



# DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

## The Best That We Can Be

Friday 19th April 2024

### Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

At Devonshire Primary Academy, we aim to offer as many exciting experiences as possible for our pupils. This week, another group of Reception children visited Nicky Nook in Scorton. Fortunately, the weather stayed fine and the pupils and staff had a fantastic (but exhausting) day climbing the hill and enjoying a special afternoon tea at The Apple Store Café. Thank you to all the staff involved and again to The Apple Store Café for being so kind and welcoming.

We are very proud to announce that Mrs Hornby, our Preschool Manager was nominated by a significant number of parents for the National Early Years Teacher of the Year award. This week, I received a letter informing me that the submission for the award was “outstanding” and they “recognise Mrs Hornby’s invaluable contribution to the life and success of the Devonshire Preschool”. Thank you to all the parents who made nominations and to Mrs Hornby who very much deserved to be considered for this prestigious award.

The roof repair work on the Year 6 building will be completed on Monday morning. We are therefore hopeful that the drop off and collection procedures will return to normal from Monday afternoon. I would like to thank all of our parents and families for their patience during the building work; it has been tricky to manage the change to the procedures and I appreciate the support from everyone.

On Monday next week we will be celebrating World Earth Day. Earth Day is an annual event which takes place on April 22nd to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally. The pupils at Devonshire will be completing activities on this day to learn about the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future. Thank you to Mrs Hornby for organising the event.

I hope you all have a peaceful and restful weekend.

Mr Simm  
Headteacher



## LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN'

Year 2 have worked up a real appetite taste testing couscous in preparation for their DT topic this half term!



Preschool children have been BUGging Mrs Hornby to find and study insects in the school gardens! The children were very brave gently handling the insects, in fact, they SNAILED it.



Hold on to your ANTENNAE; this will make your heart FLUTTER! 1H have been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar and, over the Easter holidays, their caterpillars have become beautiful butterflies! The children released them to the world last week.



Reception have been FLAPping about at the arrival of some Very Hungry Caterpillars in their classroom early this week. The children are observing their development and will be releasing them once they change into beautiful butterflies.



Preschool have some RIBBETING guests in class too. Children have been learning about the life cycle of a frog and observing the change from tadpole to frog. TOADally FROGsome!



We are extremely proud of Mrs Hornby who was nominated (with a significant amount of votes) for the 'Early Years Teacher Of The Year' award. Although Mrs Hornby didn't win the overall prize, she's always a winner in our eyes! We are forever grateful for Mrs Hornby's outstanding, invaluable and dedicated contribution to the life and success of Devonshire Preschool! Here she is with her certificate and she has also been asked to appear on the Best Practice website alongside other nominees. Well done, Mrs Hornby!



Can you SEA the brand new sandpit in Preschool? The children have been SHELLebrating their new delivery! Sand can help support children's development by learning how to sculpt and build whilst improving hand-eye coordination.



Reception children took a trip to Nicky Nook this week. They enjoyed a hike up to the top of the hill, a picnic and afternoon tea in the Apple Store Café. We DEW love to be outdoors.



With the launch of their new classes at Brian Rose Boxing Academy, they are offering children in Blackpool a free taster session located at Blackpool Sports Centre. To claim your child's free session, bring your child down to the class and show this email to one of the coaches.

- PE Days**
- Year 1 - Monday + Tuesday
  - 2M - Thursday + Wednesday
  - 2P - Monday + Thursday
  - 3S - Monday + Tuesday
  - 3H - Monday + Tuesday
  - 4R - Wednesday + Friday
  - 4MT - Thursday + Friday
  - 5D - Tuesday + Friday
  - 5S - Wednesday + Friday
  - Year 6 - Thursday + Friday

**Blackpool Family Hubs  
APRIL TO JULY TIMETABLE**

Reminder that the new timetable is now available online → [www.blackpool.gov.uk/FamilyHubsTimetable](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/FamilyHubsTimetable)

Whether you're looking for support or just a session for your little ones to attend, Blackpool Family Hubs are there for you!

