



# Dale Hall Diaries

DALE HALL COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



June 2022

## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

During this month I have been fortunate enough to offer tours to many outside visitors, as well as our standards and excellence officer, Stuart Wainwright. Every visitor has commented on the same themes- which were evident throughout. The children's classrooms are busy, calm and purposeful places to learn which adapt to suit the needs of children. Inclusion is evident, all children are on task, happy and inquisitive and can explain their learning with confidence, using a variety of subject specific vocabulary.

Mr Wainwright added "Behaviour and pupil attitudes to learning are a strength as is the school's focus on personal development for all pupils."

Our staff have worked so hard to ensure that the children are happy, safe and supported and most of all, enjoy coming to school. Next term, we will be able to offer parents the opportunity to attend share afternoons, open evenings and a new parent forum where we can discuss and debate current strengths and areas to improve. We also plan on inviting you to see your child's class assembly and our new PTA have planned Halloween discos and a Christmas fair.

Thank you for completing the parent survey concerning our parent consultation evening. We had 156 responses. We really do appreciate the time you took to feedback and we can follow up on any concerns by the end of this term. The results of the survey are below with a resounding preference for in person meetings. We have listened and we will be continuing these next term.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and feedback,

Mrs J Dedicoat

### Staffing Updates

After 13 years of teaching at Dale hall, Mrs Goodfellow will be leaving us to pursue her passion of teaching children with special educational needs. Mrs Goodfellow has been instrumental in driving forward change, new initiatives and maintaining the excellent teaching and learning standards across the school. We will miss her greatly and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work over the years.

Mrs Batten, who was covering Mrs Spalding's maternity leave, will be taking on a new role at Gusford Primary, across their early years phase. Mrs Spalding will be returning in July from her maternity leave.

Miss Bown is moving to Langer Primary School to work as family support, something she has always wanted to pursue.

With that in mind we will be welcoming Miss Watts as our new Year 3 teacher, in Owls class and Miss Davies in our inclusion support team.

### How happy were you with the meeting?

Excellent 77%      Good 23%

### Well informed about progress of your child

Yes 98%      No 2%

In person 92%      Virtual 8%

### Uniform reminder

The last few years we have been very flexible on uniform choices, shoes and PE kits due to COVID and various other constraints. However, from September we will be reverting to our original uniform regulations. If you need a reminder of what these are then please visit :



<http://www.dalehall.suffolk.sch.uk/web/uniform/220020>

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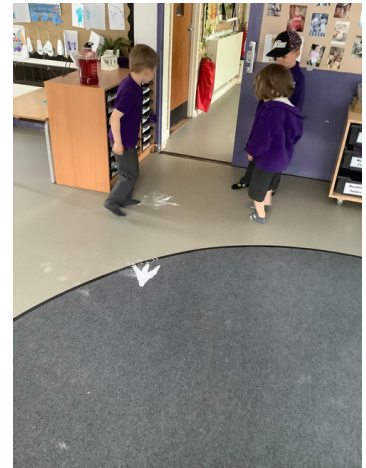
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"Learning together to challenge and achieve"

## Reception

## This Month's Highlights

**BIG NEWS** in EYFS this week- A crash was heard by Mrs Clements and the teachers before school and when we looked we found some strange looking footprints! The children came in and were really excited to find out who they might belong to. Some of the children's ideas were: an ostrich, a bog baby, a T-Rex, a lion, a leopard looking to eat beef... When we looked we found some more clues about the monster and thought about what they could mean: a red feather so it must have red fur, pink water in the toilet so it must have pink wee, footprints that were much larger than our own so it must be taller than us. This led us on to talking about monsters and beginning our new Power of Reading book 'Bedtime for Monsters' we decided that they don't always have to be 'scary.' We are looking forward to making up our own monsters and writing stories about them.



## Year One



In year 1 we have been enjoying our new story 'The Secret Sky Garden' and have explored the main character, Funni.

Funni enjoys spending her time at the top of an old airport car park and had the idea of making this into a Sky Garden for everyone to see. The children had lots of fun making their very own gardens, just like Funni, whilst thinking carefully about the different imperative verbs they used.

