



All through edition: Spring Term 1 Week 6

9th February 2024

Dear Dartmouth Academy Community,

As we reach the end of this term, it brings us great joy to congratulate our exceptional pupils on their hard work, resilience, and achievements. Your dedication to learning and growth has truly made this term a success, and we applaud each one of you. This is particularly true for our Year 11 pupils who have completed their PPE assessments and are showing promising progress towards their GCSEs.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the parents for your support throughout these months. Your involvement, encouragement, and partnership with us contribute significantly to the overall success of our pupils. Thank you for being an integral part of our Dartmouth Academy family. The Primary disco was testament to this last night where pupils had a fantastic time dancing away to DJ OC!

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Parent Forum on Wednesday, your thoughts and ideas are invaluable. Discussions were had about trips and visits, the school values, behaviour routines and uniform. Actions on these will be fed back in due course.

Now, as we approach the well-deserved half-term break, we wish each family a rejuvenating and restful time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead on Monday 19th February. Until then, enjoy the break.

Have a lovely half term

The Dartmouth team

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Dates for the diary

February

12th – 18th – Half Term

20th – ESW Yr.5 Art Workshop

28th – Yr.11 Parents' Evening

March

4th – 15th – Assessment Fortnight

7th – World Book Day

18th – School Closed staff training

19th – House Cake Sale

27th – ESW Yr.5 Science workshop

29th – Easter Holidays

April

15th – Back to school

16th – ESW Yr.5 Maths Challenge

17th – Whole School Photo

17th – Yr.10 Parents' Evening

18th – Winning House Muffi

24th & 25th – Yr.11 Photography GCSE

30th & 1st – Yr.11 Art GCSE

May

2nd – Yr.10 Dawlish Trip

6th – Bank Holiday

10th – Yr.11 GCSEs start

13th – Yr.6 SATs Week

Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by
Year Group:

Reception – 92.4%

Year 1 – 94.5%

Year 2 – 91.7%

Year 3 – 93%

Year 4 – 94%

Year 5 – 91.8%

Year 6 – 94.9%

School attendance for
the year so far is
currently

91.3 %

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

Primary celebrations

'Stars in our eyes'

Toby P & Theo TD – Nursery

Albert F & Ralphine J - Reception

Scarlett W & Astrid B - Class 1/2

Kirsty-May S & Poppy P - Class 2/3

Josh T & Ben R - Class 4

Millie W & Max WH - Class 5

Max O & Barnaby C - Class 6



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Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by Year Group:

Year 7 – 94.2%

Year 8 – 89.7%

Year 9 – 91.3%

Year 10 – 89.3%

Year 11 – 84.3%

School attendance for the year so far is currently

91.3 %

Thank you for supporting our target of 96%

Secondary celebrations

Seneca Leader Board

1st – Ahmed S & Oscar M

2nd – Finn SGK & Lauren P

3rd – Harley B & Eboney H

4th – Nicole L & Harry S

5th – Ned M & Ben T

6th – Amelie Y & Josephfine N

7th – Emelia T & Rico W

8th – Dion M & Ruby D

9th – Ann P & Nataniel Z

10th – Olly C & Lucas D



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Fundraiser for Borneo Expedition 2025

After a month of quietly recovering from the Christmas fundraising, the Borneo team are revving up again.

The two big events we have planned are a series of bingos and a sponsored walk. The bingos will take place every month at Dartmouth Academy, on Friday evenings, and the team are on a rota to be on hand to serve teas, coffees, cakes and to make you welcome. Please see the attached poster.

The second big event is the sponsored walk. We have been granted a license to carry collection buckets, on our eight mile walk from Torquay to Brixham. This will be on July 16th. We are also collecting sponsorship, so each team member has a sponsorship form, please give generously.