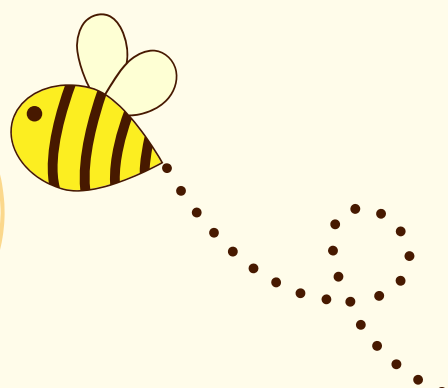
**Dates for your Diary**

- Monday 22nd April - Earth Day
- Wednesday 24th April - Preschool Farm Day
- Tuesday 30th April - Reception Group to Nicky Nook
- Tuesday 7th May - Year 1 Trip to Ribby Hall
- Thursday 9th May - Year 1 Trip to Ribby Hall
- Friday 10th May - Year 3 to the Synagogue
- Week commencing 13th May - Year 6 SATs Week
- Friday 17th May - Wear it Green Day

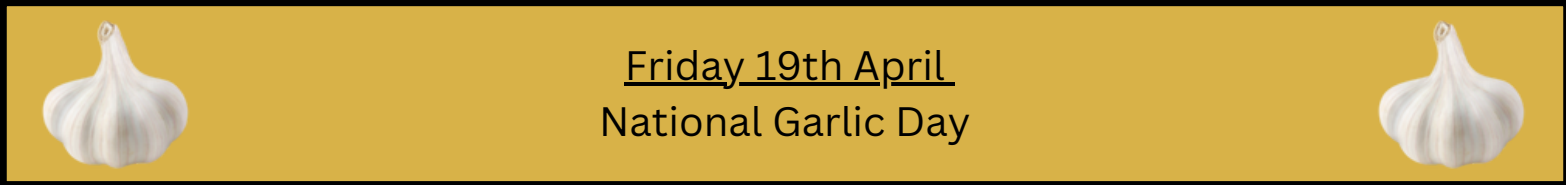
Please see Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook events for more information.

# STAR OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week  
decrepit



Attendance Star	Cassie B	Class Star	5D		
Class Star	Super Citizen	Presentation Star			
RG	Summer M-W	RG	Harmony-Rae M	RG	George A
RM	Jonnylee V	RM	Matt P	RM	Jan A
1H	Rob N	1H	Harlen A	1H	Ivan N
1S	Ava-Grace T	1S	Troy M	1S	Harry J
2M	Sienna T	2M	Ryan P	2M	Aliza W
2P	Jessica H-M	2P	Darcymarie V	2P	Gracie-Mae W-S
3H	Tommy-Lee T	3H	Yasmin B	3H	Harley H-B
3S	Harper-Rose D	3S	Jasmine F	3S	Izzy B
4MT	Tilly S	4MT	Jana A-F	4MT	Alexius C
4R	Logan S	4R	Jaz D	4R	Isabella S
5S	Emelia R	5S	Ronan S	5S	Roxanne L
5D	Leo H-B	5D	Jasmine F	5D	Aden T
60	Johan M	60	Nigel M	60	Lacey-Jo B
6J	Casey-Anne H	6J	Tao A	6J	Maxwell S



Blackpool Council  
Adult, Community and Family Learning

## Caring for Babies and Toddlers

Blackpool Learning Rooms,  
The Place, 1 Clifton Street  
Starts Tuesday 16 April  
9.30-11.30  
10 week course

On this course you will:

- ✓ Learn more about the best way to provide physical care for your baby or toddler
- ✓ Know how to keep your child safe
- ✓ Update your skills
- ✓ Work towards a qualification

This course is useful for parents or anyone planning to work or volunteer with children

Call us on 01253 478131 to book your place

Blackpool Council  
Adult Skills

## Keep up with the Kids in Maths for Year 3 & 4 families

Increase your own confidence, knowledge and skills and find out more about how to support your child's learning

- ✓ Discover ways to support your child's maths
- ✓ Find out what your child learns in maths at school
- ✓ Work with your child to develop maths skills
- ✓ Share ideas and tips to use at home
- ✓ Children join the second hour of each session

Free 4 week course starting  
Tuesday 23rd April 9.00-11.00am  
Devonshire Primary

Book your place by filling in the form at  
[bit.ly/FLMaths24](http://bit.ly/FLMaths24)

Due to health and safety we are unable to accommodate younger siblings in the session