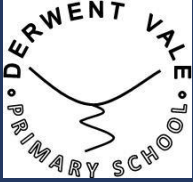
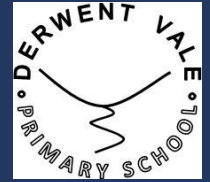


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School



Newsletter

20th January 2023



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www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk



Star of the Week

★ Nursery & Reception ★

Robyn – for using her Tizzy listening skills

★ Year 1/2 ★

George – for making a fantastic windmill independently

★ Year 3/4 ★

Gracie – for a huge improvement in her times tables

★ Year 5/6 ★

Charlie – for his hard work in class

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 97.5%

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in April or September 2023. If you have a child who will turn 3 before April or September or know someone who does, please contact the school office for an application form or more details.

We are pleased to be taking part in the SkillsBlox programme with the Primary Business Partnership this year. SkillsBlox helps to identify and build the skills which will enable our young people to flourish in the future, whichever pathways they choose. The pupils are taken on a developmental journey to build their confidence and develop their skills. SkillsBlox promotes active learning, through reflection and develops skills and knowledge while bringing children's learning to life.

We have our own SkillsBlox Advisor, someone from the local business community who will provide support and relate the learning to the world of work.

The SkillsBlox programme will also be enhanced with a passport which will allow your child to record their skills development, what they've done and how they've improved their skills and abilities over time.

SkillsBlox will be launching in our school on Monday 30th January and we will update you throughout the year with the exciting events we have planned.



Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

95.79%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.



Young Voices

We are looking forward to our trip to Young Voices on Tuesday 31st January. Children should come to school at normal time on the day wearing school trousers/leggings. If you ordered a Young Voices t-shirt for your child, these will be given to them on the day. If not, please could your child wear a white t-shirt. If your child usually has a school meal, please order a school packed lunch for them on Lunch Shop as soon as possible. If they usually bring their own packed lunch, they will need to bring this on the day. **All children** will need to bring a packed tea/snacks to eat at the arena. We will hopefully be back at school at midnight but will provide further updates on the day. Thank you.

Upcoming dates

Monday 23rd January

Years 3-6 – Multi sports

Tuesday 24th January

Years 1/2, 5/6 – Yoga

Wednesday 25th January

Years 3-6 Cookery After School Club

Tuesday 31st January

Years 4, 5, 6 – Young Voices trip

Years 1/2, 5/6 – Yoga

Wednesday 1st February

Years 3-6 Cookery After School Club

Governors' Meeting

Monday 6th February

2.45pm Fundraisers meeting

Tuesday 7th February

Year 3-6 team – Dodgeball festival

Years 1/2, 5/6 – Yoga

Wednesday 8th February

Year 3-6 team – Multi sports festival



Industrial Action

A letter was sent out to all parents/carers earlier this week following the announcement that the National Education Union are to take industrial action in the weeks ahead. The proposed dates when teachers will be on strike are:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Wednesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

We are currently in the process of carrying out risk assessments which will help to inform our decision on what will happen on the above dates and what provision we can safely offer. As soon as any decisions are made, we will provide an update. Thank you for your understanding.

Derwent Vale

COOKERY CLUB



Year 3/4 Art



YEAR 5/6

