

Durand Academy Weekly Newsletter



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Executive Head Teacher

SATs Are Over!

The children in Year 2 and Year 6 have now completed their SATs assessments.

Congratulations to all the children and staff on their hard work and effort.

Packed Lunch Reminder

Where parents wish to provide their children with packed lunch there should be no crisps, sweets or fizzy drinks.

Weekly Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages for last week are:

Nursery	92%	Year 6	98%
Reception	95%	Year 7	95%
Year 1	96%	Year 8	96%
Year 2	98%	Year 9	73%
Year 3	97%	Year 10	88%
Year 4	96%	Year 11	97%
Year 5	96%	School Total	95%

The national average is 95%

Important Dates

Tuesday 23rd May 2017 – RA, RC & RE Teddy Bears' Picnic

Wednesday 24th May 2017 – RB and RD Teddy Bears' Picnic

Tuesday 23rd May 2017 – Year 2 Trip

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Deadline for payment is Friday 12th May 2017

Thursday 25th May 2017 – School Photographs

Friday 26th May 2017 – School Photographs

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017 – Half Term

Monday 5th June 2017 – Year 3B, 3D and 3E Trip

Thursday 8th June 2017 – Farm visiting Nursery and Reception Children

Year 6 School Journey – Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June 2017

Tuesday 18th July 2017 - Last Day of Term

Stars of the Week

Congratulations go out to our stars of the week:

Shavel – 3A

Nicole – 3B

Serani – 3C

Ashwaq – 3E

Kaysha – 3F

We are very pleased to be giving these stars of the week for a variety of accomplishments across the curriculum and more improvements in behaviour and presentation.

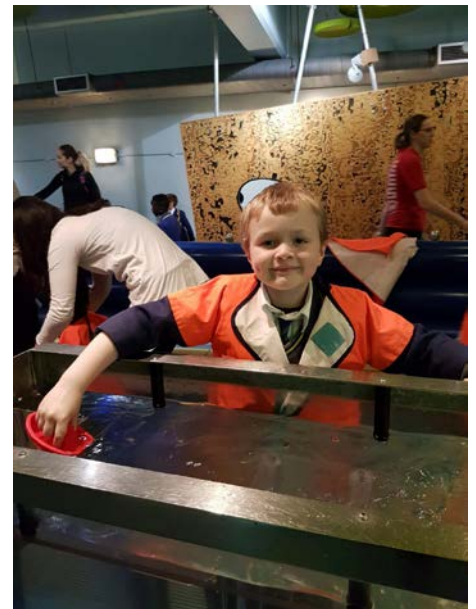
Year 1 Trip



On Tuesday 2nd May Year 1 enjoyed a lovely day out at the Science Museum. The day was packed full of things to look at around the museum as well as participating in activities in the Pattern Pod and Garden areas.

The Pattern Pod is an amazing multi-sensory experience for children. The children were encouraged to recognise, copy and or create entirely new patterns of their own. In the Garden area the children were able to explore how water, construction, light and sound travel are made. Both activities were interactive and hands on, the children had a great time!

The children were extremely well behaved, many parents and members of staff commented on how well they all listened and behaved in the museum. Visitors at the museum also commented on how smart the children looked in their uniforms.



Well done to all of Year 1 for an amazing day out! A very big thank you to the parents, carers, Teacher Assistant's and Teachers who made the day a great experience!



Year 5 Trip

Children in Year 5 were very lucky to have the opportunity to attend two trips this term. On Friday 28th April 2017 we visited the Clapham Fire station to undertake a citizenship course. They had 7 activities to take part in, looking closely at safety when travelling, when out and about, health and hygiene and fire safety.



Children were able to sit in the driver's seat of the bus whilst making sure they remember their manners, offering their seats for those less able to stand and making sure that if they notice anything unusual what strategies they should put into place.

They spoke about how to stay safe on social media; as a lot of children said that they were using apps such as snapchat, WhatsApp and Instagram, the police officer gave them strategies to stay safe and aware and to make sure that they were behaving as though their parent or teacher could be reading or seeing the pictures/messages.



Pupils tested their knowledge from their trip to the Sutton Life Centre to remember what they needed to do in the event of a fire. A fact that shocked them (and me) is that fire alarms should be tested on a weekly basis.

One part of the day that was very interesting and a little eye opening was the stranger danger activity. A policeman said he needed to pick up props for the activity, whilst he was getting them another officer (without a uniform on) asked the children to come and look at the fire engines/ help with boxes etc. and some of the children followed him. This was a bit of a wakeup call for the children to make sure they NEVER follow anyone, even if they feel like they are in a 'safe' environment like a fire station.



They then went on to identify the officer that had asked them to come with them, there were differing ideas of what he looked like, his skin colour, his clothes and children were told that it's ok if they can't remember and to just say things that they can as it helps the police to identify people rather than trying to look for a 'made up' person.

The children behaved well, learnt some valuable life skills during the day and enjoyed themselves.



School Photographs

A photographer will be in school on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th May 2017.

- All children will have their photograph taken.
- Proof photographs will be sent home soon afterwards, together with an order form and payment envelope.
- Only those parents who want photographs pay for them. The proofs do not have to be returned.

Parents who wish for their children to have a family group picture taken must complete the letter (will be sent out next week) and return to the school office. **If you have children on both sites you must bring your children to your preferred site to have their family picture taken with their sibling. Children are not permitted to leave the premises on their own to go between sites.**

Parents wishing to bring younger children into school for photographs, please come to the site your child/children attend, at 9.15 am on Thursday 25th May 2017.

Children having family photographs must attend class for registration as usual at 8.55 am (8.30 am Middle School).

Each day of our lives
we make deposits in
the memory banks of
our children.

Charles Swindoll



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Have a great weekend!

Contact Information

If you have recently changed your number, home address or email address please let the school reception know. It is important to have up to date contact details for all the children in case of emergency.

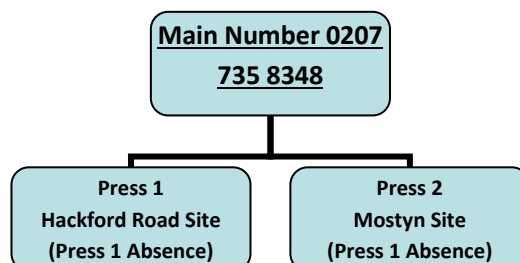
Notices

Medicine

If your child needs to take medicine at school parents must send a signed and dated letter confirming this. Please ensure the letter includes the child's full name and the date. The school is unable to administer medicine to your child.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we kindly request parents to leave a clear message on the school voicemail and not call to speak to the administrators directly.



Parents must leave a message on the voicemail for each day your child is absent from school.

If your child is absent for more than three days, you must provide a letter from your doctor confirming this. Without this, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Football/Basketballs

Please do not bring footballs or basketballs into the school. The school will provide balls for children to play with.

You can view past newsletters on our website at <http://www.durandacademy.com/news/>.

If the school does not have your email address please give it in to reception or email admin@durandprimary.com.