

Friday Flier



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This week was another busy week in our round of wonderful visits to the Natural History Museum. Class 4L visited first on Tuesday and Class 2A on Thursday.



Children in **Class 4L** attended the **Dino Scene Investigation workshop** when they

used evidence to learn more about animals which lived millions of years ago. Children handled rocks and fossils and found out how palaeontologists study specimens. After 'training' with the staff, children had to identify mystery objects. **Class 2A** enjoyed the **Super Stegosaurus Workshop** when they focussed on the most complete Stegosaurus yet discovered. The children took on the role of palaeontologists, building massive 3D Stegosaurus jigsaws and exploring the Museum's Stegosaurus face to face. The children also produced a wonderful poster which they brought back to school. All in all, more successful visits. **George** told us **"the Natural History Museum was fun! I really fun! I enjoyed seeing all the robotic dinosaurs. They looked really real!"**

Still to attend the sessions at the Museum are Years 5 and 6. Year 6 attend next week .



This week we also welcomed Florence Nightingale from the Freshwater Theatre Company to school to work with Year 2 children who are studying Florence's life and work as part of their History topic this term. Children really enjoyed this



visit; Phoebe told us **"Florence Nightingale came to visit us to tell us all about her life and I enjoyed wrapping the bandages on the soldiers"** .

Fraya said she **"learned that Florence was born in 1920 and died in 1910—I was surprised that she lived so long!"**

We are seeking your financial support for the educational school visit/ visitor programme. Children have enjoyed particularly wonderful visits this year including visits to Museums, Galleries and Theatres as well as lots of visitors to school including theatre companies and other workshops. The cost of the programme is extremely high and we need the support of all parents to help pay. As you are aware, the annual cost of the programme to parents is £39 or broken down to £13 per term, or £6.50 per half term. We thank you if you have already made your payment. If you have yet to do so, we would really appreciate your payment as soon as possible, preferably by the online payment system AGORA, or by cash or cheque to the school office. If you are unsure of your position the school office will be happy to advise you. Many thanks for your support.

Key dates for your Diary

26th May: Year 5 Sex Education programme meeting at 5.30pm in Dairsie Building

30th May—3rd June: School closed -Half term

9th June at 9.05am in the Café: Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 5 parents

13th June: Year 1 phonics assessments

14th June 3pm: Sex Ed programme meeting for Yr 6 parents.

22nd June: Sports Day— Reception to Yr 6 at the park. Low key events for Nursery children at school

23rd June: Referendum—school closed for polling

24th June: Nursery closed

7th July: Summer Open Evening

8th July: Inclusion Coffee Morning—School Nurse will be attending if you wish to speak with her

8th July: End of Year Disco Reception—Year 5

13th July: Year 6 Leavers Production for parents

14th July : Year 6 Leavers Party

15th July: HT Coffee Morning

20th July: Nursery closed for the Teddy Bears Picnic in Castle Woods.

20th July: Children break up for the Summer.

Autumn 2016-17 term starts 5th September with Monday and Tuesday 5th and 6th September as INSET Days

Events at Deansfield week beginning 23rd May 2016

Monday: Swimming gala heats for girls

Monday: No swimming for Year 4

Tuesday: 6W to Natural History Museum (packed lunch and drink please)

Wednesday: Class 6H visit the Natural History Museum (packed lunch and drink please)

Wednesday: Class 3P visit the Crofton Roman Villa (packed lunch and drink please)

Wednesday: Swimming gala heats for boys

Thursday: Swimming for 3P

Thursday: RA to the Unicorn Theatre—Lunch at school

Thursday: Class 1P to Unicorn Theatre (packed lunch and drink please)

Thursday: Sex Education programme meeting for Year 5 parents at 5.30pm in Daisie Building

Friday: RD to Unicorn Theatre (packed lunch and drink please)

Friday: Class HK visit the Crofton Roman Villa (packed lunch and drink please)

Friday: Class 3P Assembly

Attendance: Two classes share this week's Star Attendance Award—they are **Class 1P and Class RA, both with 99.7% attendance**. Well done everyone! This week's attendance is 98% and the year so far is 96.2%. Thank you for recognising the importance of sending your child into school every day.

Year 5 today visited the British Museum, looked at the wonderful artefacts in the Ancient Greek and Ancient Egyptian Galleries, and attended a workshop on 'Egyptian Mummies' where some popular misconceptions about mummies were dispelled in this interactive presentation. The children explored how studying mummies can help us understand more about ancient Egypt.

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Maths Challenge! Puzzle last time was: Spaghetti is famous for the way it all gets tangled up on the plate. Those of you who think they know their alphabet are bound to get all tangled up with this puzzle too, unless you read it and think about it very carefully! What letter of the alphabet is the one which comes eight letters before the letter which comes five letters after the fourth appearance of the first letter to occur four times in this sentence? **The solution is: "r"**. You get this by working backwards through the puzzle: the first letter to occur four times is t: What letter of T.... Five letters after the fourth "t" is the letter "p", and eight letters before that is "r".

This week's puzzle is: Tom asked his Granny how old she was. Rather than giving him a straight answer, she replied: "I have 6 children, and there are 4 years between each one and the next. I had my first child (your Uncle Peter) when I was 19. Now the youngest one (Your Auntie Jane) is 19 herself. That's all I'm telling you!" How old is Tom's Granny?

Look out for the solution next week!

MAT News: Our Governing Body met this week to consider recent Government announcements regarding academe-isation and the impact this may have for our school. We will send a letter out to parents on Monday with any further information.

Year 5 Weather Report: This is your weekly weather report for the upcoming weekend.

After a few sunny days, the weather isn't so good at the weekend. Saturday looks a bit better than Sunday. Saturday should be cloudy and 19degrees. Sunday will have showers and also 19 degrees. So Saturday is best for going out but if you're out on Sunday, take an umbrella!

The **DPA** has asked us to thank you for your support of their recent events. The really successful **Quiz Night** raised **£879.86** and the **Cake Sale** last Friday **£205.40**. Thank you for your support! The next event will be **the Queens Birthday Tea Party on Friday 10th June**. We will be in touch with more information shortly!

School Meals at Deansfield: Please remember to pay for your child's meals using our online payment system AGORA. **Meals must be paid in advance with the weekly cost being £8**. If you haven't signed up for AGORA yet, please do so. If you have any problems, please contact the school office for help.