

# Denham Green Academy News

## Dates For Your Diary

- 25th March - Y6 Swimming - Water Safety Lesson
- 25th March - FODGA Mothers Day Event
- 30th March - Y6 Height and Weight Checks
- 1st April - Dress down day

## Message from Mr Nocera

Dear parents, I wanted to explain about the attendance letters some of you may have already received/will receive in the future, as I understand that it is something which can be upsetting to receive.

As an Academy, we are accountable to the Trust, as well as Buckinghamshire Council, to try to ensure that our school attendance is as high as it can be. Even without this, as an Academy, we know the importance of good attendance, and the impact this has on children's social well-being and academic outcomes. Whilst we appreciate that children will miss school during the course of a year due to illnesses and other factors, we have to demonstrate that if attendance becomes a concern, we are taking steps to address this. So when a child's percentage drops below a certain amount, this does trigger a letter from the Academy to parents. Please try to understand that this is not personal; however we do have to show that we are taking reasonable steps to address any issues around school attendance, and it is also something Ofsted will also look into. With the amount of lost time over the last few years, it is so important that the children are in school as much as possible, which is why we try to address attendance issues as and when they come up, working with parents to improve this. It's because we know how important regular attendance in school is (and also the detrimental impact poor attendance can have on pupil attainment) that we will always work with parents to address this.

## Twilight Owls

If you wish to make a booking for Twilight Owls week commencing 21st March please ensure you have sent an email to [twilightowls@e-act.org.uk](mailto:twilightowls@e-act.org.uk) by 5pm today.

## Young Carers

Young Carers Bucks is part of Carers Bucks and supports children and young people in Buckinghamshire who have a caring role.

The tasks and level of caring undertaken by young carers can vary according to the nature of the illness or disability. A young carer does not necessarily have to be providing 'hands on' care to be recognised as a young carer. Sometimes the impact of having a sibling with an illness or disability can impact on the Young Carer by making it tricky to have friends over after school for example and perhaps trying to manage difficulties with your sibling's behaviour.

School staff have been fortunate to have received staff training in identifying "Hidden Young carers within school settings" from the Young carers in schools project worker and the children have also had the opportunity to be part of a young carers schools assembly where they learnt more about the day in the life of a Young Carer and the opportunities offered at Young Carers Bucks.

The Young Carers schools project are now in a position to help set up a Young Carers Group within school, it is envisaged that the group will run half termly to support, nurture and provide a chance to socialise with other Young carers within their school.

If you feel your child has a caring role for someone in your family, then please feel free to chat to Mrs MacLeod or Mrs Hale. Where we can invite them to our first Young carers group.

## Attendance

High attendance is extremely important to ensure your child/ren achieve their full potential. Attendance is monitored over 4 weeks and if your child/ren attendance drops below 96% you will be contacted to discuss this.

Whole school attendance this week: **93.3%**

## 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.

## 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 our 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.

## Core Values Award Winners

Bella      Jude      George  
Freddie      Mason      Diana

## Proud Cloud Award Winners

AJ      Layla      Shelby  
Maria      Jack N      Mia Ha

## Star of the Week Award Winners

Natan      Tia      Finn  
Delia      Olivia

## Lunch Next Week

Due to the popularity of the 'All Day Brunch' on Tuesday, our lunch suppliers will be running Week Two again next week. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## Absences

If your child is absent from school please ensure you contact the school office in the morning. Please leave a message on the absence line even if you have sent the Teacher a message on Dojo. If your child is absent for more than one day you must call each school day.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

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: 3:15pm-4:15pm: Year 1 & 2 Popstars Academy (Paid directly with external company)**

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

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

**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 PE Club**

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

**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 PE Club**

## Parking

Please be mindful of where you park outside of school. We have received numerous complaints from local residents regarding speeding and parking. Please do not park on grass verges or with two wheels on the kerb.

## ParentPay

Please ensure you're keeping on top of ParentPay arrears. If you accrue more than £10 of debt for Breakfast Club your child/children cannot attend until this is paid.

Lunch debt must be kept under £10 also.

## Easter Disco

On Friday 8th April, FODGA are hosting an Easter Disco. Please ensure all forms are returned by Friday 25th March if you would like your child/children to attend.





# *Easter* RAFFLE

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, we are inviting children to come to school wearing their own clothing in exchange for an Easter Egg!

We will be having an Easter Egg Raffle on the last week of term (4<sup>th</sup> April-8<sup>th</sup> April). Raffle tickets are available to buy from school. 20p per ticket or £1 for a strip of 5.

All monies raised from the Easter Egg Raffle will be donated to support Ukraine.

# Mindful March 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1

Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

2

Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

3

Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

4

Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

5

Bring to mind people you care about and send love and support to them

6

Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

7

Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8

Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9

Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10

Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

11

Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12

Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13

Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14

Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15

Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16

Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17

Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18

If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

19

Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

20

Focus on what makes you and others happy today  
[dayofhappiness.net](http://dayofhappiness.net)

21

Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22

Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23

Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24

Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25

Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26

Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27

Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today



28

Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29

Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30

Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31

Discover the joy in the simple things of life



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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# FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

## WEEK TWO

Spring / Summer 2022

14/3, 4/4, 25/4, 16/5, 6/6, 27/6, 18/7

### MONDAY Authentic Italian

**Creamy Chicken Pasta Bake**  
Whole Grain Penne  
Garlic Slice  
Green Salad

### TUESDAY Family Faves

**All Day brunch**  
Hash brown,  
Sausage, beans  
bacon and toast

### WEDNESDAY Baking British

**Roast Chicken & Stuffing**  
Roasties and  
Fresh Vegetables  
Gravy

### THURSDAY Food Festival

**Beef Lasagne**  
Potato Wedges  
Rainbow Slaw

### FRIDAY Fun Day

**Baked Breaded Fish**  
Chips and  
Peas

Option 1



Option 2

**Veggie Pasta Bake**  
Whole Grain Penne  
Garlic Slice  
Green Salad



**Veggie Brunch**  
Beans, Hash brown,  
Quorn sausage,  
tomato



**Cheese & Spring Onion Pastry Slice**  
Roasties and  
Fresh Vegetables  
Gravy



**Veggie Lasagne**  
Potato Wedges  
Rainbow Slaw



**Quorn Dippers**  
Chips and  
Peas



Potatoes & Pasta

**Hot Tomato Pasta with Cheese or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Tasty Toppings available daily**



Packed Lunch

**Pick and Mix Packed Lunch**

Freshly filled sandwich or roll, healthy snack, home bake and piece of fruit (Ham, Cheese or Tuna)

The Finale

**Strawberry Jelly and Fruit**

**Chocolate & Marshmallow Cake**

**Apple Pie & Custard**

**Fruity Flapjack**



Homemade Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt and Salad available every day

