



DORRINGTON ACADEMY

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DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th October – Year 6 Consultation Evening

Please see letter for details

Thursday 17th October – Pink Day

Wear pink or red and make a donation of £1.00 to charity

Thursday 24th October – Gnome judging and fancy dress

Friday 25th October – School Closes for the Half Term

Monday 4th November – School opens for all pupils

SECONDARY SCHOOL

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the deadline for registering your child at secondary school is 31st October 2019.

If you have not already done so, please apply online at

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 20/09/2019

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

Attendance

KS1	1BC	98.40%	KS2	3D	100.00%
REC	RB	98.24%	Year 3	3D	100.00%
Year 1	1BC	98.40%	Year 4	4B	97.67%
Year 2	2A	95.17%	Year 5	5A	99.33%
			Year 6	6R	99.00%

Punctuality

KS1 Winners	RW/RB	0 LATES	KS2 Winners	5N	0 LATES
KS1 Most Lates	1BC	9 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	4R	12 LATES

Nursery

Well done to the Nursery children! Most of you can say "Goodbye" to mums and dads, put your bags away and hang up coats on the right peg! We have had a great start, playing with toys and trying out new activities. Nearly all the children can follow the routines of tidying up and sitting in a circle for snack. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning. Parents, please teach your child how to put on their coat.

Reception

Over the last two weeks the children have continued to settle in well. All of the reception teachers are really pleased with the children as they have been trying new foods during lunchtimes. On Fridays, the children have been joining in with Yoga sessions. They have had lots of fun engaging in different actions, movements and balance. Just a reminder to please label all items of your child's clothing including bags.

Year 1

Our Literacy topic this half term is 'The Gingerbread Man.' We have listened to different versions, we have been learning to retell the story and have written keywords. In Numeracy we have been identifying missing numbers and have compared different amounts. In Science the children have been finding out about body parts and their senses. Please encourage the children to talk about how they are using their senses to find out about the world around them. Reading books are now being sent home and we would like the Record and the book to be returned each Wednesday along with the Homework book. Thank you.

Year 2

This week in Literacy, we have been looking at retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have, for the first time, used a plan to write down our ideas and then we used that plan to write up our stories. In Numeracy, we have continued looking at place value and more specifically, trying to partition numbers in different ways. This will lead us on nicely to addition next week. IPC is busy with us learning more about the Great Fire of London and we recently learned why the fire spread so quickly and covered a vast area. The class is settling down well for the challenge of the year ahead! Well done, Year 2.

Year 3

We've had a great week in Year 3!! We started to look at our new IPC topic 'The Stone Age'. In Literacy we have been writing a traditional tale in the style of Little Red Riding Hood and in Maths we have been learning to round numbers to the nearest ten. We have also enjoyed our P.E lessons where we have been able to use the new trampoline and climbing wall. You've been working really hard Year 3. Keep up the good work!!

Year 4

Welcome back Year 4! This week we have discussed our school rules and all the wonderful rewards children will be able to receive throughout the year. The children have been introduced to our new topic 'The Romans' and completed a knowledge harvest based on what they already know and what they would like to find out. Also in Year 4 the children have been working hard to produce a piece of Artwork inspired by the famous artist Andy Warhol. The children designed a Roman themed print to repeat 6 times in the style of 'Pop Art'. They then used wax crayons to complete their picture. Some of these will be chosen to be displayed in the classroom and around school! Well done Year 4.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been learning how to add descriptive vocabulary to our stories, including expanded noun phrases and powerful adverbs. In Numeracy we have been multiplying decimals and in Science we have been investigating the effects of different forces. Great work Year 5!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 has started their first unit literacy - tension narratives. We are looking at what writing features authors use to create a feeling of tension in a reader and then applying these techniques to our own piece - a reworked extract from Kensuke's Kingdom when Michael and his dog are thrown overboard in a vicious storm! In numeracy, we are looking at all things place value including: reading and writing numbers and identifying the value of digits within numbers and ordering and comparing numbers. In history, we are being introduced to the time period of The Mayans and where they are placed chronologically compared to the other Ancient Civilisations previously taught.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Children wishing to come to breakfast club need to be at school between 8.30 – 8.40am. Access to the new dining hall is down the Nursery ramp. Children will be signed in by a member of staff on a daily basis so they do not need to reserve a place or attend every day. All children attending the club must purchase food for breakfast and not bring their own food. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money should be paid into school on Monday morning for the week to come.

It is important to notify the office if you wish to change your dinner choice, giving one week's notice, as dinners are ordered in advance into school and have to be paid for.

Once a choice of dinners or sandwiches from home has been decided upon, then your child should keep daily to this decision. Failure to do so may result in some children not having the hot meal they have paid for.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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