



Diptford Diary



Friday 3rd November 2017

All your up to date news about our classes!

NEWS THIS WEEK!



Thank you to everyone who made Diptford's Open day so special.

Dipper News:

We have had a very arty week in Dippers Class. We have worked on various versions of our self portraits and finally chose some very colourful ones to be displayed around the school. The children enjoyed looking in mirrors and looking at each other to be as accurate as possible.

We have also been working on sentence structure and using the Sentifix blocks to make up sentences of our own (see picture). We will be continuing to work on this over the next few weeks.

In maths the children used the maths equipment to represent two-digit numbers in different ways. It was interesting how many different ways some of the children found (see picture). We also started our new maths topic all about 2D and 3D shapes. The children found 2D shapes on the sides of 3D shapes in the classroom. See if you can find some more at home.

Year 1 children have been working on the digraph "ue" in Phonics. They have brought home a "Roll and Read" game with words that feature "oo" sounds using different digraphs. (If you don't have any dice they could pick numbers written on paper from a pile).

Friday was very exciting because Dippers reached their target for the number of Accelerated Reader quizzes passed in October and had voted for a movie as their prize. We watched "Lost and Found" which is a lovely story by Oliver Jeffers, all about friendship.

Achiever of the week: Sam for great resilience in reading.

Kingfisher News:

We have had a busy first week back after a well deserved half term in Kingfishers this week.

We have been learning all about simple and compound sentences, and coordinating conjunctions. We have learnt the acronym 'FANBOYS' to help us remember them. Can you test us on them and see how many we can remember?

In Maths, we have been learning all about multiplication. We explored our multiplication tables and noticed similarities and differences between them, which has helped us to learn our new times tables. We have learnt how to use the grid method to solve multiplication calculations and are developing this in to expanded and short multiplication.

In PE, we are now looking at dance around the world and are focusing on the Maori War Dance - The Haka. We have loved stomping around and practising our very scary facial expressions! We are in our own tribes within our class and are now creating our own Haka to scare of the other tribes!

Our reading total continues to climb and we have now read 1,453,026 words. We need to make sure we are still working on our total each week and doing lots of reading to help us take quizzes.

Achiever of the Week is Molly for her wonderful job as a Diptford Diplomat on the Open Day and for her consistent impeccable manners and empathy towards others.

Hawks News:

It has been a busy first week back in the Hawks class. The year 6 children have been taking part in bikeability, learning new skills and learning about how to keep safe on the road. Today they went for a challenging, very hilly, cycle around Diptford. All children passed and were awarded with certificates.

In English this week we wrote letters back to Arthur, who is residing in our crooked shed, we wrote to tell him about new, exciting destinations that he can journey to over the coming months. We drafted, edited and published our letters. In our new English sequence we are exploring descriptive language. We have been improving our vocabulary with adjectives, adverbials, similes and metaphors and expanding our sentences with prepositions and relative clauses.

In Maths we began work on our additive reasoning sequence, learning to confidently use a range of methods to solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems.

We have spent our afternoons enjoying Art. The children created stand-out portraits using pencil to sketch their faces and inks to make a vibrant background -these are on display in the den. We also created our wonderful winter & Christmas cards using the medium of chalk. These were sent home today.

Achiever of the week: Joe for rising to the role of ambassador and giving professional, informative tours of the school on our open day



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Little Dipper & Preschool News

Our Little Dippers have returned to school with a fabulously infectious enthusiasm towards school which has been a joy to see. This super attitude has been supported by our super new classroom which proudly opened it's doors to our youngest members of the school on Monday. We have spent this week exploring our new environment and developing the collaborative learning approach between the Reception and Pre-school children. Myself, Teresa and Paula have been over the moon with the positive relationships that are forming between the children and we've thoroughly enjoyed our first week in our new 'home'. Thank you, Little Dippers!

To continue the 'Traditional Tales' theme, we have been reading the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' this week. we have used story spoons and puppets to re-tell parts of the story and we've made amazing handprint pig paintings. The children loved covering their hands in pink paint and watching how their handprints could be manipulated to form an image of a pig. These fabulous creations are now on display in the classroom so please come and take a look!

Also this week, we have been talking about Bonfire Night and we have spent some time discussing 'Firework Safety'. The children listened and concentrated really well and were able to help Mrs Siddons make a 'Firework Safety' poster. Well done, boys and girls! If anyone wants to know how to keep safe this Bonfire Night then please ask the Little Dippers, our expert 'Firework Safety Team'.

Achiever of the Week: Sibley, for being a super star! Sibley demonstrates a fabulous attitude to school and always joins in really well. Well done, Sibley! We're very proud of you.

Reminders:

This term, Forest School will take place on a Friday afternoon for both Reception and Pre-school children.

Please can all children bring water bottles to school with them.

A polite request:

Please can the end single door of the classroom be used for pick up and drop off.

Important dates for the week ahead:

Mon 06 Nov Coombeshead Year 5 & 6 Trip

Correspondence out this week:

Hawkes – Coombeshead trip – Mon 06 Nov

Cauliflower Cards to be returned by Thurs 09 Nov