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Class Assemblies

Class assemblies take place in the main hall from 9am.

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend.

Please come through the main reception.

Class name	Assembly date
Toucans	Thurs 4th June
Robins	Thurs 11th June
Wrens	Thurs 18th June
Sparrows	Thurs 25th June
Owlets	Weds 1st July

A message from the Headteacher...

Hello all,

Firstly, thank you to everyone who either attended the community meeting on 29th April regarding traffic and parking in the local area or sent comments over to me to present to the panel. It was all really helpful and we will keep you updated on next steps.

Can I give a gentle reminder that if children incur any injuries outside of school that you please let us know ahead of them attending/ returning to school so that we can review whether a temporary risk assessment is needed and put anything in place that this may require.

Both the girls' and boys' Y6 football teams did the most spectacular job at their finals this week over at Beaumont Park football club. We're so proud of you all and thank you to Mr Caldwell and Mr Shaikh for supporting the teams through the tournament.

I also wanted to say congratulations to the whole of Y6 who tackled their SATs last week with enthusiasm and confidence. Well done! Thank you also to the Y6 staff team for working so hard to prepare them.

We raised a brilliant £543 last night at the 2 discos. We really appreciate the community engaging with these fundraising events and are grateful to the PTFA for their ongoing contribution to the school. Watch this space for details of the upcoming summer fair!

Next term and as you will hopefully have already seen on dates shared previously, we have our F1, F2, KS1 and KS2 Sports Days taking place. Look out for further information on ClassDojo. All Sports Days will be onsite at Dovelands apart from KS2 (Weds 17th June AM) which will be held at Herewoode Academy.

Have a wonderfully sunny half term break, stay cool and we look forward to seeing all children back in school on Monday 1st June. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Slinger

Vision Support Team- Information for Parents/Carers

Please click the link below and scroll to the bottom of the page to see some useful information kindly shared by the Vision Support Team.

The half term holiday could be a great time to get your child's eyes tested!

<https://www.dovelands.leicester.sch.uk/inclusion?action=saved>



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Transition Workshops

As part of our continued work with the Adult Education Service we are delighted to announce that we are holding free workshops for parents to support transition from Foundation 2 to Year 1 and from Year 6 to secondary school.

Please sign up on the events part of class dojo page. While spaces are limited now for the workshop on Wednesday 3rd June 9.30 to 11.30, we hope to be able to offer a repeat of the workshop for foundation 2 parents on the following Wednesday 10th June.

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Transition Courses



Moving Up
from
Foundation to Year 1

Do you want to know the differences between Foundation and Year 1 in preparation for your child's transition? Would you like to understand the routine of the school day? Are you keen to learn activities you can do together to develop your child's learning? If yes, then this free session is for you!

Dovelands Primary School

Day	Wednesday
Time	09:00 - 11:30
Start Date	3rd June
Sessions	1
Code	FAML708

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Moving Up from
Year 6 to Secondary

Do you want to know the differences between Year 6 and secondary school in preparation for your child's transition? Would you like to understand the routine of the school day? Are you keen to understand how you can encourage more independence? If yes, then this free session is for you!

Dovelands Primary School

Day	Wednesday
Time	09:00 - 11:30
Start Date	1st July
Sessions	1
Code	FAML709

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Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday

On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. The children had a wonderful time planting sunflower seeds and sketching wildlife in the school garden. Thank you for your support in sending in used yoghurt pots to help us be more sustainable—something we are sure Sir David would highly approve of! We hope your sunflowers are growing beautifully at home.





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A Germ's Journey

On Tuesday 5th May, our KS1 families were invited to a special assembly led by health and education researchers from De Montfort University.

The exciting session explored *A Germ's Journey*, helping children learn about the different types of germs: those that help keep our bodies healthy and those that can make us unwell. Through fun and interactive activities, children discovered how germs can travel from "toilet seat to tummy" and practised effective handwashing techniques to stop the spread of harmful germs.

The assembly introduced children to the ABCs of staying healthy:

- Antecedents – germs in the environment
- Behaviour – washing hands properly
- Consequences – keeping healthy and well

Children also received tissues from eco-conscious company CheekyPanda to encourage good hygiene habits, including blowing their noses to help prevent the spread of germs.

After the assembly, families had the opportunity to speak with the researchers and explore some of their brand-new educational resources.

Families can continue the learning at home with free resources, printable activities and hand-washing songs available at <https://www.germsjourney.com>

Thank you to all of our KS1 families who joined us for this event!





Our Dovelands ethos

At Dovelands, staff and children follow our ethos. If you would like to nominate a member of our school who embodies our ethos, please email our Deputy Head at amb@dovelands.leicester.sch.uk.



kind

Katie for showing kindness to every child in the mornings by greeting them and families warmly.

Krystle for being kind and helping LTM (lunch time manager) tidy up at lunch times - much appreciated.



respectful

Our cleaning team for showing respect to our school by keeping it clean and tidy for everyone.



brave

Sofia for starring on BBC Leicester and smashing it with very little notice - when we asked Sofia if she wanted to be brave, all of the Hummingbirds said yes for her!



aspirational

Amber for being aspirational in completing the SEND advocate course for EYFS.

Our senior leadership team for being aspirational in what we want children to achieve by putting together our foundational skills document.



belong

Julie for being welcoming and wonderful; sharing treats with staff.





Lost Scooters!

There are a few scooters that seem to live in our bicycle area and have been for quite some time! Please can you come and collect these if they belong to someone in your family. If they are not collected by Wednesday 24th June, we will sell them at the Dovelands Summer Fair on Friday 26th June.

Spotlight on UNICEF rights

At Dovelands Primary School, the UNICEF ambassadors want every child and family to understand, support and help to protect the UNICEF rights of a child.

Every month we would like to shine a spotlight on one of the rights. This month we would like to discuss **Article 12: Respect for children's views**.



Let's find out more about this right...

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. It is essential that children and young people feel valued and they should be given a safe space to share their ideas.

Let's explore...

At Dovelands Primary School we ensure that lessons incorporate pupil voice, through oracy, discussion, paired and group work. Pupils are reminded that they have 'safe' adults at school and at home who they can speak to. UNICEF, School council and Eco Warriors have representatives that can share pupils' views.

UNICEF ambassadors

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'May' in the Dovelands Garden



There's lots going on in the garden at this time of year. We have baby birds in the nesting box near the potting shed. They are pretty noisy, so listen out for them. To the right you can see a picture of lots of baby garden spiders and a bumblebee, pollinating the aquilegia (Columbine).



Pond News!

The tadpoles are growing. Many have back legs now like this one.



Here are some flowers that are blooming in the garden. Do you know what any of them are called? Answers to Mrs. Davey or Daisy ☺

See you next month!





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Do You Like to Sing?

You are invited to ..
Leics Sing Junior Choir
Come and Sing Workshop

Saturday 13th June
1.00 - 3.00 p.m.
The Haymarket Theatre
Free of charge

email **lmsing@leics.gov.uk**
to register your interest

Parents come and find out about the Leics Sing Choirs

We have lots of fabulous performances planned for the next academic year
at **The Gulldhall, The Cathedral, De Montfort Hall and The Haymarket**

Led by singing specialists each choir focuses on singing and musical skills as well
as being fun and giving your young person a chance to meet and sing with other
young singers.

Don't take our word for it here's what some of our singers and their parents say...

"I love coming to choir every week it's fun and I get to see my friends"

"I really like the music we sing"

"the choir has helped AG make friends, smile more, and rediscover joy through music."

Weekly choirs are run in Braunstone, Wigston and Clarendon Park
for more information



www.leicestershiremusicclub.org/leicssing