In other news, Myla and Liam have cycled over 150 miles as part of their 681-mile cycling fundraiser – they are cycling the length of Borneo. Mille has fundraised more than a quarter of what she needs so far with her business, Millie's Treats, selling to her family and friends – please order from her! Willow has been planning car boot and bric a brac sales. Oscar has raised a large sum of money by doing a raffle and selling football scratch cards. Ned has been working at the pub and selling at stalls and raised his next payment, all by himself. Alec has a job in the shoe shop in town, please go and say Hi to him. Lily has been writing sponsorship letters and has raised a good chunk of money and is looking for a job. Emma and Maisie P have their next quiz night planned for March, please come along for a top night of fun and a meal, Charlotte & Miya have an Easter Bingo planned for April – please keep an eye on newsletters for the posters in the next few weeks. Charlotte is still dog walking and baby-sitting, that will continue all the way through the fundraising period. Miya is making valentines jewellery to add to her collection, this month she has made heart earrings and pink bracelets. Ashton is still running!!! Keep going Ashton! Yard Park in Dartmouth have been looking after us, and printing our sponsorship t shirts for us – thank you to them for being so supportive.

All the pupils are making their own way through the fundraising process, but with some big events planned as a team, the excitement is building.

If you would like to donate to the whole school Borneo Team, please do so at:

Account Name: Education South West

18412868 Account Number

30-94-72 Sort Code

Reference: Borneo 2025

Site Security and pupil supervision

We would like to remind you of the following times:

Primary Gate unlocks at 8.40am and locks at 3.30pm

Primary children in class 4 and below **MUST** be accompanied into school by an adult.

Collection from clubs after school will now be through the Cube doors.

Miranda's after school club drop off & collection is through the Nursery green gate.

Secondary Gate unlocks at 8.30am – **pupils are not supervised onsite until 8.40am**

Car Park

When using the carpark, please exercise extreme caution while driving in the school carpark. The safety of our children is of utmost importance, and we kindly request everyone to adhere to the speed limit of 5mph or less, follow designated lanes, park considerately which means **no double parking, blocking vehicles in, stopping where there are traffic cones or near the chevrons by the Zebra crossing on Milton Lane and above all be mindful of pedestrians.**

Your cooperation ensures a secure environment for all. Please help us all prioritize the well-being of our school community.



What have we been up to:

Early Years have been finding out all about the work of the RNLI. As well as the informative and inspiring Reception trip to Dartmouth RNLI, the children have also thought about how they need to keep safe near water.

We painted pictures of lifeboats using coloured pastels and experimented with a paint called "brusho" to create effective pictures.

Dartmouth Academy are incredibly grateful to all the volunteer crew at Dart Lifeboat who gave up their time at the station to help the children and show us what they do, particularly Chris, Tati, Stu and Kev for working with the children on various activities. We all had a fantastic morning. A "Thank you" also to Kayleigh and Anne-Marie as well as Sonia for volunteering to join us for the morning.

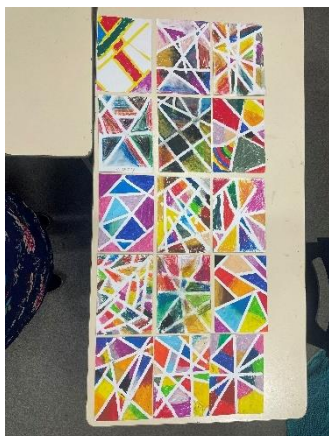


Class 2/3 have produced their own "sliders" in DT to create an eye-catching image, with a background and foreground. Each pupil designed a scenic background and then made a character on a stick to slide along the scene. What fabulous engineering skills and imaginations they have!

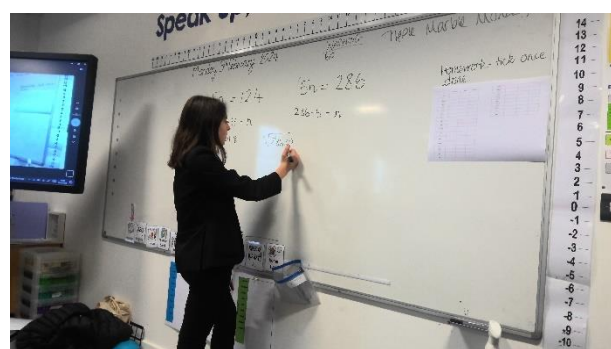
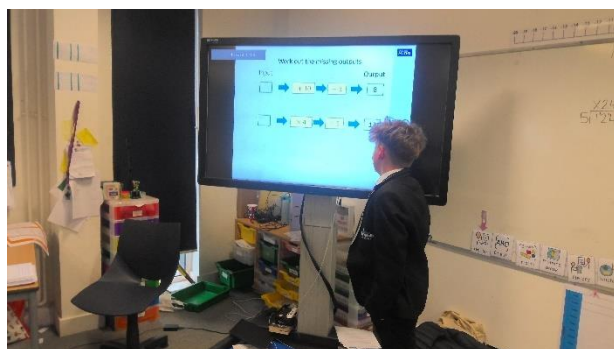


