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News

It has been another busy week in school this week. Children have been busy and have really enjoyed celebrating King Charles III Coronation this afternoon. We are really proud that we are part of such an important historical event and have encouraged the children to watch the Coronation over the weekend.



Mrs Wiltshire and Miss Parker have worked with a new group of children experiencing Forest School this week. Below are the pictures to show the fun they have had.



Attendance

Whole School Attendance – 94%
Highest House – Tornado Red with 95%



We have seen a significant increase in children attending medical appointments during school time. We understand that some appointments are unavoidable during the school day however, below are list of appointments that you can make after school, on weekends and during the school holidays. If you are unable to make the appointments out of school time, please make the appointment as close to the end of the school day as possible.

- Doctors' appointments (non-urgent)
- Dentist appointments (non-urgent)
- Optician appointments (except for Ophthalmology)
- Collecting glasses
- Routine health appointments

URGENT: Year 6 SATs

Good luck to all our Year 6 children next week! You have all worked so hard and you are ready for this!

The Year 6 SATs take place next week (Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th). All Y6 children need to arrive in school by 8:15am for breakfast, which will be provided for them. Please ensure your child gets plenty of sleep this weekend and the week during the testing week.



Ready

Be ready for school, be on time and dressed appropriately with the items you need for the day.

Respectful

Listen to others, use appropriate language, look after the building and objects within. Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Safe

Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others. Be in the right place at the right time.

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Safeguarding

There are always going to be times when we have to talk to our children about a difficult topic and this is never easy. The following link provides support when you have to have these discussions with your child <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>. Remember you can always pop into school and ask for support from our inclusion team if you ever need it.



Bikes and Scooters on the playground

On the playground, staff ask your children to walk rather than use their bike or scooter. This is to avoid accidents at a busy time - please support staff by asking your children to walk and not scoot or ride. Thank you for your understanding. We also ask that parents are not riding bikes or scooters on school grounds too.



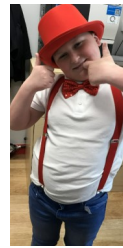
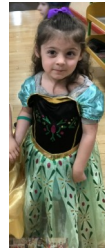
King Charles' Coronation

The children have had a fantastic afternoon celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III.



They have created art work, collage, toilet roll guardsmen, explored nature, made a time capsule, written poems and limericks to commemorate the event. The children have all produced something to be proud of and to help them remember this historical event. Work will be sent home

and displayed around school. Remember the Coronation events take place from 11am on Saturday.



Doncaster's own 'Night at the Museum'!

Ever wondered what happens when the museum closes for the night?



Join us for the Doncaster Remake Learning Festival launch event – our very own 'A Night at The Museum'!

Think **dinosaurs, fossils, science shows, real life reptiles & exhibits coming to life!**

This **FREE family event** is taking place at Danum Gallery, Library and Museum on **Thursday 25th May, 4pm-6.30pm.**

Come along and take part in:

- Meeting **Reggie Rex the animatronic dinosaur** and his ranger
- Sand digs, fossil finding and **building your own dinosaur**
- A **Reptile Rendezvous** encounter and their real life reptiles and other animals
- Joining the Earthbound misfits for their '**Juggle With Forces**' science show
- See our **steam train** and learn about Doncaster's rail heritage
- Meet the **Story Explorers** and watch them crank the starter handle and see the machine conjure up fabulous tales from out of its secret compartments
- And be careful, some of our **exhibits may even come to life!**
- **PLUS** craft activities, bookmark making, photographer workshop and much more!

There's no need to book, simply join us for free on the day to celebrate the launch of Doncaster's Remake Learning Festival, & make sure you join our [Facebook event page for updates and reminders!](#)



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Dementia Action Week

Dementia Action Week is coming up from the 15th-21st May and there are lots of events happening across the City of Doncaster.

Throughout the week, you can find events providing information, advice and activities for people with dementia as well as their carers, family, and friends. From specialist Health Bus visits, to a 'Let's Talk about Dementia Day', you can find the full list of events on [Your Life Doncaster](#).

[Dementia Action Week Events](#) - To find more support and advice for those with dementia, visit the [Your Life Doncaster Dementia webpage](#). You can also find out more about Dementia Action Week through the [Alzheimer's website](#).



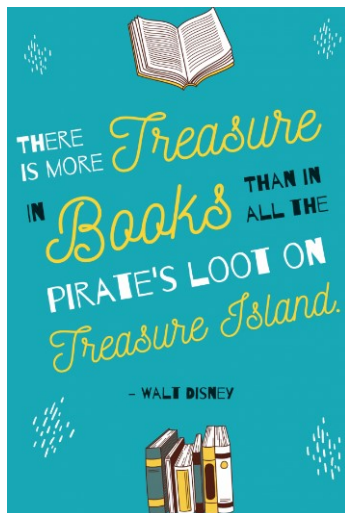
Reading at school

This week -

Total school reads - 282

Winning class

Orange Class



Crossing the Road

Driving at the front of school



Each morning and evening, Ray - our Crossing Warden - helps children to cross the road. In the last two weeks there have been three near miss incidents on the road. We check in with Ray each day if there have been any incidents and if there is anything we need to follow up.

Can we please ask parents to be mindful of children, parents and Ray crossing the roads outside school and to not park on the zig zag lines outside school as this causes an obstruction and limited visibility.

Safety is paramount on such a busy road at key times of the day.

Coronation Pledge



As part of the King's Coronation our school will be involved in the 'Big Help Out,' promoting acts of kindness and community projects. The staff and children at Balby Central would like to mark the Coronation by pledging to unite with our local community on Gresley Road.

We will focus on how talk can bring generations together by sharing stories, playing games and taking part in activities. We pledge to grow together, by nurturing and caring for plants and engaging in enterprise projects that we can gift to our local community at our summer picnic event. Ray, our Crossing Warden, will work with us on the project. Look out for more information over the coming weeks.

Anti Racism Award



We need your help!
We are working towards the Anti-Racism Award in school and would like to set up a parent working group to meet once a term, for an hour, to discuss ways to involve our local school community in the award.

If you are interested in getting involved please could you complete the Microsoft Form sent to you today via email.