

# DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents,

As September draws to a close, we've been treated to some truly beautiful autumn sunshine, making for a warm and welcoming start to the new year. The school has been full of energy and enthusiasm, with pupils embracing a wide range of exciting activities and valuable learning opportunities. Below you'll find a round-up of recent highlights from our school.

## Sustainability Day

Mrs Auty highlighted the importance of sustainable clothing and how we can help protect the environment. The children had a fantastic time showcasing their eco-friendly outfits on Debden's catwalk. In addition, the school collected donations for Oxfam, and our Courageous Advocates enjoyed receiving a Thank You certificate from them.



## Curriculum Enhancement Days

This week has been full of excitement, with Newts enjoying an Ancient Greek Day and Frogs stepping back in time for their very own Stone Age Day. Pupils came dressed in wonderful costumes and took part in a variety of fun, hands-on activities. These interactive experiences complemented their classroom learning perfectly and really brought history to life. A big thank you to the teachers for arranging these special days for our children.



## Extra-curricular opportunities

Clubs got underway last week, ranging from cross country to choir, and it has been wonderful to see the children participating with such energy and enthusiasm.

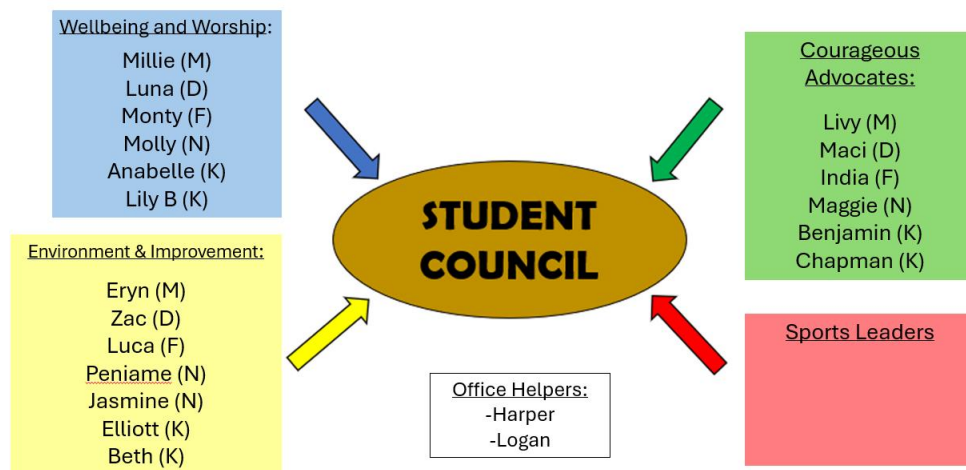


## European Day of Languages

Today we celebrated the European Day of Languages, a wonderful opportunity to embrace and enjoy the rich variety of languages and cultural diversity across our continent. The school was buzzing with enthusiasm as pupils took part in exciting activities and learning experiences that highlighted the importance of communication and cultural understanding.

## International Day of Democracy/Student Council

Last week we celebrated the International Day of Democracy, a special day to learn about fairness, respect, and having a voice. The children explored what it means to make decisions together, listened to each other's ideas, and even took part in class votes to see democracy in action. The result of this was creating our new student council committees, which I can share below.



\*Sports Leaders TBC.

## Bus Stop Carver Barracks

When the two school buses arrive in the morning at the Barracks, please can you prevent your children from crowding around the bus and standing too close to the kerb. This is extremely dangerous as the bus reverses round the corner of the pavement and Acme Bus feel this could result in a tragic accident.

Although the Passenger Assistants are present, they are not responsible for your children whilst waiting for the bus. It is the parents' responsibility to watch and control their children until they get on the bus.

We appreciate your cooperation.

## Harvest Service/ Uttlesford Food Bank Donations

We look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Service on Friday 3rd October at Debden St Mary Church, commencing at 9.20am. This year we will be supporting Uttlesford Food Bank-please bring in your donations to school next Thursday and Friday. Please see the shopping list request from Uttlesford food bank.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher

### Shopping list

Tinned Meat & Fish
Cooking & Pasta Sauces
Tinned Beans & Soup
Tinned Veg & Fruit
Coffee & Tea
UHT Milk
Cereal & Oats
Long Life Juice & Squash
Microwave Puddings
Noodles & Rice
Instant Mash & Stuffing