

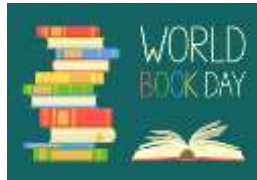


Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy few weeks we have had here at Durham Lane. It has been so lovely to see our school come back together as one big family. From singing together in the hall, to fund raising for Ukraine and having the opportunity to participate in sporting events, it has been truly magical to see our little community school come back to life!

World Book Day/ Book Swap

On Thursday 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day and we even managed to dress up this year! Thank you so much to everyone who also participated in the 'Love to Read' challenge and well done to all of our winners.



Key dates

- 18th March – Red Nose day
- 21st March – Odd Socks day
- 30th March and 4th April Parents' Evenings
- 8th April break up for Easter holidays
- 25th April return to school
- 27th May – Queen's Jubilee Party
- PD days 6th June and 21st July 2022
- 18th June - Summer Fayre

Themed Lunch Days

- Wednesday 6th April - Oriental day
- Thursday 19th May - American Day
- Friday 27th May - Jubilee lunch – street party

Sporting Events

Last week, some children have been very busy attending sports events! On Wednesday afternoon, some girls from Year 5 and 6 went to Durham University to take part in an Eaglescliffe Schools' cluster Netball Competition. The self-named 'Hotdogs' team showed fantastic sportsmanship and Miss Hugill was blown away by their positive attitudes and the effort they all put in to a sport they hadn't experienced before! The rules can be complicated, but they all listened carefully to the leaders and were netball experts by the end! Well done, girls!



Dance

Another exciting sport event that took place last week was the dance festival. Some children from Year 2 – Year 6 have been working very hard at Afterschool Club to create a dance routine to Grease Lightning! On Tuesday, they went to the Dance Festival led by leaders from Northfield school. The children were able to learn short routines in a range of different dance styles and then performed their routine to the rest of the schools at the end.



Thanks to Miss Hugill for accompanying both groups and encouraging them to be their best.



Friday 18th March Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back and, as always, we are more than ready to try and help those in need!

As a school community, we always recognise and support local, national and global charities and your generosity never fails to amaze us! Because we have already asked for your donations towards our Ukrainian charity, we feel that this year we do not want to over burden you all.

However, we still want to support the Red Nose Day charity as this is something our children love to get involved with. Therefore, we will simply be:

Asking the children to either dress up in red (or a colour of their choice)/wear red nose t-shirts/ wear red noses. If they want to, they can crazy up their hair!! Please make a donation of £1.50, or more if you are able. This can be made via the SchoolGateway app/ Schoolcomms or your child can bring it into school on the day.

Monday 21st March – Odd Sock Day

Each year, Down Syndrome International invites everyone across the world to wear odd socks to support World Down Syndrome Day.

The date is the 21st day of the 3rd month to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome, which causes Down Syndrome.



Parents' Consultation evenings

We would like to invite you to make an appointment to attend either a virtual consultation evening on Wednesday 30th March via Zoom or a face-to-face meeting on Monday 4th April.



Bookings for both appointments will again be via clipboards, which will be placed under the canopy every morning and evening from 21st March 2022. We are fully aware that some parents work full-time and are unable to book an appointment in person. Therefore, for those parents, we are offering the option for you to contact Mrs Ennion and Miss Bain in the school office anytime from 21st March and they will happily book a convenient appointment for you.

Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who supported 'Ukraine Support Collection – Tees'. We were overwhelmed by your support and donations. Below is a photo of just some of your donations.



Easter 'Eggstravaganza' Raffle

On Friday 25th March, we will be selling Easter raffle tickets (£1.00 a strip) via Schoolcomms, on the playground each morning or during the school day, for children to win Easter Eggs. Any egg donations will be gratefully received with all funds raised being used to buy new books for school.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition

As Easter is approaching, we thought we would get into the Easter spirit and have an egg decorating competition within school. To take part, your child should bring a hard-boiled egg to school on Monday 4th April. We will have the usual craft resources available in school (such as glue, paints, coloured paper etc.) for your child to use to decorate their egg. Additional resources can be brought in from home if you wish, though the eggs do need to be decorated **at school** and not prepared at home. There will be prizes for the best decorated eggs in each year group. Also, there will be prizes for the best eggs decorated by an adult! If you would like to enter the adult competition, then



please bring your decorated eggs to the school office on the morning of the competition. Best of luck to everyone; we look forward to seeing your eggcellent eggs!



Beat the Street

It has been lovely to hear from so many of our pupils that they have been participating in 'Beat the Street'. Physical activity can help you manage stress, improve sleep and boost your mood; getting active outdoors is even better. Why not visit [#GoExplore](#) and join in with Beat the Street. Walk, cycle or roll around town, earn some points for your team and rediscover your area.



As of Tuesday 15th March, Durham Lane was in 47th place out of 131 teams with 142 players and a total of 260 points being collected. Come on Team Durham Lane- let's see if we can move up that leaderboard!

After school clubs after Easter Holidays

Monday – Cookery Rec – Yr 2

Yr 3- Yr6 Cool for School music club with Kerriane from X Factor and Steve Smith from Yarm music school (more details to follow)

Tuesday – Relax Kids Y1-Y6

Wednesday – Dance Y2-Y6

The Queen's Jubilee Club Rec- Yr 6

Thursday – Football with Mr Sheahan Rec- Yr 2

- Stem Club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths club) – with Mrs Guest Yr 3 – Y4

Friday – Newspaper Club Y3-Y6

Thank you

Kind regards,
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