects of their learning and not opting out. Of course, some children find this more challenging than others however, the more we give pupils the tools to have courage, the less apprehension they feel when they know the risks for trying new things aren't as big as they might have been thinking.

Year 6 Monitors

Being our Best Self is what we do at Dartmouth Academy. By the time our children reach their final year in the primary phase, we work on preparing them for greater responsibility in readiness for their transition to secondary. One of the ways we do this is by offering them the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the wider life of school through monitor roles.

The Y6 monitors apply for their roles based on job descriptions and on selection they have an informal interview based on the skills and knowledge required for their chosen roles. When successful, the Y6 monitors are presented with a contract of expectations that they must adhere to. This contract outlines our expectation of them, e.g. they demonstrate exemplary behaviour and are role models for all children. I am delighted to say that almost all pupils applied for monitor roles and have accepted their badges to wear them proudly every day. Well done to you all.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Tierney and the Primary Phase team

Dates for the diary

October

9th – Yr.6 Junior Life Skills

11th – Class 5 Harvest Assembly

24th – Food Festival

28th – Half Term

November

12th – Flu Vaccinations

13th – Primary Open Morning @ 9.30am

December

2nd – Non-Pupil Day

3rd – Rainbow Theatre

4th – Primary Open Morning @ 9.30am

13th – Academy Christmas Fayre

16th – KS2 Carol Service @ St Clements 2.00pm

17th – EYFS Nativity @ 9.15am

18th – Christmas Dinner

20th – School closing at 1pm

Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by
Year Group:

Reception – 89.5%

Year 1 – 91%

Year 2 – 96.3%

Year 3 – 95.7%

Year 4 – 90.5%

Year 5 – 96.2%

Year 6 – 92.8%

Year 7 – 96.9%

Year 8 – 92.4%

Year 9 – 90.4%

Year 10 – 88.6%

Year 11 – 90.7%

School attendance for
the year so far is
currently

92.6 %

**Thank you for supporting
our target of 96%**

Primary celebrations

'Stars in our eyes'

Rex L – Nursery

Lyla I – Reception

Ralphie J – Class 1

Mason L – Class 2/3

Robyn H – Class 3/4

William H – Class 5

Freddie-Joe H – Class 6



What have we been up to:

Class 2/3 have been getting into the spirit of autumn by creating beautiful leaf drawings inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy!



Over the last two weeks in Early Years we have been learning about our bodies and our senses. The children all drew a picture of their face by using half a cut out face portrait. They enjoyed drawing around their bodies and adding their facial features and some children added clothes, hair and shoes!

The children have been looking at their hands and made a hand print and we used these in maths to help the children count and recognise numbers to 5. We also had a lot of fun making popcorn, smelling difference items such as lemon and vinegar.



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This term class 3/4 have been learning the rules and skills to play netball. The class as a whole are very enthusiastic and are fast learners. So far the children have been learning the different throwing techniques; trying to remember not to run with the ball and how to find space to move efficiently around the court!



Learning has continued at full pace in Year 6. We have been learning about fieldwork in Geography and what data geographers might gather at different locations. We then learnt about the importance of sketching in fieldwork - qualitative or quantitative data? Very confusing but not for the bright sparks in Year 6! In Science, we are learning about living things. Last lesson, we learnt about bacteria, viruses and fungi. It was super fun making the cells out of plasticine, especially the spores of a fungus!



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As you are probably aware there is no longer a School Crossing Patrol at the end of Milton Lane.

We have been asked to remind you that it remains the responsibility of parents that their children travel to school safely. This is regardless of whether there is a School Crossing Patrol or a formal crossing point such as a zebra or signalised crossing.

If anyone is interested in taking on this role Devon County can train you as a Volunteer School Crossing Marshal. Please visit [Schools - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://schools-roads-and-transport.devon.gov.uk) for more information on Marshals and other free road safety measures

More information for schools about the School Crossing Patrol vacant site process is here [SCP-Information for schools - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://scp-information-for-schools-roads-and-transport.devon.gov.uk)



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