



DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Best That We Can Be

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024

Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

We've had a lovely week at school, starting with a Year 5 workshop from 'Humph's Histories' on Monday. Mr Humpherson worked with our pupils to support our history curriculum and bring the past to life! The children really relished in learning about school life during the Victorian Period, examining artefacts and dressing up in period costumes. A big thank you to Humph's Histories for this visit that was very much enjoyed by all!

At Devonshire, we have a wide range of extra-curricular activities available. This week, our first session of Goalball Club took place. Goalball is a team sport designed specifically for athletes with vision impairment. Participants compete in teams of three, using a ball that has bells embedded inside of it. The ball is thrown by hand and never kicked and the aim is to get the ball in the opponent's net. The children had a fantastic time learning this new sport and I'd like to thank Miss Stowell for introducing it to Devonshire.

Another new activity that the pupils are enjoying is 3D Computer Club. As part of an initiative in partnership with BAE we have been loaned a fantastic 3D printer. Pupils from Years 5 and 6 have been meeting at lunchtimes to plan, design and create some fabulous 3D items. Thank you to Mr Dodding for establishing the link with BAE and running the club in his own time!

You may have noticed that our Preschool front doors have been painted once again but with a Valentine's theme this time. I'd like to thank Kirsty from 'The Way I Roll' for another brilliant piece of artwork which is perfect for our youngest pupils at Devonshire.

This afternoon I am looking forward to judging our Devonshire Speaking Competition. Pupils from Years 2 to 6 have been busy preparing their speeches to perform to myself, Reverend O'Brien and the whole school. Good luck everyone and keep your eye out for the winners!

I hope you all have a safe and pleasant weekend.

Mr Simm

Headteacher



LETS SEE WHATS BUZZIN'

On Monday, Year 5 had a visit from Humph's Histories. The children learnt what school life would have been like during the Victorian Period by examining artefacts and dressing up.



3H have been investigating how watercolours are different to acrylic and other paints. They used watercolours to create patterns and explore the technique of brush strokes.



Well CELLO there! RG have been learning about orchestras. They used items found around the classroom to make music and they made some beautiful sounds together!



Preschool have been on the move this week learning about different types of buildings. They went on a geography walk in our local area to have a closer look at the houses, shops, flats and church.



STAR OF THE WEEK



Attendance Star	McKenzie L	Class Attendance	1H
Star of the week		Super Citizen of the week	
RG	Carter B	RG	Patricija B
RM	Rebecca S	RM	Melina A
1H	Sharon B	1H	Adona E
1S	Lucas S	1S	Ethan B
2M	Ryan P	2M	Kai G
2P	Evin S	2P	Michael L
3H	Catherine G	3H	Keira F
3S	Sophia C-O	3S	Gypsy-May G
4MT	Joshua C	4MT	Lilly Rose B
4R	Glory S	4R	Adon M
5S	Ella G	5S	Aden T
5D	Zaf L	5D	Riley D
6O	Cassie B	6O	Samuel J
6J	Bobby T	6J	Ella H

Word of the Week
Scurry



Lots of busy bees.



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 2nd February - NSPCC Number Day
 - Monday 5th February - Year 5 PSCO Talk
 - Tuesday 6th February - House Reward Treat
 - Thursday 8th February - Valentines Disco
 - Thursday 8th February - Small Group of Children to a Bollywood Dance Festival
 - Friday 9th February - 5D Brass Performance for Parents
 - Friday 9th February - School Closes for Half Term at the Usual Time
- Please see Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook events for more information.

Friday 26th January.

National Freshly Squeezed Juice 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

SEND Partnership Board

Blackpool Council

Meet the SEND Team

Introduction from the Head of SEND for Blackpool Council with guest speaker from the Blackpool Better Start Partnership who support families from pregnancy to school age.

A chance for you to hear about what the service does and ask any questions you may have.

Questions can be sent in advance to local.offer@blackpool.gov.uk and will be answered during the sessions.

All questions and answers will be published after the event on the Blackpool SEND Local Offer website. Slides will be sent out after the event.

Meeting times

Wednesday 31st January 2024

Choose from

- 12.00pm
- 5.00pm
- 7.00pm

Book through [Eventbrite](#)

COMMUNITY BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB TRUST

Holiday Activity and Food

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD CAMP

If your child attends a Blackpool school and receives benefit related **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** they can access our Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camps during school holidays for free. We have HAF Camps for primary, secondary and SEND pupils.

Our action packed HAF Camp includes four hours of:

- Football
- Arts & Crafts
- Games Consoles
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Plus more activities!

MULTIPLE VENUES AND DATES

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A PLACE!

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