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EYFS Tennis Festival

Some of our Reception children were so lucky to go to a tennis festival at Taverham High School. They all tried their very best and other people commented on how well behaved they were. We were all very proud of them.

You can read more and see some photos here:

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/sports-competitions/summer-2-2023-eyfs-tennis-festival/>

Allergies

Can we please remind everyone to ensure that they do not send in products in lunchboxes containing nuts as we have children and staff with severe allergies. If you can also ensure that no hair products or lotions are also used if they contain nuts so we can keep everyone safe and well.

A Day of Welcome

We have been focussing on how we support our children to understand and empathise with those who seek refuge. The Year 5 children also made some fabulous visual poetry on the theme which showed great thought and compassion. They have also been reading a book called When Stars are Scattered, about two brothers who live in a refugee camp having fled from Somalia, and a zoom call with the publishers.

Check out photos and more information here:

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/year-groups/year-5/a-day-of-welcome-year-5/>

Millionaires!

Congratulations to Abigail in Year 5 who is now a reading millionaire having read 1,103,411 words this school year!

Kwik Cricket

Year 5 and 6 children represented us superbly at the Kwik Cricket competition, and then moved on to the county finals! They all played with a good team spirit and were congratulated on their attitude and sportsmanship by the organisers. Although results didn't quite go our way, the children should be very proud of reaching the County finals for the Dynamos Cricket and although not all other teams were mixed as they should have been, we were proud to represent our school with a mixed team of year 5 & 6 children and look forward to next year's competition. See more here:

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/clubs/wndssp-kiwik-cricket-competition-year-5-6/>

Family Picnic

How fantastic to see so many of our families at our family picnic. It is always a wonderful day of celebration for all of us and a great chance to welcome you in to an informal gathering. Thankyou to everyone who came along.

We made nearly £300 from the pre loved uniform and there were many bargains on offer of excellent quality uniform for families. There is still uniform left, so please do contact Mrs Knox in the Junior office to see if we have any that meets your needs.

If you have any good quality uniform to donate, can you please bring it to the Junior Office. We also would appreciate any PE kit items.

Toftwood Tate

Thankyou Year 2 families for coming along to the children's art exhibition. The standard of their work was fabulous, as always. It was such a pleasure to be able to share that and the other activities with you. Congratulations to all of the children and thankyou to all of the staff who made it happen.

Young Interpreters

Young Interpreters is a scheme aimed at both Primary and Secondary school children, and involves a group of children who display an empathetic outlook. These children at Toftwood are responsible for welcoming new arrivals to the school and supporting them during their transition. They are also able to assist with ongoing social situations around school. The children wear a badge around school to show their role and are proud of this responsibility.

They have been extra busy with their roles this year.

During the Young Interpreters training they created communication fans. In each fan are the different strategies that the children have learnt which can help them to be a Young Interpreter. They have recorded strategies such as: draw in your notebook, keep eye contact, give a tour of the school and use facial expressions. The Young Interpreters will continue to add to these fans in their fortnightly Young Interpreter sessions.

The Young Interpreters had a trip to Reception! They wanted to practice communicating with different kinds of children and were lucky enough to go and visit the youngest in the school.

They each chose a book to read with a reception child and were very happy to sit and share this with them. They read fiction and non-fiction books. Lily (Year 1) used the pictures to explain her story to her Reception child and Seren (Year 2) even had a go at using some actions to explain the story further! Just like we had learnt to do in our Young Interpreter training.

They really enjoyed this experience and thanked the Reception children for letting them read to them.

