



“Mighty oaks from little acorns grow”

Through having high expectations for all, we constantly strive to promote the overall development of all members of our school community to enable them to reach their full potential. We are a welcoming, and motivational school that nurtures and supports pupils to learn transferable skills for life-long learning.

Message from Simon Roberts

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to offer my thanks to all of our families and the wider community who have supported The Duchy School. Thank you, also, to everyone who took the time to complete the recent school improvement survey which has now closed; I look forward to investing the time in reviewing all of the thoughts and ideas shared. During the summer term, I will share how I intend to use this information to feed into our school improvement work. I hope you all have a wonderful break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 18th April.

Key Dates

We are in the process of determining key diary dates and events for the rest of this academic year – these will be communicated on the next newsletter. I can confirm now, however, that:

- The Duchy Mile has been rearranged for **Friday 28th April**. All existing timings and arrangements (including sponsorship) will apply to this new date.
- We will be hosting a parent event during the afternoon of **Friday 5th May** to celebrate the upcoming coronation – more details to follow, but for the moment save the date!

Another survey?

Yes...! Our trust's annual Parent and Carer questionnaire is now open and set to close on **Wednesday 19th April**. All thoughts are hugely valued and appreciated. **Please note the majority of these questions are multiple choice selection.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/xKPBFqh66D>


Sports Update


Cross Country


On Tuesday 21st March, 32 pupils travelled to Killerton for the second and final round of the cross-country competition for local schools. All pupils gave 100% effort in what were very sticky and slippery running conditions, and we had a high number of top-5, top-10 and top-20 finishers in the races. Duchy finished in 5th place overall, just a few points behind Sampford Peverell in 4th. Well done to all our runners and a massive thank you to all the parents, grandparents and other relatives who came to cheer the children on; your support really does make a huge difference.



Celebrations

Mathematicians of the Week		
		
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight were:		
	24.03.23	31.03.23
Acorn	Theo	Svitlana
Andrews	Margaret	Ella
Scott	Chloe	Phoebe D
Daley	Lara	Elliott
Acland	Tyler	Tom
Reynolds	Lily	Anabelle
King	Tyler	Ronnie

Stars of the Week		
		
Our stars for the last fortnight were:		
	24.03.23	31.03.23
Acorn	Albie	Elsie-Mei
Andrews	Isla	Jocelyn
Scott	Marlowe	Katy
Daley	Grace	Joey
Acland	Lela	Bailey
Reynolds	Molly	Logan
King	Joey	Alex

Questions of the Week		
		
Our impressive questioners for the last fortnight were:		
	24.03.23	31.03.23
Andrews	Meadow	Margaret
Scott	Maia	Alice
Daley	Isabella	Barnaby
Acland	Oliver	Izzy
Reynolds	Bradley	Oscar
King	Ezra	Fenn




In assembly time, we have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Daley	Isabella	For obtaining Dolphin 1 (Personal Survival) award in swimming.
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Acland	Rosie S	For achieving 1 st and 2 nd place in a recent show jumping event where she represented the school.
Reynolds	Anabelle	Winning 1 st prize in a Spring art competition held by Taunton School.
King	Orson	For obtaining Rainbow distance (1 mile) in swimming.

The Duchy Diamond Award Winners

Reception	Kaiden	
Year 1	Chloe	
Year 2	Sophie	
Year 3	Jackson	
Year 4	Marni	
Year 5	Mia	
Year 6	Esme	

Our fortnight in photos

Acorn class	Andrews class	Scott class
		
<p>In their creative lessons, children have made papier mâché Igloos and clay polar bears.</p>	<p>In PE, the children have been moving their bodies in wide, narrow and curled shapes.</p>	<p>In Design and Technology, we have been designing, creating and testing wind-powered cars.</p>
Daley class	Acland class	Reynolds class
		
<p>In Geography, we have been investigating and comparing rivers around the world. We went on a river hunt around the school to find the information we needed.</p>	<p>In Science, we have been developing our understanding of how switches work in a circuit, by creating our own.</p>	<p>In PE, we have been developing our flexibility, strength and cardio abilities through a series of circuits.</p>
King class	Year 5 Art Competition	
		
<p>In English, we have been writing our own version of Fairy Tales based on Grimm's Fairy Tales. Some of the children ended their stories not so 'happily ever after'.</p>	<p>Taunton Prep School ran an art competition for pupils in Year 5 recently and Anabelle's canvas painting was the winner!</p>	

In the community

Dear Duchy families,

THE DONKEY'S BACK! Many of you were able to join in our Christmas celebration for all ages - the Donkey Service. This Easter, the donkey's back!

This Sunday 2nd April is Palm Sunday and we're gathering for "Follow the Donkey" - a service for all ages which will begin outside the Guildhall at 10.30am with Issachar the Donkey, then walking together to St Disen's for a celebration.

See the poster attached, and have a very happy Easter!

Olly, and the team at St Disen's



Duchy Preschool, Bradninch

Filled with creativity & adventure!

Before and after school clubs for pupils of the Duchy School

Did you know that the Duchy Preschool runs before and after school clubs for children attending the Duchy School?

Currently the clubs run Monday - Thursday (with potential to open Fridays if there is the demand).

The breakfast club session starts at 7.45 am - Children are walked to the Duchy School in time for morning registration. A light breakfast is included.

The after school club session runs until 6pm - Children are collected from the Duchy School at 3.30pm and walked to preschool for an afternoon of fun activities. A light tea is included.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the Duchy Preschool on:

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