



Diptford Diary



Friday 08 Sept 2017

All your up to date news about our classes!

NEWS THIS WEEK!



A warm welcome to all everyone

Dipper News:

It was lovely to see the Year 1 and 2 children coming into school with confidence and big smiles this week.

We have kicked off the term with talking about learning attitudes and learning behaviour and how what you say about your learning can really affect the outcome. So instead of saying "I can't do it!", try saying "this may take some time and effort!" We also talked about how making mistakes can help you learn.

In English we have written a story of a girl or boy going on a journey and tried to remember our finger spaces and where full stops go! In maths we have been exploring the maths resources and talking about the place value of a number. Today the Year 1 children had lots of practice at knowing the teens numbers and how 13 is actually 10 and 3.

We are kicking off our topic of London and The Great Fire next week with a whole week of Geography and History.

Achiever this week: Rueben.P for settling in so brilliantly

Kingfisher News:

Kingfishers class have begun the new term very positively. They have been showcasing their excellent reading skills this week during our reading lessons and have already shown superb attitudes towards their learning. During maths this week, we have experimented solving calculations using different apparatus which has helped develop our understanding of numbers.

We have new cushions for our book corner (kindly donated to our class) which have already been used thoroughly to help the children focus and relax whilst enjoying their new books.

We have also learnt some new French and have been practicing our pronunciation of phrases through fun games. The children have been very enthusiastic during all lesson this week and have already displayed an amazing love of learning. We are all excited about what the future holds and I hope this enthusiasm and superb attitude towards school continues.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome I have received since joining Diptford. I am very happy and grateful to be able to teach in this wonderful school with fantastic children and look forward to my future in the school.

Achiever this week: Summer for excellent behaviour & a good attitude towards work.

Hawks News:

Hawks class have certainly started the term on a high! They have shown hawk like intelligence and focus as they worked in co-operative teams to create a motivating learning slogan. They also created stunning stained glass windows which have been displayed on our main classroom window for all to admire. Each type of hawk represents one of our co-operative teams; Red tailed Hawk, Goshawk, Sparrow hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Cooper's Hawk and Harrier Hawk. Mr Pearce our new sports coach was also very impressed by the children's enthusiasm and participation during team building skills with him, he will continue to work with the children in PE one session a week on a Wednesday morning.

The children have been working hard to apply for the all important year six school roles and classroom jobs. They have conducted mini-interviews and written formal letters to Mrs French detailing the reasons why they are the best person for their preferred position.

Hawks class also created a "Perfect Pupil" with the characteristics and learning behaviours they considered necessary to achieve and learn to their full potential. They are showing real determination in applying these in the classroom at all times. Hawks are now looking forward to an exciting and creative start to our Victorians topic next week.

Achiever this week: Max for an excellent start to year 6

Important dates for the week ahead:

Please see this week's Newsletter

Correspondence out this week:

Accelerated Read via email

School Clubs

Scholastic Magazine

Year 5 & 6 Dartington Hall trip



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Little Dipper & Preschool News

Mrs Siddons, Paula and Teresa wish to welcome the Little Dippers and their families, especially Monty, Ava, Ellis, Harriet, Leo, Aaron and Cecilia who are new members of our Little Dippers family.

What can I say? We have been incredibly impressed with all of our Little Dippers in Pre-school and Reception. All of the children have come into school with beautiful smiling faces and a wonderful enthusiasm. Thank you, boys and girls! It has made myself, Teresa and Paula very happy.

Pre-school and Reception have spent the first few days settling into school by exploring the learning environment, getting to know each other and getting to know the staff. We have had lots of fun playing with all the fabulous resources both in the Reception and Pre-school rooms. One of our favourite sessions was spent outside in our new and improved outdoor area. There are so many exciting and fun learning opportunities for the children to independently choose from and it was a delight to see the high level of involvement and the sheer joy that they were experiencing from the activities.

Each Little Dipper chose a 'bear-buddy' to stuff with a 'squish & a wish'. This buddy will accompany them on their preschool journey.

The Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their first PE session with the **Saints Southwest**. They explored a variety of movements and practiced moving into a space through fun and exciting games and activities. You all joined in very well!

Achiever this week: Monty, for being a super star at coming into school. Well done, Monty! We are very proud of you.