



Micklem Primary School

School News

Thursday 23rd November 2023

Reflection on our learning

We have had a busy couple of weeks at Micklem! Last week started with the news that we would be receiving a visit from OFSTED. That led to a couple of very intense days in school as we showed off all of the things that make our school a great place to learn. Thank you to all of the parents and carers that completed the parent feedback forms. We will be using this data to further support our school moving forward. In regards to the outcome, that will have to wait until the official report is shared, we hope sooner rather than later.

In other news, we raised a huge £201.82 from our Children in Need Day. Thank you so much for your generosity, all of that money will go to worthy causes around the country. We have also been overwhelmed with the sharing nature of our community with the donations of bottles for our Dare To Be Different Day. Thank you to all of those who donated, and I hope that there is enough to catch your eye and buy a ticket for our tombola!

Have a fantastic long weekend and stay safe.

Be Kind. Show Respect. Aim High.

Mr. Swift

Reading

Last week, we were very excited to welcome Olaf Falafel (author,illustrator,comedian,football coach and dad) to Micklem school. All of the children loved finding out about his life and his books- we also had a drawing tutorial and we all created our own masterpieces. His books have proven to be really popular, with many children purchasing their own copy but don't worry if you didn't- we have a copy in our school library ready to be borrowed! *'He was really funny!'* *'That morning was really fun!'*



Please continue to support your child with reading at home- it is a vital skill and it will help them to achieve in all areas. We have awarded our first certificates for completed bookmarks and are looking forward to our first golden ticket draw at the end of term.

Attendance 13th - 23rd November 2023

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
74.1%	87%	94.1%	92%	96.4%	94.3%	95.8%	93.7%

Class above our 95% target

Congratulations to these children who have produced an excellent piece of learning over the last couple of weeks. It was brilliant in assembly to hear you telling me all about your learning and how hard you have been working. What a fantastic way to show how you are aiming high!

Learning of the Week

N	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Leia	Theo A	Carmelita	Poppi	Rhiannon	Antonia	Liara	Thea
Darcy	Abigail	Stefan	Liz	Ama	Ryan	Finley	Michaela

Well done to the following children for aiming high with their reading and achieving the first reading awards.

Bronze	Silver
Jamie, Emily, Daria, Aria, Archie,	

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
24/11	Occasional Day - School Closed
29/11	No Pens Day
07/12	Glow Christmas Disco
13/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 9:15am
13/12	Grandparent Craft Afternoon
13/12	KS1 Christmas Performance 6pm
14/12	Christmas Fayre
15/12	Mad Science Assembly
19/12	EYFS Christmas Performance 9:15am
20/12	Carols Around the Tree 9:15, Christmas Dinner Day, Christmas Jumper Day, School ends at 1:30pm
08/01	Children Return to School

What did your children find exciting in their recent learning?

Nursery

This week we have been learning about Night and Day. We have talked about sources of light at night . . .

“Street” Leia
“Car lights” Darcy
“Lamp” Liam
“Stars” James
“Moon” Riley

In our Explore and Learn time Leia said “I like drawing”

Reception

This week we have been reading the story, ‘Owl Babies’ and learning about owls. The children enjoyed a drawing meditation.

“I didn’t know I could do it!” “I can’t believe I did it!” - Charlie



Year 1

“I have really enjoyed playing with our old toys in History” - Harley

“I have enjoyed writing in Phonics”
Cody

“I have liked it when learning about strong and fragile materials in Science”
Earl

Year 2

“I have really enjoyed writing Haiku poems in English” Poppi and Orla

“I have enjoyed learning and practicing my 10 times tables” Hayden

“I am really enjoying learning and want to complete more” - Alfie

Year 3

This week in English we have been making our own potions.

