

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

17th May 2024



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www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk

Star of the Week

★ Nursery & Reception ★

Axel – for his brilliantly creative junk modelling

★ Year 1/2 ★

Indie – for working really well with her partner in geography

★ Year 3/4 ★

Gracie – for trying really hard with her times tables

★ Year 5/6 ★

All of Year 6 – for an amazing effort in their SATs

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 96.5%

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in September 2024 or January 2025. If you have a child who will turn 3 before September or January or know someone who does, please contact the school office for more information.

Years 3-6 Coniston Residential Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents/carers regarding the Coniston residential for Years 3-6 on Monday 20th May at 3.30pm in the school hall. Parents/carers should come to the main playground gates. It will only be a short meeting to go through the information for the trip and it is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you have. Thank you.



Feet First Walk to School Week

Our school will be taking part in the county wide Feet First 5-day Active Travel Challenge starting on **Monday 20 May** and finishing on **Friday 24 May 2024**. The challenge is for pupils and their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period, supporting sustainable active journeys on the school run.

There are prizes for everybody who completes the challenge, as well as the chance to win a whole school prize and so we would love everyone to take part and travel to school in an active way whenever possible.

We appreciate that it is not always possible for parents to walk with their children to school for the entire journey, but please be aware if you live a long way from school and need to drive you can still take part by parking further away from school and walking the last part of your journey, (Park & Stride), or by car sharing with another family. Children who use school transport during the active challenge week will also be able to collect stickers as this also helps to reduce individual car use on the school run. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

95.8%

Just below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Year 6 SATs

It has been a busy few days for Year 6 who completed their SATs this week. They have worked so hard to prepare for the tests and we are very proud of their efforts. Well done Year 6! They all enjoyed a post-SATs visit to the cinema today as a well-deserved treat.



Upcoming dates

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May

Feet First Walk to School Week

Monday 20th May

3.30pm Years 3-6 Residential parent meeting

Tuesday 21st May

Year 3/4 Forest School trip

Nursery/Reception, Year 5/6 Yoga

Year 1/2 team – Football festival

Year 1/2 Multi-Skills after school club

Wednesday 22nd May

Whole school Fusion trip

5pm Governors' meeting

Friday 24th May

Year 1/2 Cricket

3.15pm School closes for half term

Monday 3rd June

8.45am School reopens after half term

Tuesday 4th June

Year 5/6 Forest School

Year 3/4 Forest School trip

This Tuesday sees Derwent Vale visit Escape Education at our specialist site near Whitehaven! Your child will take part in 4hrs of activities exploring the forest deeper than ever before! Lunch in the woods, meeting creatures and flora, games and much more! It's going to be epic!

What to bring?

Please wear layers and bring spare clothing (a back pack is recommended). Sturdy footwear/trainers are perfect for this terrain. Wellies are fine but are not the comfiest footwear for long periods of time. All attendees are encouraged to wear long sleeves and bottoms - no shorts!

The woodland canopy and weather especially in May will likely mean we could be colder and potentially wetter than people expect. A decent jacket or coat and any waterproofs are a wise pack especially as we live in Cumbria. If the forecast is sunny or warm please still bring warm clothing.

Snacks

Please bring a refillable drinks bottle with you - we will have a supply of water on site to refill any empty bottles (we are trying our best to be sustainable!). Please can all attendees bring a snack. Simply put, food = fuel so please pack them supplies with that in mind. Packed lunch required!

Why not follow us on Instagram: [escape_education](#)

I look forward to welcoming your child to Escape Education!

John Lee