

# 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 have been like during the Victorian Period by examining artefacts and dressing up.



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!



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.

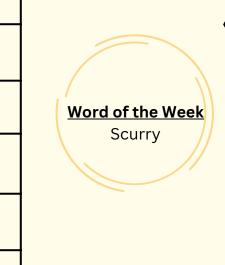


Preschool have been on the move this week learning about different types of buildings. They went on a geography walk in our local area to have a closer look at the houses, shops, flats and church.



# STAR OF CHEWEEK Attendance Star McKenzie L

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
15	Lucas S	15	Ethan B
2M	Ryan P	2M	Kai G
2P	Evin S	2P	Michael L
3H	Catherine G	3H	Keira F
35	Sophia C-O	35	Gypsy-May G
4MT	Joshua C	4MT	Lilly Rose B
4R	Glory S	4R	Adon M
55	Ella G	<b>5</b> S	Aden T
5D	Zaf L	5D	Riley D
60	Cassie B	60	Samuel J
6J	Bobby T	6J	Ella H





### **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.



<u>Friday 26th January</u> National Freshly Squeezed Juice Day







