

Barley Bulletin

Friday 23rd October 2020

Weekly Attendance - Monday 19th October (COMPLETE TOMORROW)

Acacia - 93.1%	Beech - 97.9%
Ash - 88.8%	Bayberry - 86.2%
Aspen - 98.1%	Black Oak - 97.8%
Holly - 95.1%	Banyan - 94.5%
Hawthorn - 98.6%	Sugar Maple - 92.8%
Hazel - 96.5%	Spruce - 92.6%
Hemlock - 99.0%	Sweet Gum - 92.3%
	Sycamore - 92.8%

Whole School Attendance is % - Our School Target is 97%
 Winning Class - Hemlock Winning Year Group - 5

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Children, Parents & Carers,

We want to wish you all a happy half term holiday and hope that you are all well. It has been an interesting half term at DBJA and it has been truly wonderful to have all of the children back. The children have settled into the new routines well and have shown themselves to be eager and ready to learn. We have been so impressed with them and wanted you to know how proud we are of them all. These are challenging times for everyone and the resilience and positivity shown by the children has been a joy to see. We have been especially impressed with our new Year 3 children who were not able to take part in any of our usual transition work before the Summer and yet have settled in so well it is hard to believe that they are new to the school this year!

We would also like to thank the many parents and carers who have helped keep us all safe by adapting to our new Covid secure rules and routines. To every parent and carer who wears a face mask, and to every parent who recognises the importance of social distancing and 'remote' parent meetings, we thank you. You are helping us keep your children and our community safe. As we go into the half term with Tier 2 restrictions in place it is important we remember to check the guidance in the link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-high>

Please help keep our school open and your children learning by following Government guidance.



School Uniform Policy

Uniform Clarification - Our school uniform is compulsory. The clothing is easily available from high street stores. Sweatshirts, polo shirts, fleeces and cardigans with the school's logo embroidered into them are available from Castle Green, Gale Street, Dagenham. The uniform consists of the following: **Boots may only be worn in bad weather.**

Winter Uniform Expectation - White shirt, blouse or polo shirt. Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece (with/without school logo). Black trousers or skirt. White or black socks or tights. Sensible black shoes. **Boots may be worn in bad weather and all footwear should have flat heels for health and safety reasons**

Summer Uniform Expectation - (The same as winter but with the below options) Black trousers or shorts (smart, not PE shorts). Blue and white checked cotton dress. White or black socks



PE Uniform Expectation - Royal blue sweatshirt. Black jogging bottoms or shorts. Plain white tee shirt. White/black socks. Plain black trainers (no logos)

TARTAN CLOTHING IS NOT IN OUR SCHOOL POLICY

Children must not wear make-up, fake nails or nail varnish. Dyed hair, shaven heads and logos/symbols cut into the hair are **not** allowed. Coloured weaves or braids are not allowed. Long hair must be tied back. Children can wear hair accessories. These can consist of small blue/white hair ties, hair bands or hair grips which are not distracting to the child themselves or to other children.

Uniform is provided online by Uniform7 - www.uniform7.co.uk

DBJA School Holidays 2019-20

October Half Term

Break Up - Friday 23rd October 2020 (Normal Staggered Finish Times)

Return - Monday 2nd November 2020



Christmas Holiday

Break Up - Friday 18th December 2020 (Half Day/Times TBC)

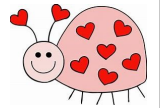
Return - Monday 4th January 2021



February Half Term

Break Up - Friday 12th February 2021

Return - Monday 22nd February 2021



Easter Holiday

Break Up - Thursday 1st April 2021 (Half Day/Times TBC)

Return - Monday 19th April 2021



May/June Half Term

Break Up - Friday 28th May 2021

Return - Monday 7th June 2021



Summer Holiday

Break Up - Thursday 22nd July 2021 (Half Day/Times TBC)

Return Date TBC



Black History Week - Monday

This year we celebrated Black History Month with each year group focusing on individual countries. This was great as it gave a wider scope of learning rather than focusing on particular individuals. The children were also able to learn about current events including the 'Black Lives Matter' protests over the summer. It was a fun week which all children enjoyed.



Year 5 - MyBank Workshop

Year 5 have been learning about money and how we can save it. We have learnt about debt, interest and saving strategies.



Year 3 - Stone Age Day - Friday 23rd October 2020

Year 3 have ended the term with a fun filled Stone Age Day. As part of their history topic, the children spent the day crushing berries to recreate how people in the Stone Age made paint. They then used the paint they made to put together a Stone Age mural. The children have also been able to create their own Stone Age villages and tools from natural outdoor materials used at the time such as rocks and sticks.