My potion was how to get a free car where you get an Audi R8 Spider.
My favourite car - Jamie

In Design Technology we have been learning how to use pneumatics (air) to move parts of a toy.
Tamsyn

Year 4

“I have loved learning about finding the area in maths and making dragon fact files in English”
Ava-Lillie

“I just love being in class. I love learning.”
Ryan

“I love maths and TTRS!”
Lexi

Year 5

“I enjoyed it when we were measuring how many Newtons each shoe in our group was, because it was fun to see which one had the most friction and what one had the least friction when it was tested on the Newton Meter”.
Daria

Year 6

We liked learning about plotting values on the numberline and working out equations before plotting the value. I felt that I understood it and could do it independently after Mrs explained.
Fatima

SEND and Family Support Information

DSPL8 Parent/ Carer Newsletter and Dacorum SEND Courses, Support & Information for Families

DSPL8

Delivering Special
Provision Locally

The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletters' & 'Dacorum Parent/ Carers courses and support: Autumn' are available to download from DSPL8's website via the following link: <https://dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers/>

DSPL8 will now produce newsletters **once per half-term**, instead of fortnightly. Their last newsletter included:

- DSPL8 EBSA Coffee Morning: 23.11.2023
- DSPL8 Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre: 07.12.2023. Register attendance on Eventbrite:
<https://dspl8sendinfayre071223.eventbrite.co.uk>
- Autumn Term DSPL8 Parent/ Carer Support



The poster for the Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre is framed by a border of various local organization logos. The central text reads: 'Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre! DSPL8 are pleased to announce our forth Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre! Thursday 7th December 2023 10am-12pm at Bennetts End Community Centre Gatecroft, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9LZ'. Below this, it states: 'The information Fayre will include local provider information stands, activities for children & refreshments! Please register your attendance via the booking link below and you are welcome to drop in any time between 10am-12pm. Booking link: <https://dspl8sendinfayre071223.eventbrite.co.uk> (Registration closes on 29th November 2023)'. The bottom of the poster features logos for various partner organizations like Hertfordshire Network, Berkhamsted Ranges CIC, and Wilmsley's Experiences.

Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support available from various local providers:

- HPCI Parent/Carer Survey
- Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshop: Autumn 2023
- Families Feeling Safe Online Courses
- Up on Downs Autumn 2023 Newsletter
- NESSie In Ed: Parent/Carer Chat & Connect Session & Free Online Parent/ Carer Workshops
- SEND Drop-in sessions
- Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Autumn Term 2023



The poster for the 'Get more from your money' course features a graphic of a person climbing a tall stack of coins. The text includes: 'Community Action Dacorum Get more from your money Course From soaring rent prices to increasing grocery bills, the rising cost of living can often feel overwhelming. Managing your finances has never been more crucial. This free, 10-hour course teaches the essential skills and knowledge needed to take control of your finances and make your money work for you. DAY: WEDNESDAYS DATES: 15TH NOVEMBER - 13TH DECEMBER TIMES: 10:15AM-12:15PM VENUE: COMMUNITY ACTION DACORUM, 48 HIGH STREET, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HP1 3AF. You will learn to: • Understand Budgeting Fundamentals like income tracking and expense categorisation. Have Set Financial Goals and a plan to achieve them. • Know how to Manage Debt Effectively: Explore strategies for managing and reducing debt, such as credit cards and loans. • Understand how to Save wisely and implement a plan including starting an emergency fund. • Develop Smart Spending Habits: Identify and eliminate unnecessary expenses to optimize your budget. • Understand the emotional triggers around spending and identify next steps to overcome the triggers personal to you. By the end of this course, you will have the knowledge and confidence to navigate the complex landscape of personal finance, ensuring that you not only survive but thrive in the face of rising living costs. Get ready to take charge of your financial future and secure a more stable and prosperous life. REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW For further information about this or any of our other courses please contact us. www.communityactiondacorum.org/traininganddevelopment Learning@communityactiondacorum.org.uk 01442 253 935. Community Action Dacorum Training and Development STEP SKILLS PREPARE FOR SUCCESS IN HEATHS

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READING MATTERS!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A STUDENT WHO READS



WILL BE EXPOSED TO

1,800,000

WORDS PER YEAR

282,000

WORDS PER YEAR

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

AND IS MORE LIKELY TO SCORE IN THE



ON STANDARDIZED TESTS!

Source: Hoag, Anderson, and Herman, 1997

9 Ways Reading Benefits Children

1. Reading increases creativity and imagination.
2. Reading together builds strong family bonds.
3. Reading expands a child's vocabulary.
4. Reading opens minds to new and diverse people, places, and situations.
5. Reading is fun and helps children relax after a stressful day.
6. Reading promotes and enhances critical thinking skills
7. Reading teaches children about the complex world we live in.
8. Reading promotes positive communication in families.
9. Reading helps build character.