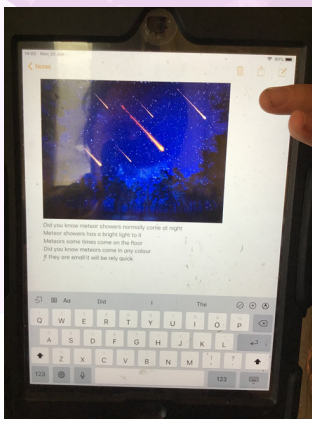
In Art, we have begun to explore the artist Yvonne Coomber and her love of wild flowers. The children are busy experimenting with different painting techniques and are excited to create their final art piece.





## Year Two

Year 2's space journey has been well under way this term. We have been learning all about Rocket and her inspiration to be an astronaut. We have created persuasive posters to encourage people to join Rocket in watching a meteor shower. During our learning the children used these skills to create their own posters and protests around their topics important to them. We have also been researching what a meteor shower is and completing investigations around the impact large meteorites have on the earth. We even found time to make space buggies using mechanisms for wheels and axles. Some of the children applied these new skills to create a moving picture.



## Year Three



Year 3 have been introduced to The Green Belt Movement. Our new book, Mama Miti has allowed us to explore Kenya and the importance plants/trees play in our society. We have researched different trees and planted our own flowers too. We have also looked at the Science behind plants. The story also allows us to explore the dilemmas of the characters and offer advice from multiple perspectives.







## Year Four

We have been learning about the process of Egyptian Mummification in history and in DT we have made a mummy and a sarcophagus. We have been researching facts about the River Nile and also its importance to the Ancient Egyptians.



It has also been fantastic to see four boys from the Year group representing the U11 Boys Cricket team at the County Finals where they finished the 3rd best team in the county at U11 age. What an achievement considering the age gap!



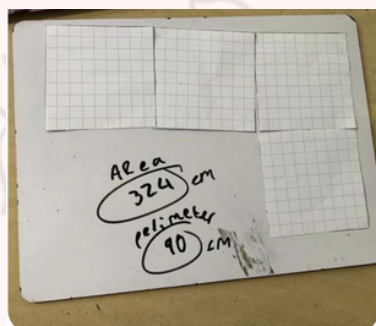
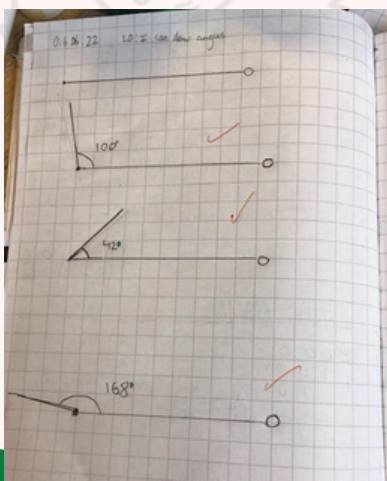
## Year Five



This month we have been looking at the properties of shape in maths by exploring angles and perimeter. We learnt how to use protractors to measure and draw angles and took part in some hands-on investigations to strengthen and deepen our knowledge.

We have also been continuing our space topic and used our understanding of the colours and patterns of each planet to begin to create our very own planet cushions.

Stage one was to use the tie dye technique to create the swirls, stripes and pockets of colour that each planet displays. We then chose the appropriate colours during our very messy, but very fun DT lesson! We can't wait to see the finished product.





## Year Six

In Year 6 our 'Power of Reading' book has prompted lots of work and discussion about displacement and race this month. The whole year group have shown such maturity and kindness throughout.

We have been fortunate enough to work with Alice, an artist who specialises in bronze sculptures. We took the first steps in creating mini-statues of 'the best versions of ourselves.' We look forward to finishing these at her art studio next week.

Our last few weeks have also consisted of lots of preparation for the upcoming Year 6 Production. We have been so busy making props and rehearsing. The children have been incredible and are so excited to perform to the rest of the school and their parents!



### A message from the Acting Deputy Head

**There has been a real buzz around the school recently with rehearsals in full swing for the Year 6 children, sports day practices taking place on the field, and the recent Aspirations Day that Mrs Allum organised. I was lucky enough to be involved in the Aspirations Day and I was blown away by the enthusiasm the children had. They asked lots of questions and definitely took a lot away from the experience. It has been really positive to hear the children continuing to talk about how inspired they were by the event, which demonstrates how our children are really developing a lifelong love of learning and a vision for their own futures.**

**Mrs Morris**

On Wednesday and Thursday the children had a chance to meet their new teacher and ask any questions about their new class.

It was so lovely to see how they embraced the challenge with big smiles, plenty of questions and an open mind.

Transition pictures....

