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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope all our families had a lovely half-term holiday. We have a busy few weeks ahead with many festive events planned next month!

Year 5 Tag Rugby

This week our Year5 pupils took part in the SLP (Stanley Learning Partnership) Tag Rugby Competition at Consett Rugby Club. They have been working hard in PE lessons on their Tag Rugby skills and this was a great opportunity to put what they had learnt to the test. Many pupils demonstrated great sportsmanship and determination throughout the games with many examples of some excellent talent. It was fantastic to see lots of the pupils working together as a team against pupils from a wide range of local schools. Well done to all those who took part - go Team Delves!

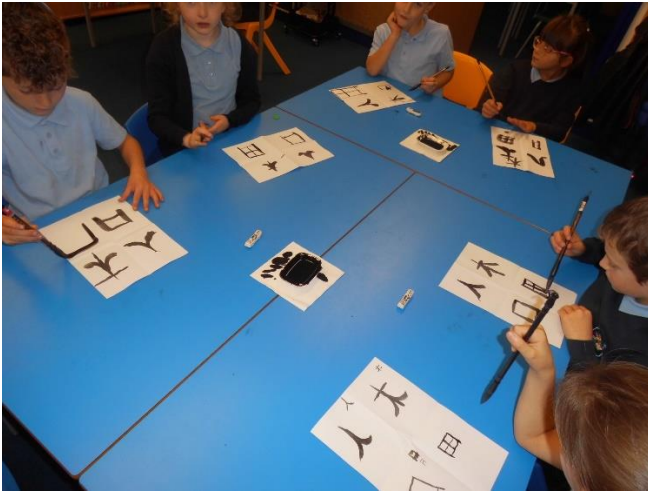


Visit from GemArts

On Monday, Jayamini from GemArts worked with our children in Year 1 (Hazel, Juniper) and Year 4 (Birch, Elm). In



Year 1, they were taught about African Culture and really enjoyed creating their own African masks, where they used all the techniques they learnt during their Art topic to create a symmetrical, colourful mask. In Year 4, Jayamini taught the children a little about China and how to write in Chinese. She demonstrated some basic characters and how to use a calligraphy brush and ink to write them. It was very tricky but they really enjoyed the challenge! She also told the children about one of the most complicated Chinese characters which had over 50 strokes - luckily, they didn't have to write that one! We look forward to welcoming Jayamini back on Tuesday to work with children in Year 2 and Year 3 next week!



Times Table Rockstars Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. **The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023.** It's all done online via play.trockstars.com.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

Remembrance Activities

This week we have been learning about Remembrance Sunday in Assemblies. Today, our classes have had a two-minute silence and have also been able to sign up to a live British Legion Assembly. They have been making some lovely poppies.



Poppy Appeal

We would like to thank all our families for all your contributions to the Poppy Appeal. Every poppy sold shows how we care about the lives of our Armed Forces community and helps the British Legion continue their vital work supporting serving and ex-serving men and women, and their families.



Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards

Please see our super Stars and Readers this week. We are very proud of all our children, well done!

Class	SOTW	ROTW
Saplings	Elsie	
Seedlings	Charlotte	
Roots	Carter	
Cherry	Casey	Harper W
Hazel	Kendal	Thomas W
Maple	Emilee	Lily-Mae
Juniper	Chloe	Kaique
Willow	Charlie	Lucas
Poplar	Malik	Evie
Birch	John-James	Michael
Elm	Judah	Layla
Pine	Kai H	Thea
Beech	Igor	Harley
Oak	Emily	Anamaria

Class Attendance Awards

Well done to **Maple, Birch and Beech** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	80.0%
Seedlings	Nursery	79.5%
Roots	Nursery	93.1%
Cherry	Reception	91.9%
Hazel	Year 1	94.0%
Maple	Year 2	95.0%
Juniper	Year 2	90.0%
Willow	Year 3	91.3%
Poplar	Year 3	86.9%
Birch	Year 4	98.4%
Elm	Year 4	91.0%
Pine	Year 5	86.4%
Beech	Year 6	96.3%
Oak	Year 6	94.0%

OPAL News



OPAL PLEA – **We are still on the hunt!** If you have any bread crates, milk crates, plastic pipes, old suitcases, cable

drums and old road signs for our OPAL provision, we would appreciate any donations. Thank you 😊



Golden Welly		
Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Adam	Hazel	Adam has been awarded the Golden Welly for having great fun in the wheelchairs with his friends. He has been giggling and laughing while playing some fantastic games! This has been lovely to see and hear! Well done Adam.
All pupils in	Oak and Beech Class	Awarded the Golden Welly for fantastic sportsmanship while playing football on Monday. This was fantastic to see - keep it up! Well done.

House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
10/11/2023	702	509	658	592

Well done, Griffin, fantastic news!

Online Safety

This week the National Online Safety guide focuses on Microtransactions. These are digital purchases made with an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content. Microtransactions are widespread in apps and games, but they raise some concerns. Please see the latest guide for parents and carers here:

<https://shorturl.at/IIP03>

Children in Need – Friday 17th November – NON-UNIFORM DAY

Next Friday, 17th November, DLPS will be supporting Children in Need. Children can come to school in NON-UNIFORM for a donation to Children in Need. You will be able to make your donation via Arbor school shop.

Anti-Bullying Day – Friday 17th November

We will also be taking part in lots of events about Anti-Bullying on Friday 17th November.

Punctuality

- It's a GREAT START to the day ON TIME, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities.
- Punctuality is linked to good attendance, and as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!
- It sets your child up for their future – whether it is college, work or university, they could lose their place or lose their job if they think it's ok to be late!

If families arrive after 8.40am they must report to the main office.

Please remember that children will be marked as late after 8.40am each day.

Contacting the School Office

If your child has a medical appointment, a copy of the letter can be emailed to

delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

If you wish to contact the office before 9.00am, we advise you do this via email or telephone, as it's a very busy time! If you would like to pop into the office, it's often quieter after 9.00am. Thank you for your support.

Calendar of Events – Important dates coming up!

Please click on the link here to find out what events are happening this year <https://t.ly/Rm0Na>

Some important dates coming up very soon:

- Remembrance Events – Friday 10th November. (In school event)
- Anti-Bullying Day – Friday 17th November
- Children-in-Need – **Non Uniform Day** on Friday 17th November
- Assessment Period – Week commencing 27th November.

Recycling/Clothes Bank

We have a clothes bank situated near our main school office. Please would you consider donating unloved clothing to the clothes bank. Donation bags can be collected from the school office. Please see the information leaflet below.



We will soon be entered into a competition alongside other schools, at the end of the competition the school who has donated the most kilograms will win a prize for the school. We would love your support to help us win this competition. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

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Mrs B Woods

Head Teacher