



# Dale Hall Diaries

## DALE HALL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



**June 2023**

**Pupil Voice**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very busy month with open afternoons, aspiration day, sports day, summer fair and the final rehearsals for the Wizard of Oz. The children have also taken part in government tests in Year 1 (Phonics) Year 2 (Reading, Writing and Maths) Year 4 (Times Tables) and Year 6 (Reading, Writing and Maths). We were externally moderated for our year 2 assessments and were congratulated on the quality of the children's work (especially the handwriting) and the accuracy of the outcomes.

Unfortunately these tests are not optional, however the way we present them to the children is. We always make sure that no matter what, the effort and commitment is praised and we always make sure they are seen as a series of challenges and not expectations. Our children know that the outcomes do not define their future or measure our school values. Being kind and thoughtful, respecting each other and being responsible for keeping each other safe still sits at the heart of all we do.

That is why each week, we have a celebration assembly where we recognise and highlight these values to the children. Each teacher writes a slip to go in to the pot praising a child in their class who is displaying their values in their everyday behaviour at Dale Hall. It is a real honour to be part of this each week, congratulating the children and handing out their stickers and certificates. It is of upmost importance that these values are recognised and celebrated.

Finally I want to say a HUGE thank you to the PTA for their fabulous efforts this year to support and enrich the education of the children at Dale Hall with all of their fundraising events and to you all for supporting them by coming along, providing food etc and sponsorship.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mrs J Dedicoat

**What is the best thing about being young?**

**You can drive  
legoland cars!**



You get invited to  
lots of things.  
You also get to train  
to be whatever  
you want to be.

You don't need to  
worry about jobs,  
money, family, taxes  
and cooking for  
everyone.

You don't have  
so much weight  
on your  
shoulders.

When you are 8 you  
can play hide and  
seek and hide in  
really small places

**What do you want to be when you are older?**

**BE A MOVIE CRITIC**

**Have my own bakery**

**Be a pilot in the RAF**



**A spaceman to travel to Jupiter**

**Become an actor**

**A paleontologist**

**Women's' footballer**

**A writer because I love to use my  
imagination**

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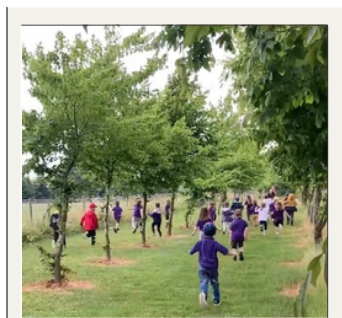
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"Learning together to challenge and achieve"

## Reception

## This Month's Highlights

The children in Reception had an amazing time at Hollow Trees Farm. They spent the day being farmers and learnt about all of the different jobs on the farm. The children enjoyed planting their own peas and looking after the crops on the farm. They were great at watering the plants and picking the different fruits and vegetables. A highlight of the day was definitely the tractor and trailer ride and of course feeding the animals and having a well deserved lunch in the barn and play on the farm! We were incredibly proud of all of the children for their excellent behaviour and 'have a go' attitude!



## Year One

The children in Year 1 had a brilliant time at Pipers Vale practising their gymnastics skills on their school trip. We were very proud of how well the children worked together, encouraged one another, and the kindness shown throughout the day. We were blown away by how polite the children were to the adults there and their growth hero attitudes throughout the day. Year 1 also really enjoyed Aspirations Day and finding out about lots of different jobs and it inspired the children to think about what they want to be when they grow up.





## Year Two

It has been a very busy start to this half term for Year 2. We completed our India topic by creating an Indian inspired fruit salad which included a Fruit chaat as well as using watercolour, tints and shades to create a landscape painting of the village in our story. During their choosing time, some of the children created 3d models of the landscapes explored.



We have started our new power of reading text 'Moth', created information posters, explored the life cycle of a Moth and identified the differences between Moths and Butterflies. Some of the children used their Art skills to create detailed paintings of Moths.