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Creative club loved using washi tape and pastels to create these beautiful works of art! Thanks to Millie and Seren in year 9 who are helping us in creative club as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.



In Year 6, the pupils have become the teacher and have taught maths concepts. They have demonstrated a brilliant understanding of algebra this week and are already creating their own expressions whilst considering the inverse of operations.





Dartmouth Academy Friends (DAF)

We are looking for the following volunteers to join our friendly DAF team and bring new and exciting ideas to help raise funds for the children of Dartmouth Academy.

Chair

Treasurer

If you would like to know more about these roles, please contact reception on 01803839700 or email admin@dartmouthacademy.org.uk



DARTMOUTH RFC TAG RUGBY IS ON THE MOVE.

The popular and successful Tag Rugby sessions which are normally held at the Dartmouth Academy school on a Thursday are moving to a Sunday at 10am on Norton Field, which is next to Dartmouth Leisure Centre.

The last Tag Rugby session at the Academy playing fields will be held on THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024 and there after will be held on Norton Field at 10am from SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024.

The gap in the dates are due to it being half term.

Players from Dartmouth Rugby club will be assisting coach Lee Chase on a Sunday. However, if there are any parents who would also like to assist, please come along and introduce yourself to Coach Lee.

Emails have been sent out to the parents involved, but if you require any further information please contact Coach Lee Chase via email.

leechase8@gmail.com



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BRITANNIA AVENUE & DAVIS ROAD PLAY PARK TEMPORARY CLOSURE NOTICE

YEAH!

Great News

Following consultation and fundraising,
the play park is set to have new
landscaping and a new basket swing
installed.

These works will take place during
February and March and will mean that the
park will have to close during that time.
We apologise for any inconvenience.

WATCH THIS SPACE



**THANK
YOU**

TQ6 Community Partnership, Dartmouth Town Council,
South Hams District Council (Section 106), Councillor Ged
Vardy and Councillor Ben Cooper for contributing
financially to help make this project happen.

For more information please contact:

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KINGSBRIDGE GYM CLUB

GYMCLUSIVE SEN HOLIDAY CLUB

THURSDAY 15TH FEB

4PM - 5:30PM

DROP IN SOFT PLAY GYM SESSION

£6 + £4 PER SIBLING

PARENTS / CARERS MUST STAY AND PLAY

NO NEED TO BOOK

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
annie@kingsbridgegymclub.co.uk

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL FUN DAYS



THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

VENUE: DARTMOUTH FC, TQ6 9LW

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

VENUE: KEVICC, TOTNES TQ9 5JX

Age 5-14
10am-3pm



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A D V E N T U R E D A Y S

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOREST DAYS WITH ARCHERY

Including:

ARCHERY	SAUSAGES
WHITTLING	HOT CHOCOLATE
FIRE LIGHTING	TOASTING MARSHMALLOWS
CLAY MODELLING	TIME TO PLAY AND
MUD KITCHEN	EXPLORE IN THE
MASTER CHEF	WOODS

FaBruary Half Term!

Tues 13th, Weds 14th Feb

Easter!

Tues 2nd April, Weds 3rd April
Tues 9th April, Weds 10th April



Book ONLINE AT www.forestandbeach.co.uk

HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY MINDS

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Wild Embers SEND Holiday Clubs



Our holiday club involves a range of activities designed to promote and enhance SEMH (social emotional mental health) and support children with high support needs by fostering a community of learners through resilience building and creative projects, from fire lighting, to clay modelling, to outdoor cooking and nature identification.

HELD IN DARTINGTON

April 2nd; April 4th; May 28th & May 29th

Cost: Minium donation of £5

Bookings: email admin@wildembers.org



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