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March's Mantra: Mistakes are opportunities for learning

Dates for your Diary

March 2024

Every Tuesday From Fri 8 th	3:15pm – 4pm Mathletics until Easter ICS multisports 3pm – 4pm for those children who have signed up
Monday 4 th	STEM Club for Y4-Y6 girls every Monday after school
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th	Parent Teacher consultation 3:20pm – 6pm
Wednesday 13 th	Parent Teacher consultation 3:20pm – 5pm
Thursday 14 th	Oulton Class School Trip – please complete the consent form on ParentApps
Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day – Non school uniform please wear red.
Thursday 21 st	Share the Learning – All parents Welcome
Friday 22 nd	2:30pm Easter Service at St. Andrews Church with Revd Andrea, all welcome
Wednesday 27 th	2:30pm Easter Hat Parade, parents welcome to walk around the village No after school club tonight

April 2024

Monday 15 th	All children Return to School
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School Communication

As we are coming towards the end of the financial year please can all parents make sure that all the accounts are paid and up to date as soon as possible – Thank you.

Schedule for After School Clubs Next Week

Monday – closing at 5:30pm as usual
Tuesday - Closing at 4pm after Mathletics
Wednesday - closing at 4pm
Thursday - closing at 5:30pm as usual
Friday - only open for ICS club and closing at 4pm

PE

PE will be outside this half term, so please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day and this should include a change of shoes and socks in case they get wet.

Goodbye

We are very sad to tell you that after 34 years of working at Great Dunham Mrs Spencer has decided to leave us at the end of the term, we wish her all the best.

Contacting staff

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher please can all email communication initially come through the office at office@grd.unity-ed.uk



Above and Beyond

Alex – for challenging himself and helping others.

Immy – for helping others and being kind to her friends.

Bella – for always being kind to others and helping in the classroom.

Bridie – for some excellent assistance with serving lunches during the week, in addition to speaking to others politely.

Ralph B – for always helping out his friends and being a kind friend when people really need it.

Ida-Mae – working so hard with her friends to be welcoming to all.

Mia – for always being happy and ready to learn.

Maths Marvel

Willow – excellent work especially with long division.

Logan – amazing number work.

Cody – for showing very clear workings out and methodology when finding percentage of numbers and applying it to problems.

Summer – showing a good effort and application when finding percentages of numbers.

Rudy – Outstanding effort learning column addition and subtraction.

Thomas – for working really hard to recognise and add coins.



Mathletics w.c 26.02.24

Bronze

Cherry G, Gabriel, Beau, Immy and Cole

Silver

Thomas and William

Gold

Ralphie C and Sophie Y

Platinum

Toby

Emerald

Dakota

Writing Certificate

Cody – for amazing handwriting and presentation.

Dottie – for using describing words in her writing.

Sophie – for some excellent language choices in a news report introduction about flooding.

Rory – for excellent structure and including the important information in a news report introduction.

Harry – for taking extra care and trying really hard with all of his presentation.

Hazel – concentrating really hard on her handwriting.

Weekly Attendance w.c 26.02.24

Our attendance target for this year is 95%

Oulton ~ 96.49%

Ranworth ~ 98.77%

Hickling ~ 96.53%

Attendance for the year

Oulton ~ 93.02%

Ranworth ~ 96.21%

Hickling ~ 95.17%

Our whole school attendance this year to date is 94.74%

National average currently is 93.8%

Your child is considered a persistent absentee if their attendance is below 90%

Swaffham Football Day

https://www.icscoaching.co.uk/booking-calendar/swaffham-soccer-school?category=e785ddaf-740a-41f9-8502-4d189b4c6fe5&referral=service_list_widget

Swaffham Multi-Sports Day

https://www.icscoaching.co.uk/booking-calendar/swaffham-multi-skills-activity-day?category=e785ddaf-740a-41f9-8502-4d189b4c6fe5&referral=service_list_widget

Ranworth Class

This week in Ranworth, we have been working on our protect 'Does adversity always make you stronger?'. We have been dissecting many different famous individuals, with their struggles and adversity and how they overcame it! We have also been using some own personal anecdotes from the class, being very sensible we have discussed whether we felt as though it made us stronger afterwards and have had quite the debate! We can't wait to show you our work and our thoughts too.

Oulton Class

In Oulton Class this week we have been practicing our handwriting to enter it for the Queen Mother's Handwriting competition. In Science we have been learning about healthy eating and as well as how to keep our pets healthy.

During our maths sessions Reception have been concentrating on using numbers up to 20 and Y1 and 2 have been learning about money and different denominations of coins. Our Outdoor Learning session was very exciting because we found a fairy tree and created a beautiful garden for the fairies using lots of natural resources which we found, such as feathers, blossom, twigs (which we made into a fairy swing) and pretty stones. We are really looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday and have enjoyed hearing about each other's ideas for costumes.

Hickling Class

This week in Hickling, the class have looked at flooding; types of flooding and what makes them worse, including who looks after different types of flooding. This has been especially apt with the recent floods that have occurred in Norfolk. Linked to this, the class have started looking at news reports about flooding and have planned their own. We have resumed our class reader as well, 'Timecruiser' by Chris Crowther, which follows the adventure of three children on the Norfolk Broads. They have travelled into the past and are now in Roman times. In maths, the focus this week has been on the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and finding percentages of numbers. Once again, the children have had a chance to complete Mathematics challenges.

Reminders

Parking outside the school; Please do not park on the yellow lines outside of school or in the car park.

Snack; Please only pack fresh fruit or vegetables in your child's bag for their break time snack.

Breakfast and After School Club; If your child is attending either breakfast or after school club please can you email the office each Monday and let Mrs Marshall know which dates your child would like to attend and if possible, for after school club when you plan to collect your child.

Name ALL uniform; Please remember to write your child's name in **all** their school uniform and PE kit, this helps staff to reunite lost clothing with your child.

Office Hours; The office is open 8:30am – 3:30pm please leave a message on the answer phone outside of these hours.

Registers; The school gate opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:45am. Registers in class are taken at 8:45am. If you arrive after 8:45am you will need to buzz the office and your child will be marked as late with the number of minutes recorded. The registers close at 8:55am arrival at 8:55am or after will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will affect your child's attendance.

Holidays; Holiday taken during term time will not be authorised and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 being issued per child, per parent. So, for a family of four that could mean a fine of £240.00.

Wellies and Waterproofs; If possible please can all the children have wellies and waterproofs in school for outdoor learning. Their wellies and waterproofs can stay in school. Please can you name your child's wellies and waterproofs. Oulton Class Wednesday afternoon. Ranworth Class Tuesday afternoon. Hickling class Thursday afternoon.

Chewing gum and cough sweets; Chewing gum is NOT allowed in school. If your child needs cough/throat lozenge in school then these must be brought to the office in the morning so they are supervised when eating them and not shared with other children.

Nuts – We are a nut free school.

Parent Apps to download

ParentPay



Please type in ParentPay.com into a Google search.

Parent Apps Connect





You can follow us on [x@GreatDunham](https://twitter.com/x@GreatDunham). This can also be found on the first page of our website:
www.greatdunham.norfolk.sch.uk



Please find the link and QR code to the schools Facebook page below:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093610922112>

FoDS News

FoDs would like to send out a huge thank you to Oulton Class, and other pupils for their fantastic cake donations for our first fund raising event of 2024. Who knew what talented bakers we have within the school. With all your help we made an amazing £63.20!

We shall be holding the bake sale at the end of each term, taking it in turns with each class to donate their bakes. Ranworth will be next.