## Year Three

Our new Power of Reading book for Year 3 is 'I Was a Rat! or the Scarlet Slippers'. We really enjoyed our first ever debate, discussing if Roger should leave Mr Tapsrews circus or stay. When we cast our final vote, the majority said Roger should leave! We read on to find out that Roger left the circus so we put on our journalist hats and interviewed the people involved. Then, we wrote fantastic newspaper reports to tell the world that Roger is missing.

Shape is our focus in maths, we have looked at 2D and 3D shapes and challenged ourselves to use publisher to insert and edit shapes onto a page. Have a look at one of our amazing designs! In Music, Year 3 have enjoyed using recorders and can now play 'Hot Cross Buns'.

Last but not least...sports day! What an amazing morning Year 3 had, everyone gave it their all and should be very proud of their achievements.





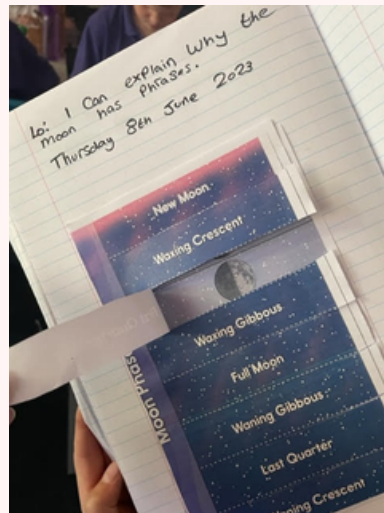
# Year Four

The year 4 team has had a busy couple of weeks. We have really begun to explore ancient Egypt with the discovery of Tutankhamun and some grizzly facts about mummification. Developed our confidence when reading tables and charts, naming 2D shapes and their properties. We also represented the school beautifully when we went to Trinity Park to play in a collaborative orchestra. Hawks played several pieces on their flutes and Eagles played their pieces on their violins. Both classes were amazing and the level of music played and performed this term has been brilliant.



# Year Five

This half term we have been learning about all things space. Our power of reading text is a beautiful creation story focusing on the sun and moon. The classes have been learning about the moon phases and how they affect the tides. In history, we have been looking at the Cold War and in particular the space race between the USSR and USA. This has generated so much discussion around space travel and the ethics of using animals in space exploration. In science, we have been looking at the order of the planets and the distance from the sun.



Both classes became fashion designers this week and are designing outfits in keeping with our topic of space. We also had a wonderful time at our Aspiration Day event. Both classes loved learning about some diverse career choices such as racing car designer and voice over artist.





## Year Six

There has been no time to rest after the end of the SATs and Year 6 have bravely rushed straight on to our next big thing! A temporary reprieve was a wonderful day at Duxford where we all really enjoyed seeing the planes from different eras, land weapons and even getting to see Spitfires flying! Mainly though we have been rehearsing and preparing for our Production. It has been very hard work, with some children having a huge amount of lines to learn as well as remembering what to do on stage too. Alongside this, everyone has had songs to learn and there have been dances and props and scenery to make, as well as tickets and programmes to design and sweets to bag up - it really has been a tremendous team effort. All of this culminates in two performances next week when, hopefully, it will all come together!



### A Spotlight on our PTA



At Dale Hall we have a fantastic PTA which is growing year on year. However, we can always use more active members so if you feel you could help in any way then please get in touch.

The PTA organise termly fundraisers such as a Discos, quiz nights, Mother's day shops, hampers, raffles and so much more. They have raised money for the school which has contributed to library resources, furniture for classrooms, ipads, play equipment and vital class funds for everyday items.

As staff we are so grateful to the PTA members for their time, imagination and effort in helping us buy extra equipment or fund whole school training.

The summer festival vibe fair was a great success this year and we would welcome any new ideas, support and help for our Christmas market.

Please email [pta@dalehallprimary.net](mailto:pta@dalehallprimary.net) if you can help.

### *Our Summer Fair...*

I just wanted to thank the staff and parents who helped to make this years Summer Fare so special. I would especially like to thank the PTA for putting so much of their own time and effort into organising this and to Mrs Allum for helping them to plan and prepare the day.

I thought it was a really special day, filled with sunshine, laughter, chocolate, candles, music, ice-cream, face paints, games and so much more!