See more information and photos on the website via this link

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/young-interpreters/>

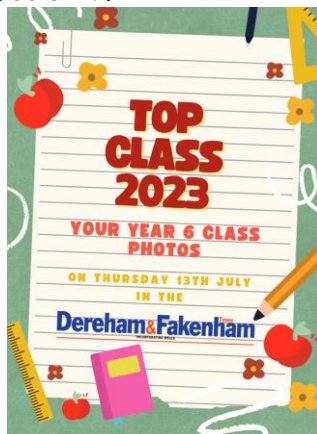
Gold School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that the Junior School have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements this year can be seen on our website. With a large number of our pupils competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, as well as being grateful for those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to everyone who contributed to the award, the children and to Mr Barnard, our Junior PE lead, for driving this forwards, We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

Year 6 Photos in the Eastern Daily Press

As Year 6 leave us this month, we sent photos from each class into the press for all those where parents/carers granted permission. The paper with these photos in will be on sale on **Thursday 13th July**.

They will have extra copies of next week's paper available at retailers near the school, and it will still be available through the weekend and early the following week, but if anybody is unable to get a copy you can call their customer service team to order a copy for £3 on 0800 953 0227.



Information to Support Families

Help with the cost of living

The Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you to get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water and other household essentials, such as washing machines.

You can apply online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/nas

A leaflet to explain this further is found here:

<http://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/cssshared/ecourier2/fileoutput.asp?id=53384>

More help about the cost of living support available can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving

If you would like any help or to know more about it, please do contact Mrs Bates, our Family Support Worker. She works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Support with SEND

The June e newsletter from SENDIASS who offer SEND information, advice and support can be found here:

<https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/news/newsletters/june23-e-newsletter-3/>

Supporting a child with anger

Sometimes children struggle with the feeling of anger. Just One Norfolk have some excellent ideas and resources to support your child with this on their site and these can be found here:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/emotional-health/children-young-peoples-emotional-health/anger/>

Support with a range of difficulties

The Psychology in Schools Team offer support and training for a range of needs.

These include challenging behaviour, eating difficulties, building resilience in young people, supporting young people with anxiety, supporting your child to manage big feelings and much more.

Do take a look at their website:

<https://www.nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops>

Forest Fun in Summer

Booking open!



Summer Family Forest Fun

at
The Sandringham Estate

Tuesdays 1 8 15 22 August Sessions at
Thursdays 3 10 17 24 August 10am - 12noon
or 1pm-3pm

Join us for family forest fun this Summer, try your hand at:

- Sky Gazing
- Target Shooting
- Bug Finding
- Wood Whittling
- Den Making
- Hammock Swinging

£6 per person suitable for ages 3 to 103!
Under 3 free, free parking
www.bookwhen.com/lavenderforest



Looking forward to seeing you.

Dereham Cancer Care



What's On

Drop-in opening hours.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
(Open Bank Holidays)
10:00 - 14:00

2nd Tuesday of the month 19:00 - 21:00

Regular events

Arts and crafts at the Centre	1 st Monday 10:00 – 12:00
Knit and natter, crochet and chat	1 st Thursday 10:00 – 12:00
Jewellery workshops – Booking essential	1 st Friday 10:00 - 12:00
Coffee mornings	2 nd Thursday 10:00 – 12:00
Girls united	3 rd Sunday 16:00 – 18:00
Topical workshop	3 rd Thursday 10:00 – 12:00
Advice for your device	Last Monday 10:00 to 12:00
Bingo (Meeting Point)	Last Thursday 19:15 – 21:15

A local charity for local people
and their loved ones whose lives are affected by cancer 

We look forward to welcoming you

Baldings Yard, Cowper Road, Dereham NR19 2DA
01362 288089 - Out of hours 07710897498
Email: enquiries@derehamcancercare.co.uk

Friend Indeed Summer Sessions




All ages welcome

Join our free schemes to spread some joy to the lives of older people in your community

Our schemes include:

Little Visitors
Music Sessions
Community Events
School Projects
PenPals



To find out more about Friend in Deed and how you can work with us to promote kindness in your community:





www.friendindeed.org.uk
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Registered charity number: 1180723



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Kindness

THIS SUMMER



Could you help make a difference to the life of an older person living in a care home this summer? Give just an hour and you could help reduce loneliness as part of Friend in Deed's established Little Visitors scheme. Get involved with these free sessions that run in various care homes across Norfolk.



FIND OUT MORE

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Creating friendships across generations