



DORRINGTON ACADEMY

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DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14th March – School Production of ‘ANNIE’ 7.00pm

Thursday 15th March – School Production of ‘ANNIE’ 7.00pm

Tickets still available. Please contact the school office.

Please support our hardworking and talented children and be amazed!

Tuesday 27th March – KS1 Easter Hat Parade.

9.00am in the school hall. Parents welcome. Letter to follow.

Thursday 29th March – School closes for the Easter Holiday at the usual times.

Monday 16th April – School opens for all pupils.

World Book Day

Due to the school closure, Dorrington Academy will now be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 16th March**. Join in the fun and come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

Unicef Article: 28

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 9th March 2018

This week the top classes for Attendance and Punctuality were as follows:

Attendance

KS1	1W	94.14%	KS2	6N	96.13%
REC	RJ	92.22%	Year 3	3K	94.83%
Year 1	1W	94.14%	Year 4	4N	96.00%
Year 2	2K	94.00%	Year 5	5R	94.14%
			Year 6	6N	96.13%

Punctuality

KS1 Winners	1B/2I/2A	1 LATES	KS2 Winners	4P	1 LATES
KS1 Most Lates	RC/10	8 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	6D	14 LATES

Unicef Articles: 12, 28, 29, 31

Nursery

There are circles, rectangles, squares and triangles everywhere! In Nursery this week we have been for a walk around school looking at different shapes around us. We have been singing shape songs and we have made pictures using shapes. You might have smelled a delicious aroma as our shape biscuits were cooking! Now we know how many sides and corners each shape has. Can you find any of these shapes at home?

Reception

The new topic this term is plants and growing. The children have enjoyed planting a seed and discussing how to look after it. In maths they have been learning how to create a two and three step repeating pattern using different shapes and colours. Please encourage your child to discuss with you what they have learnt.

Year 1

- 1 This week in Literacy we have looked at describing appearance and behaviour using new adjectives. We described Jim the Pirate from "The Pirates Next Door". The children have produced some super descriptions. In Numeracy, we have looked at arrays to start learning multiplication skills. The children counted arrays and then drew their own. We have also been singing times tables sings for 2, 5 and 10. In Science, we have been looking at the seasons. Please discuss seasonal changes with your child, focusing on the weather and what we might celebrate/do in that season. In PE, we have been practising our throwing and catching skills, which are definitely improving. Please remember PE is on Tuesday and Thursday and the children will need their kit for every lesson.

Year 2

- 2A This week in Literacy we have been writing up our character description for Annie ready for our production. We have used all the vocabulary that we learned last week as well as the skills of subordination and past tense in order to make an entertaining piece. In numeracy, we are recapping fractions of an amount and equivalent fractions. For our afternoon lessons, we are focusing on finishing off display pieces for the Annie exhibition which includes painting a picture of Annie and creating small felt-based Annies showing her appearance.
- 2I In 2I this week, we have been creating a felt Annie. The children cut out Annie and have used different materials to decorate her. In Literacy, we have written a character description of Annie. We have used loads of new and exciting adjectives! The children described her appearance and personality using lots of different sentence starters to make their writing more interesting. In Numeracy, we have been learning about fractions. The children have worked really hard to solve fractions of amounts. Well done!
- 2K This week in 2K we have been very busy writing our character description on Annie. They have worked super hard to include all of the different skills to write a good character description. In Numeracy we have been super busy solving fractions of amounts. The children have shown a good understanding of finding a half, a quarter and a third of an amount. The children were then moved on to finding fractions of amounts where the numerator was more than one such as two thirds and two quarters. Overall the children have worked brilliantly all week. Well done!!!