Forthcoming Events For 2019-2020

Other Events

- Children in Need - Friday 13th November
- Anti Bullying Week - Monday 16th - Friday 20th November
- Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December
- Christmas Dinner Day - Friday 11th December
- Aspirations Week - Monday 11th - Friday 15th January (Dress Up on Friday)
- Spiritual & Cultural Week - Monday 25th - Friday 29th January
- NSPCC Number Day - Friday 5th February
- Children Mental Health Week - Monday 8th—Friday 12th February
- Book Week - Monday 1st - Friday 5th March (Dress Up on Thursday)
- Red Nose Day - Friday 12th March
- Math & Science Week - Monday 15th - Friday 19th March

ARP/Walnut Class

Year 3

- Spirit of the Wild - Friday 6th November
- Carol Concert - Monday 7th December (Virtual)
- Carnival Day - Tuesday 2nd February

Year 4

- Crime & Punishment Day - Thursday 3rd December
- Carol Concert - Tuesday 8th December (Virtual)

Year 5

- Invaders Day - Thursday 19th November
- Carol Concert - Thursday 10th December (Virtual)

Year 6

- Carol Concert - Friday 11th December (Virtual)

Barking & Dagenham Catering Services - New Winter/Spring Menu 2020-2021

week 1

- BRUSSEL IN A BOWL: WEDGE, CUCUMBER IN A BOWL, BEETLE, BRUSSEL IN A BOWL, HOT FILLER JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS OR CHEESE, POTATO CORNED BEEF, MASHED POTATOES, UNLIMITED SEASONAL SALAD
- SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT OR BAKING BANANA CAKE
- CHEESE & TOMATO OR HAM & TOMATO IN HALF A BAGUETTE

week 2

- CHEESE IN A BOWL: WEDGE, CUCUMBER IN A BOWL, BEETLE, WEDDING CAKE, HOT FILLER JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS OR CHEESE, UNLIMITED SEASONAL SALAD
- SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT OR BAKING BANANA CAKE
- CHEESE & TOMATO OR HAM & TOMATO IN HALF A BAGUETTE

HALAL OPTION AVAILABLE

Cold Weather - Coat Policy

Unfortunately Summer is now a distant memory and the warm weather is disappearing. We advise parents and carers to make sure that their child begins to wear their school cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt to school due to the temperature drop. The children will be outside at break times and lunchtimes unless there is heavy rain or snow. So please ensure that they bring the correct winter school uniform and a coat to school and most importantly that it is clearly labelled.



Children in Need - Friday 13th November

On this day children will have the opportunity to show their support for Children In Need. Pupils may wear 'Spots for Pudsey' to help DBJA fundraise for the charity. There will be a cost of £1.00, and all money raised will be donated to the charity. We are still deciding on the best Covid-Safe way to manage this with minimum unnecessary contact. We will let Parents know once this has been finalised and agreed.



Year 3 - Learning News

In year 3 we have been learning how to add and subtract using the column method. In English, children have been learning how to write instructions.



Year 4 - Learning News

This term, Year 4 has been learning lots of exciting things. In English, we wrote newspaper reports about Goldilocks who kept breaking into people's homes. In Maths, we were working hard on our number and place value knowledge. We've really improved our addition and subtraction skills! In Topic, we learnt about the Romans and how they lived their lives. We even tried to make our own clay pottery! In RE, we learnt about Hindus and how they worship both at home and in the church and in Science, we learnt about the different States of Matter.



Year 5 - Learning News

In Year 5, we have been learning about factors and multiples in maths and researching about Tsunamis in Literacy reading for writing our newspapers articles. In Topic, we have been learning about types of rivers and in Science we have been learning about changing states in materials.



Year 6 - Learning News

In Year 6, we have 'hit the ground running' in our learning, getting straight into developing our place value skills and learning to multiply and divide 3-4 digits by 2 digits using written methods. In English, we have been focusing on writing newspaper articles based on natural disasters that linked with our topic unit- disasters. Our Disaster Day, earlier this term, was filled with exploring tsunamis, creating volcanoes, and building structures to withstand an earthquake. Our science, this term is all about electricity, where we have carried out many investigations to check if our predictions were accurate. In ICT, we have enjoyed exploring Google classroom.



Parents Evening - Telephone Calls

Parent Telephone Consultation are just as important this year, as they would be if Parent's were expected to attend. You would have all received your allocated date and time which you should stick to due to the tight schedule that the teachers will currently be working with. We ask that all parents make the time to take the calls. This Parents Evening is especially important after everything we have been through as a community. It will give you the chance to get feedback on how your child has settled in since returning to school, their readiness to learn and how we are supporting them to catch up on missed learning. Teachers will also discuss with you any issues around punctuality, homework, uniform/PE kit and behaviour. Never has it been more important for parents and teachers to have this dialogue.

We would like your child to be present at the time of the call. Calls will last a maximum of 10 minutes as they would if they were our traditional face-to-face meetings. If an issue arises that needs to be investigated, a follow up meeting will be arranged. We will make every effort to ensure that calls to families with more than one child do not clash but please let us know if there are any issues.



Dinner Money Debt

We have had a very large increase in dinner money debt. Going forward, the school will be contacting parents/guardians with large debt and advising that they will need to provide a packed lunch until debts are cleared. This will then minimise and reduce the numbers of debts within the school. If you feel that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals you can complete an application form which we have in the school office.



Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 16th - Friday 20th November

To raise awareness of bullying, we will be watching a special anti-bullying show video online and completing different activities throughout the week.



