

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th April, 2022

Dear Parents,

We are now well underway with the summer term and there is lots going on across the school to report on.



There have been a number of exciting curriculum enhancement trips that have taken place over the past week or so. Our Ducklings children visited Audley End House & Gardens, where they had a fantastic time riding the steam train (twice!) and searching for fairy-tale characters. They also enjoyed exploring the wildlife in the Nature Garden.

Meanwhile, the children in Years 1 and 2 explored Wicken Fen this past Thursday. They were able to delve into the world of the tiny creatures that live in the nooks and crannies of this beautiful nature spot, which supplemented their 'Living Things and their Habitats' learning in science.



The children in Year 3 and 4 have been learning all about where their food comes from as a part of an enrichment day offered by Essex Agricultural Society. The children learnt all about how our food travels from 'field to fork' and also enjoyed some baking and planting. They are now excited to watch our vegetables grow and also to see which sunflower grows the tallest!

Our Kingfishers, of course, have been hard at work – particularly the year 6 children, who are in the final stages of their preparation for the upcoming SATs assessments. However, they have lots of engaging activities and events of their own to look forward to throughout June and July!

Below are some important news items and notices regarding recent and upcoming events:

KS2 SATs assessments: As mentioned, the children in Year 6 will soon be sitting their SATs assessments. The parents of this class will receive their own, more in-depth information next week, but here is an outline of the assessment timetable.

- **Monday May 9th 2022:** Spelling, punctuation and grammar (Grammar/Punctuation Test) – 45 minutes
- **Monday May 9th 2022:** Spelling, punctuation and grammar (Spelling Test) – 20 minutes
- **Tuesday May 10th 2022:** Reading Test – 60 minutes
- **Wednesday May 11th 2022:** Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) – 30 minutes
- **Wednesday May 11th 2022:** Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes
- **Thursday May 12th 2022:** Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes

KS1 SATs Assessments: Children in Year 2 also sit SATs assessments, although these look somewhat different from the Year 6 SATs assessments. They are not sat under timed conditions, and the window for these assessments to be completed is throughout the entirety of May. The Dragonflies and Minnows teachers will send out further information about this next week.

Calling All Military Families! As a part of our 'Dandelions' approach to ensuring that all of the service children in our school have the best opportunities to thrive, we are creating a 'Little Troopers' display board in our school hall. As a part of this display, we will have a large map, on which children will be able to track the location of their parents as they are away on deployment. Please do contact Mrs Bailey or the admin team if you/ your partner has an upcoming deployment – the children are really excited to showcase the different places that their parents are travelling to!

Bank Holiday: A reminder that this weekend is a bank holiday and so the school will be closed this Monday (2nd May).

Thank you for your continuing support of our school. I hope that you enjoy a lovely bank holiday weekend together.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley