## **Denham Green Academy News**

#### Dates for your diary

- 28th Feb-4th March Book Week
- 3rd March World Book Day/Read-a-thon/ Dress up as a magical character
- 4th March Y5 & Y6 Swimming
- 7th-11th March Careers Week
- 14th March Y6 Trip

#### Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs start again week commencing Monday 28th February (Please note we return to school on Tuesday 1st March). If your child no longer wishes to have their place please let the office know.

Monday 3:30pm-4:15pm: Construction club (Years 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Monday: 3:30pm-4:15pm: Year 1 & 2 Popstars Academy (starts Monday 17th January - Paid directly with external company)

Tuesday 7:45am-8:30am: Year 1 & 2 Multi-skills

Tuesday 3:30pm-4:15pm: Year 1 & 2 Gym Club

Wednesday 7:45am-8:30am: Year 3 & 4 Multi-skills

Wednesday 8:00am-8:30am: Year 3 Wellbeing with Mrs MacLeod

Wednesday 3:30pm-4:15pm: Year 3 & 4 Football Club

Wednesday 3:30pm-4:15pm: Year 2 Cooking Club

Thursday 3:30pm-4:15pm: Reading Club (Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Friday 7:45am-8:30am: Year 5 & 6 Multi-skills Friday 3:30pm-4:15pm: Year 5 & 6 Football Club

#### Twilight Owls

If you wish to make a booking for Twilight Owls week commencing 28th February please ensure you have sent an email to twilightowls@e-act.org.uk by 5pm on Friday 26th February.

#### Attendance

As a school, the aim is for all pupils attendance to be above 96%. High attendance is extremely important to ensure your child/ren achieve their full potential.

Whole school attendance this week: 92.5%

#### Message from Mr Nocera

Dear Parents,

What an end to the half-term!

Apologies for the late notice for closing today, however it was the right decision to take, in light of the potential dangers. Coincidentally, at 6.35am this morning, Buckinghamshire Council emailed ALL schools in Bucks to advise them to close for the day, with parts of South Bucks being upgraded on the weather warning from amber to red. So please, stay indoors and stay safe.

It's been a tumultuous end to the half-term, with some classes moving to remote learning, and many children - and staff (myself included) - being affected by Covid. So I wanted to thank all of the staff at the Academy for their relentless hard work throughout the last few weeks to ensure the Academy stayed open. Staff went above and beyond, often covering a multitude of roles within the day, to ensure we could keep the children in school, and I couldn't be more grateful or more proud of the fantastic team we have. And, as always, I'd like to thank you all for your continuous support and understanding throughout this half-term too; it genuinely means so much when we get a kind message or comment from a parent, particularly when we are all just trying to constantly do the very best for the children. And finally, the children; what superstars they have been too, coping with many changes but always with a smile on their face and a resilience we should all be proud of!

So that just leaves me to say, have a wonderful and restful half-term break, and we will see you all back on the Tuesday. Have a great break!

Mr C Nocera

#### World Book Day

At Denham Green E-Act Primary Academy 3rd March 2022

There is something magic in the air.....

A day of magic and fun where the whole school comes together to read and enjoy the different stories of magic which delight us all.

We're inviting children to dress up as wizards or witches or fairy Godmothers for the day! Children are also invited to bring in a magical book and a blanket as we will be having another read-a-thon!

Be Inspired by JK Rowling's Harry Potter, Roald Dahl's BFG, Julia Donaldson's Room on the Broom or Jill Murphy's Worst Witch and many more magic characters...



#### Dogs

Please can all parents/carers ensure that dogs are not brought onto the school premises at any time. We have a number of children who are fearful of dogs and some children may also be allergic to dogs, so please ensure dogs remain off school premises at all times.

If you're walking a dog close to school please ensure you're picking up your dogs mess.

#### Easyfundraising

Friends of Denham Green Academy is an association which raises funds for the Denham Green E-Act Primary Academy. Supporting our school means collaborating as parents and teachers we all want what is best for the children. Well-being and mental health has always been at the heart of what we do and by working together raising funds for the school we're ensuring that all children have resources to achieve their full potential both academically and personally.

To sign up and support us please follow this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ friendsofdenhamgreenacademy/

#### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on the 15th & 16th March 4pm-7pm. Please keep an eye on your emails with details how to book.

#### Staff Shout Outs

Last year Mrs MacLeod asked you all for "Shout Outs" for any staff members you would like to thank. It would be amazing to be able to refresh the display we have in the staff room. If you would like to send in a "shout out" to any of our team at DG please send a Dojo to Mrs MacLeod or email the office.

#### 5p For A Tree

The Denham Green Eco-Warrior Team, of which every child and adult in school is automatically a member, are launching a project to plant trees on the school site. We are asking for a voluntary contribution from each child of five pence a week or a penny a day!

We aspire to have each year group plant a tree by the end of the summer, and we hope to invite families to join in with an exciting tree planting celebration!

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#### **Parking**

We have received a large number of complaints from local residents regarding parking outside school during drop off and pick up times. Please do be considerate to our local residents and do not block their driveways or park on grass verges. Please also reduce your speed outside school to ensure the safety of everyone during these times.

### Friends of Denham Green Academy

Friends of Denham Green Academy will be hosting a Mothers Day Gift Sale in school when we return after half term. Details of this sale will be sent out nearer the time.

Over the Easter Holidays, they will be sending out a sponsored matchbox event. The idea of the matchbox is to fill it with as many items as you can! However, you can only put one of each item in for it to count.

There are lots of prizes to be won - so get involved! You can get as creative as you like.

Very exciting!

Please note: Friends of Denham Green Academy will now only be accepting bank transfer for these events. Cash is no longer permitted. Details on how to transfer this will be sent out in due course.

#### School Lunches

When we return after half term we will be having Week 3 of our menu.

Week commencing 7th March there will be a new menu. This menu will be emailed out and uploaded to our school website as soon as possible.

#### Children's Mental Health Week

Thank you to all the children that completed the Children's Mental Health Week homework I set. I have loved seeing their drawings. The task is still available on Class Story if the children would like to complete this task. It's a great activity for the children to reflect on their own personal growth and achievements and then think about what they would like their future goals to be.

Mrs MacLeod

#### Careers Week

On the week 7th March 2022 we are having our Careers Week. We want to inspire the children and encourage them to be aspirational. So, if you're willing to give a talk about your career, please contact Mrs Hale via the school office.