Year 4 - Crime and Punishment Day - Thursday 3rd December

Next term, we will be learning all about Crime and Punishment throughout different time periods. Crime and Punishment Day will be taking place on the 3rd of December. On this day, we will be able to dress up as either criminals or police officers. Then, we will try our best to solve a crime that has taken place at school. We're so excited!



Half Term Homework Winners

We have been amazed by the creativity, effort and teamwork which has clearly gone into the home-work and family projects this term. Many of the constructions have been truly astonishing. It is clear that hours of work have gone into these. Well Done to this terms winners for outstanding dedication to Home Learning!

Acacia - Zachary & Elze	Beech - Omar
Ash - Dania & Haniya	Bayberry - Dinindu
Aspen - Hollie-Rose & Sophia	Black Oak - Maria
Holly - Ananya & Michelle	Banyan - Faryat
Hawthorn - Nelson & Kevin	Sugar Maple - Ronnie & Azize
Hazel - Lissie-Mae & Aishmeen	Spruce - Kacie & Lily
Hemlock - Anastasiia & Jaida	Sweet Gum - Andreja & Ania
	Sycamore - Sienna



Virtual Class Assemblies

Due to the current pandemic, we are unable to allow parents into the school to watch the children's class assemblies. Classes will have their class assemblies recorded and these will be sent directly to parents to watch at home.

Cherry - 4th February	Beech - 19th November
Acacia - 25th March	Bayberry - 4th March
Ash - 26th November	Black Oak - 21st January
Aspen - 28th January	Banyan - 1st April
Holly - 14th January	Sugar Maple - 11th March
Hawthorn - 25th February	Spruce - 5th November
Hazel - 18th March	Sweet Gum - 3rd December
Hemlock - 12th November	Sycamore - 11th February



Bug Club Reading Winners

It is very important that you encourage your child to read at least 5 times a week. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. To encourage home reading we are introducing to new 'Bug Club' Reading Awards. This terms winners are: **Beech** - Seraiah, Dovydas & Natalie **Banyan** - Dafina, Melika & Muhammad **Sugar Maple** - Ayaandeep **Spruce** - Haleema **Sycamore** - Felisha



School Councillors 2020-2021

We are excited to announce our new School Councillors for this year!



Cherry - Kyra-Marie	Beech - Lainey
Acacia - Alex	Bayberry - Abbie
Ash - Titus	Black Oak - Brody
Aspen - Carter	Banyan - Karsten
Holly - Emma	Sugar Maple - Mia
Hawthorn - Raisa	Spruce - Pharissee
Hazel - Lissie-Mai	Sweet Gum - Hashim
Hemlock - Anastasiia	Sycamore - Albio

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all the remarkable readers, marvellous mathematicians and homework heroes who were awarded certificates and prizes in our first 'virtual' celebration assembly this week. It was so lovely to see that, in spite of the extra challenges doing anything right now brings, children and their families are as committed as ever to supporting learning at home. Therefore, in line with our school Catch Up Plan we will also be sending home half term homework to support your children during the holidays. We know that children do need some downtime over the half term break but are asking all parents and carers to support them in the half term homework challenge. We still have much lost learning to make up for!



Trick or Treat Fancy Dress Day - Friday 23rd October 2020

What a 'Spook'tacular effort from all! It was a tough decision choosing the 2 winners from each class as so many children looked fantastic!



Cherry - Kyra-Marie, Charlotte & Laney **Ash**—Autumn & Titus **Aspen** - Mason & Hollie-Rose **Acacia** - Carter & Ana Luiza **Beech** - Michael & Dovydas **Bayberry** - Layla & Jake **Banyan** - Melika & Domas **Black Oak** - Mohamed & Maria **Hawthorn** - Riley & Mason **Hemlock**—Jaida & Anastasiia **Holly** - Mikayla & Lexie **Hazel** - Lexie & Lionel **Spruce** - Kacie & Goda **Sycamore** - Sienna & Danny **Sweet Gum** - Riley & Layla **Sugar Maple** - Lily & Oliver



Moving to Secondary School in September 2021

The deadline for submitting your child's secondary school application is approaching. Please ensure you have submitted it online by the **Saturday 31st October**.



Year 5 - Invaders Day - Thursday 19th November 2020

To celebrate our Invaders topic coming up, we will be having an Invaders day in school. We will be completing different activities throughout the day.



Year 3 - Spirit of the Wild - Friday 6th November

Coming up next term, as part of year 3's science project, Spirit of the Wild will be visiting Dorothy Barley Junior. Children will be learning about how animals adapt to their surroundings whilst also being able to handle a wide variety of exotic animals.



Healthy Schools Gold Award

I am pleased to announce that at the start of this half term DBJA was awarded the Healthy Schools Gold Award for being able to demonstrate positive change in the social and emotional wellbeing of our pupils. Congratulations to everyone who was involved in working towards this prestigious award.



Virtual Carol Concerts

Year 3 - Monday 7th December

Year 5 - Thursday 10th December

Year 4 - Tuesday 8th December

Year 6 - Friday 11th December



Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

We will be having our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. All children will receive a Christmas Cracker and a gift to celebrate the occasion. Christmas Jumper Day will be on the same day, we encourage all children to participate and donate £1.00 to Save The Children UK.

