



DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Best That We Can Be

FRIDAY 19TH JANURAY

Headteachers Notice

Hello Devonshire!

This week we have seen the completion of the new playground markings created by Uniplay. The new markings are intended to improve breaktimes and lunchtimes by giving the children a host of new activities to complete with each other and playtime staff.

I'd like to thank Miss Jowett, Miss Hirstwood and Ms O'Hagan for organising the work and again to Ms O'Hagan for introducing the activities to the children in our Values Assembly on Monday morning.

Our next project will be the complete rebuild of our Trim Trail. You will have noticed that, for some time, this area of the playground has been out of bounds for safety reasons. Our School Council and staff have been busy choosing a new design and the work is planned to begin on the 31st January; it is likely to take 4 weeks for installation. We are all very excited about working with Pentagon Play and being able to use the Trim Trail again!

Next week, Year 5 are looking forward to a visit from 'Humph's Histories'. The visitors will be working with the children to support our history curriculum and promise 'to bring the past to life' with their workshop. I know the children are really looking forward to some exciting and fun activities.

Also next week, on Friday, we will be holding our Devonshire Speaking Competition. This will take the form of children writing and delivering their own speech about something they are passionate about - it might be a school subject, a sport, a hobby, a style of music, a type of insect - the list is endless! The speeches will be judged and there will be prizes. I am looking forward to being one of the judges and observing the huge talent we have in school. We are also hoping to invite parents of the entrees too, so keep a watchful eye out on Class Dojo and Parentapp.

I hope you all have a safe and pleasant weekend.

Mr Simm
Headteacher

LETS SEE WHATS BUZZIN'



Devonshire Girls Football Team KICKED the Spring Term off playing in four football matches against four different schools at Stanley Park.

Although the girls didn't win, they still scored a few goals and had a BALL and we are very proud of their effort!



Monday 15th January was 'Blue Monday', said by many to be the most depressing day of the year. At Devonshire, we turned those frowns upside down and all pupils came to school wearing something that made them feel HAPPY!



Preschool have been exploring sensory play this week. Children are natural explorers – they're constantly learning and taking in what's around them.

Read more about it here:

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/blog/what-is-sensory-play-and-why-is-it-important-1/>



SNOW my goodness! Preschool made the most of the snow on Tuesday. They made footprints, snowmen and threw snowballs with their friends.



STAR OF THE WEEK



Attendance Star	Ozzie G	Class Attendance	5S
Star of the week		Super Citizen of the week	
RG	Carter F	RG	Saniya S
RM	Elsa E	RM	Jan A
1H	Kenley M	1H	Avy J
1S	Summer R	1S	Albert A
2M	Thomas R	2M	Ayaan U
2P	Aria H-B	2P	Jessica M
3H	Yasmin B	3H	Graceson I
3S	Mariam S	3S	Jasmine F
4MT	Alessia C	4MT	Freya M
4R	Lilith M	4R	Adon M
5S	Isaac M	5S	Logan P
5D	Jaxon I	5D	Adrian K
6O	Scarlet W	6O	Sainhou S
6J	Evaniya T	6J	Mason B

Word of the Week
Gaze



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 22nd January - Year 5 History Day
- Friday 26th January - Speaking Competition
- Monday 5th February - Year 5 PSCO Talk
- Thursday 8th February - Valentines Disco
- Friday 9th February - School Closes for Half Term at the Usual Time

Please see Class Dojo, Parentapp or Facebook events for more information.

Jobs

Midday Supervision Assistant
(closing date 12:00 noon on Wednesday 24th January)

Application forms can be found on Blackpool Councils Website or from the school office.



Friday 19th January
National Popcorn Day



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Devonshire's Valentine's Disco

Thursday 8th February 2024

Reception - Year 3 | 4:00 - 4:45
Year 4 - 6 | 5:00 - 5:45

£2 entry | Includes a drink and a packet of crisps

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The Volunteer Centre, in partnership with Blackpool Council are providing support to those struggling with the cost of living.

Phone us or visit us to find support with

- Food and Essentials
- Utility Bills
- Community Centre Activities
- Housing (if you're struggling with accomodation costs)
- Contacts for emotional or practical help

Call or email for any advice or information:

07554 454574
support@blackpoolvolunteers.org.uk

0808 175 9379 (freephone)
95 Abingdon Street, Blackpool, FY1 1PP

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Volunteer Centre
Blackpool Council

Learn Together course for Reception families



- ✓ Discover ways to support your child's learning
- ✓ Find out what your child learns at school
- ✓ Make resources to use at home
- ✓ Take part in fun activities with your child

Children join in last part of every session

Free 4 week course starting
Tuesday 16th January 9-11am
at Devonshire Primary

Book your place by filling in the form at
<https://bit.ly/FLLT24>

