



DORRINGTON ACADEMY

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DORRINGTON NEWS: 25th October 2019

DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th October – School Closes for the Half Term
Monday 4th November – School opens for all pupils

OPEN DAY Monday 4th November 2019

There is an open day for children who will be starting in Reception in September 2020. Session times are: 9.00am – 12.00pm
1.30pm – 5.00pm

ONLINE RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATION SEPTEMBER 2020

The closing date for registering your child for a Reception Class place in September 2020 is 15th January 2020. Please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application. Offers will be sent out in April 2020.

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

Unicef Article: 28

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 18/10/2019

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

Attendance

KS1	1H	98.21%	KS2	3L/6J	98.67%
REC	RB	98.21%	Year 3	3L	98.67%
Year 1	1H	96.96%	Year 4	4R	98.28%
Year 2	2M	95.52%	Year 5	5N	98.00%
			Year 6	6J	98.67%

Punctuality

KS1 Winners	RW/2A/2M	2 LATES	KS2 Winners	4K	1 LATE
KS1 Most Lates	2I	8 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	3L	9 LATES

Nursery

In Nursery we have been continuing to look at the signs of Autumn. Our tree pictures look beautiful, decorated using real brown, yellow, red and orange leaves. We have been thinking about sounds too. Using musical instruments and other items, such as rustling newspaper, we made our own Autumn music. Why not get outside to have fun during half term, collecting leaves or splashing in puddles.

Reception

This week our focus is Black History. In Reception, we have read the story 'Handa's Surprise.' The children were then able to sequence the story and use the pictures to retell the tale. During activity time, the children have had the choice of performing different activities such as; necklace making, retelling the story with puppets, African patterns for a picnic blanket and many more. You all looked fabulous in your gnome outfits and a big thank you to all the children (and parents) who made a gnome at home for our allotment.

Year 1

In Year One, we have continued with the story of The Gingerbread Man. In literacy, we have been writing a recipe about decorating a gingerbread man using their Fred fingers, time adverbs and bossy verbs. Children enjoyed decorating their own gingerbread men and eating them afterwards! In numeracy, we have been naming and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Please ask your children to discuss what they have learnt about the shapes. We hope the children enjoy their half term break.

Year 2

We have been looking at Black History this week and we have paid particular attention to 'firsts'. We have focused on the achievements of the black community throughout history and we have researched Venus Williams' achievements in tennis. In our Guided Reading and Literacy sessions, we have learned more about her and we have then created a poster which includes a character description and a list of her achievements. During our afternoon sessions, we have been more creative by looking at call-and-response activities, creating medals, dancing and acrostic poems. Among all of this, we had our Gnome competition and it was amazing to see all of the creations! We hope this week has been a positive influence for everyone and we hope you have a great and restful half term. Well done, Year 2.

Year 3

We have had an amazing half term!! In Maths we have looked at Place Value, Column addition and subtraction and angles in shape. In Literacy we have written a traditional tale and instructions. In Science we have looked at fossils and rocks and in History we have explored the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. I'm sure you can agree that we have worked really hard!! Have a wonderful break and we'll see you back in November for some more learning!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children have been working hard learning all about Black History. The theme this year has been 'Black History Firsts' and has focused on celebrating important people in history. The children participated in a research session in the ICT suite before creating a storyboard detailing the life of John Kent - the first black police officer. The children also enjoyed the opportunity to experience African style dancing with Miss Nugent and an African proverb story telling session with Mr Hickmott.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been extremely busy learning about Black History month. Our focus in Year 5 has been the achievements of Barack Obama. The children have enjoyed researching all about Obama's life and then creating their own persuasive election campaign based on his aims for hope and progression. Do you know which number president Barack Obama was? In art we have been creating repeating patterns based on traditional Kenyan designs and in Literacy we have been learning traditional African Proverbs and even had a go at creating our own!

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been celebrating Black History. We have looked at the achievements of some famous people throughout Black History and have explored African proverbs and reggae music. We have looked in depth at The Windrush movement and subsequent recent scandal and have used our writing skills to create a newspaper article about the events. In art, we have researched the Ancient Benin Civilisation and created oil pastel drawings based on their artwork and imagery. Have a wonderful half term!

Vacancy for lunchtime Supervisor

There is a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor, working one and a quarter hours per day. For further information, please contact the school office on 0121 464 5330.

HARVEST FESTIVAL THANKS

Great Barr Food Bank has written a letter of thanks to the children, families and staff of Dorrington Academy for our food donation.

PARENT MASTER CLASSES

These classes will be taking place on the 11th and 12th November. Further details will follow week commencing 4th November 2019.

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.

"Together we are stronger"