



# Newsletter

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## THIS MONTH'S VALUE

# UNITY

'Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.'

## HEADS UP FROM MS. BROOKES

We are now officially half way through the school year with one and a half terms to go. Where has the time gone? Time does indeed fly when you are having fun...or are busy! This next half-term promises to be just as busy as the others with lots of exciting activities and events planned. I would like to give a special mention and thank you to our local bookshop, Urmston Books and Board Games which is run by one of our parents, Jo. We are so fortunate to have forged very strong links with Urmston Bookshop over the years and, as a result, our children have benefitted from having the opportunity to meet lots of 'real life' authors to hopefully inspire them to read and to write their own stories. Last term, our pupils in KS 1 and Years 3 & 4 enjoyed a visit from the author and illustrator Claire Powell which was truly inspirational. We have another author visit arranged in March for our Year 4 - 6 pupils: Sarah Harrison will visit us to talk about her new book, 'School of Doom'. Let's hope it's not based on DPS!! Please pop to Urmston Books and Board Games on Flixton Road if you haven't been... it really is worth a visit. Whilst on the theme of reading, look out for our Book Fair in March, and World Book Day on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks for your continued support.



## DIARY DATES

- 4/3/2025 - Open Forum Coffee Morning in Infant Hall from 8.30 - 9.30 am. All welcome!
- 6/3/2025 - World Book Day!
- 6/3/2025 - 5B's Class Assembly at 9.05 am.
- 8/3/2025 - International Women's Day.
- W/c 10/3/2025 - Spring term Assessment Week
- W/c 17/3/2025 - Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- 17/3/2025 - Author visit for Years 4 - 6.
- 20/3/2025 - 4A's Class Assembly at 9.05 am.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is at least 96% attendance.

Whole school attendance for February:

**96.63 %**

Thank you to everyone for valuing education and continuing to ensure that your children come to school every day and on time.

**Remember, every lesson counts!**

The following classes have won the best overall attendance for February. Well done! You have all earned an extra playtime for your super attendance.

**EYFS - Little Owls - 98.43 %**

**KS1 - Hawk Owls - 99.31 %**

**KS2 - 3B - 98.93 %**

# Reaching for the stars!

caring | collaborative | courageous | ambitious

## FOCUS ON

### Relational Inclusion

Our staff have been undertaking lots of training this year on relational inclusion – this basically means focusing on relationships as the basis for managing pupil behaviour. Part of this training will involve reviewing and adapting our Behaviour Policy so that it becomes more relational and less focused on the more traditional, behaviourist model. We aim to share more details about this with parents and carers throughout the year, but this is just a very brief overview so that you have an awareness of our approach.

In a nutshell, a relationally inclusive approach to behaviour management aims to support and guide children towards a better way. The intent is not for our children to behave out of fear or because there are rewards for conforming: instead, what we should aspire to is for children who choose to engage and conform because it is the right thing to do. It is important to stress that high expectations are always set, but it is how the challenges that come along the way are dealt with that makes the difference. Central to this is a restorative approach which focuses on supporting pupils with a skilled member of staff after an incident and always with the intention of reflection and reparation, rather than harsh punishment and deterrent.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

It is **International Women's Day** on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>. This is something that we always celebrate in school in order to inspire all of our pupils, but particularly our brilliant and talented girls! We enjoy finding out about the lives of many talented and inspirational women who have excelled in their chosen field such as mathematics, science, technology, the performing arts, or standing up for something they believe in. You may wish to spend some time talking about some inspirational female role models as a family at home. We would love it if the children could share some of this with their classmates and teachers. The whole rationale behind all of this is simple: to ensure that we continue to work towards a fairer, more equitable world in which everyone is equal and everyone is respected. In the words of Malala Yousafzai, "I raise up my voice—not so I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard."

## SNAPSHOT OF D.P.S.



Ms. Brookes' 'Over and Above Hot Chocolate Club!' This is for KS 2 pupils one week, and Infant pupils the next...



Enjoying a hot chocolate with Ms. Brookes... This was our very first session with KS 2. Peggy the Pegasus decided to join us!



This is a little thank you for what we call 'over and above' behaviour. Teachers nominate a child from their class each week.

## THE DAVYHULME PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA TEAM

- 6/3/2025 – PTA Book Swap 3.00 – 4.00 pm
- 28/3/2025 – Someone Special Stalls

If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA, please get in touch by email at [davyhulmeprimarypta@outlook.com](mailto:davyhulmeprimarypta@outlook.com) or via our Facebook page Davyhulme Primary PTA. We are very friendly and look forward to hearing from you!

Everyone is always welcome!  
Look out for more PTA events in April!

## PARENTS / CARERS

- We have completed our Parent Governor elections. A big thank you to those parents/carers who kindly put themselves forward for election. Results will be announced via Parent Pay in due course.
- Date for your diary – we are planning to hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> 'open forum' coffee morning on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 8.30 – 9.30 am in the Infant Hall. Everyone is welcome! Please pop along just for a coffee and a chat, but members of our SLT will also be there if you wish to chat about any concerns, worries or have any questions. Our school nurse, Oliva Williams, will also be there and Rachel Thompson from Family Help.
- Finally, we would like to use this space to thank Mrs. Sales for all of the support and care that she has offered to our children and families over the years. She has been exceptional. We wish her a long and happy retirement!