Year 3

- 3B** A fantastic week for 3B! This week in numeracy we have been exploring fractions. The children have been placing fractions on a number line and solving different problems! In literacy, in line with our Annie production, the children have been creating persuasive letters/posters/scripts. With the aim of persuading somebody to adopt them, the children have been pretending to be the best orphans they can. The children have also been gearing up towards Mother's Day, creating amazing cards for their loved ones. Well done 3B!
- 3G** What an incredibly busy week we have had! Our Literacy work this week has been linked to the production, Annie. We have focused on including persuasive devices when creating a play script, letter or a poster. In our Numeracy lessons, we have been solving difficult 2 and 3 step word problems involving fractions. We had to read the question carefully as we had to use a few different methods to help us solve the question. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the names and locations of the different oceans in IPC! This also provided us with an opportunity to practice our map reading skills.
- 3K** This week in numeracy the children have been continuing their work with fractions. We have been ordering fractions on number lines and solving number problems involving fractions. In literacy we have been looking at persuasive texts and creating persuasive posters, letters and scripts. The children have worked really hard and produced some fantastic work. In IPC we have been learning about the climate around the world and the names and locations of the different oceans around the world. We have worked really hard this week. Well done 3K!

Year 4

- 4D** In literacy we have been writing newspaper reports, following the plot of Annie. The children have worked extremely hard and have enjoyed the topic. In numeracy we have been multiplying 3 digit numbers and doing problem solving. The children enjoyed the challenge and worked very well as a group. In science we have been investigating how temperature affects the rate of evaporation. We will be observing our investigation throughout the week before we make a conclusion.
- 4N** During our literacy lessons, we have taken on the role of a journalist and have written newspaper reports based on the search for Annie's parents. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading these. Well done! In numeracy, we have been exploring ways to multiply multiple digits. Although the questions looked challenging at first, we worked through the questions strategically and were able to multiply multiple digits up to 100. We have created an experiment to test if the temperature affects the rate of evaporation looking at fair tests and the different variables.
- 4P** In literacy, we have written our newspaper report based on our production of Annie. We have been sure to include lots of ambitious vocabulary and subordination! In numeracy, we have looked at multiplying more than 3 numbers together! In Science, we have begun our experiment to look at the different rates of evaporation. We can't wait to find out the results next week!

Year 5

- 5A** In Literacy this week, we have been writing a setting description related to Annie. The children have been including relative clauses, figurative language and subordination to describe what Annie saw as she flew across New York City. In Numeracy, we have been converting between decimals, fractions and percentages which the children have really enjoyed. In IPC, we have been continuing to design our own Greek vases.
- 5R** This week in 5R we have been learning how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages in numeracy and writing a setting description in literacy. We have also been focusing on the use of relative clauses in our writing. For our IPC work we have designed our own Greek vases and in science we have continued to study the relationship between the Sun, the Earth and the Moon.
- 5S** We have been really busy this week, creating work based on our school production of Annie. In literacy the children have been working hard describing settings of the New York skyline using figurative language. In IPC, we have been learning how to use different artistic mediums such as clay and charcoal to create desired effects. Well done 5S!

Year 6

- 6S** This week, we have completed our biographies of the short but intriguing life of Annie. We have even included a flashback opening and structured a section using bullet points. In maths, we have looked at perimeter, area and volume!
- 6D** This week 6D have been writing biographies about the character Annie from this year's production. In maths we have been learning about how to calculate area, perimeter and volume. Miss Davidson's star of the month is Amira. She has settled in really well and worked very hard in Literacy. Keep up the good work 6D.
- 6N** This week in 6N we have been writing biographies based on this year's Production, 'Annie'. This has involved using a wide range of punctuation. In maths we have been learning how to apply average mean, area, perimeter and volume to reasoning questions.

MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS

If you would like your child to walk home on their own, please ensure that you put it in writing and hand to the School Office.

If you change your Telephone Numbers or any other details please remember to let the school office know.

V-tech watches and Fidget Spinners are prohibited in school and will be confiscated.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Reminder to parents, Breakfast Club finishes at 8:50am. Can we remind all parents that Breakfast Club opens in the hall from 8.30am. Please do not bring your child to school before this time. The club is for children to purchase and eat breakfast. We cannot supervise children in the club who are not eating.

Thank you.

REMINDER – LATE CHARGES

For each child entering the late area, the parent will be charged an initial £5. For every subsequent 5 minutes thereafter, there will be a further £5 charge. For example, if a child in Key Stage 1 is in the late area at 3.30pm and is not collected until 4.00pm, this will incur a charge of £35. An invoice for the total amount will be sent to the child/children's home address within 7 days.

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