

Debdale Federation Newsletter

Autumn Term 2014



NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER

Hope you enjoyed the last Debdale Federation Newsletter? The feedback has been really positive so far!

We have had quite a few new pupils/students this academic year and I am really pleased to say that they are all settling in well.

The building works that took place during the summer holidays are now complete. Both Schools have had their floor level trampolines installed and pupils/students are really enjoying these!

The Parent/Carer Wellbeing group ran 2 Family Fun sessions during the summer holidays and these were very well attended. Activities included face painting, art and crafts, soft play etc. and lots of cakes and treats! Thank you to all the parents and carers who organised this event.

You will see dates for your diary throughout the newsletter which you may want to attend in the lead up to Christmas!

News from the Governors!

Just to let you all know that Geoff Shooter and Angela Ruskin have recently retired from the Debdale Federation Governing Body after many, many years of service and I am sure we would all like to take this opportunity to say just how much we have all appreciated their help and support over the years.

The Governing Body re-constituted at their last Full Governing Body meeting in line with the 2012 School Governance regulations, amended 2014, with effect from 1 September, 2014 as follows:

- executive head teacher
- 1 staff governor
- 2 parent governors
- 1 local authority governor
- 7 co-opted governors

There are vacancies at present and we are in the process of filling these, with new Governors being appointed at the next Full Governing Body Meeting on 8th December. We will, of course, keep you informed. Just to finish by saying that we are here to help and support you at anytime, so please don't hesitate to contact us through either of our schools if you need us!

PRIMARY TEAM NEWS



Ladybirds have had an excellent start to the term. We've been looking and exploring our bodies - can you guess which body part we've been exploring?



Hello to all our parents!

Welcome to the Busy Bee Class 2014 - Ashley, Chloe, Damien, Kieran, Chloe, Kye, Josh and Thomas. We're all very busy bees and everyone has settled happily in our new class.

We've had an exciting start to the year - our favourite activity was a visit to Sherwood Pines, looking for the Three Bears cottage and Goldilocks (We didn't find them!).

Everyone has worked really hard with our Marvellous Me theme and we've found out lots about ourselves and our friends. We all enjoy Thursday afternoons when we explore the Theatre of Possibilities in the hall.

Our busy bee adults are Libby Stokes, Sam Gammond, Paula Thompson, Georgina Good and sometimes Andrea Stanforth. Jess Meads will be coming back to us in November after her maternity leave with her lovely, baby boy



ANTS CLASS

Welcome back to all our Parents and Carers!!

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year, everyone has come back happy and excited to see all the new changes around school. The Ants class is now a class of 11 with our old class members: Ben, Brooklyn, T-Jay, George, Harry, Francis, David and Ronnie. We also welcome our newest Ants: Dylan, Philip and Louise (who has now moved to Yeoman Park School).

We have really enjoyed exploring our Family theme this half term, especially exploring all our baby photos, in the words of George "Aren't they all cute!"

We are looking forward to learning about Celebrations next half term, starting with Bonfire Night!

Here we are designing our own pencil cases and aprons, they look fantastic.



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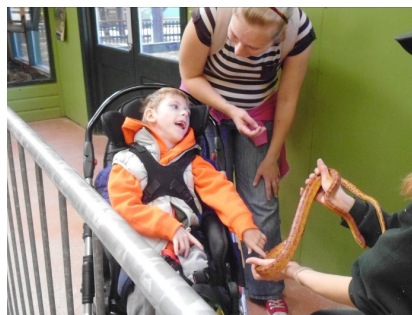
Welcome Joseph Daley, Paul Shortland and Mehmet Albayrak to the Butterfly class. Everyone has settled well and enjoyed learning about ourselves, our friends and our bodies. Here are some of the activities that we have been doing over this half term.



PRIMARY TEAM NEWS

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We thought you would like to see some photographs of Yeoman Park's Primary Team day out at Wheelgate Park! As you can see, we had an amazing day!



The Primary team topic this term is Festivals and Celebrations.

Pupils in class 3 have been working hard on the Festival of Harvest.

They have been gathering in the vegetables that they have grown at school and have also visited Stonebridge Farm and the allotment to harvest the fruit and vegetables there.

The food they have gathered has been put to good use and everyone has enjoyed making apple crumble, apple cakes and delicious bread.

Pupils also invited parents and helpers to contribute to a Harvest Festival Assembly in the school hall and all produce donated was given to The Vale Community Centre.





PRIMARY TEAM NEWS

Hello to all our Parents!



Welcome to the Caterpillar class!
This Autumn term we have been learning all about 'Ourselves'. We liked exploring sensory materials to help us find our body parts. We really enjoyed using our hands and feet to make marks.

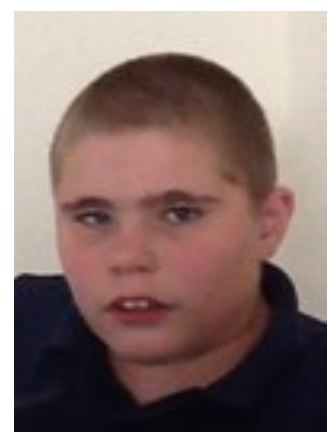
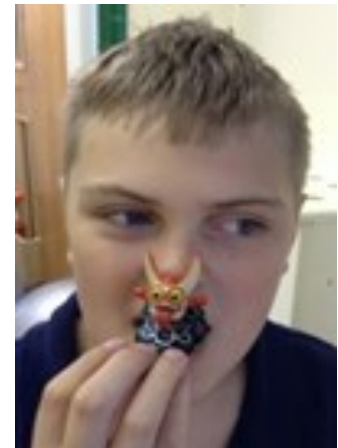


HELLO FROM S2 TIGERS!!!

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A warm welcome to S2 Tigers!
Most students are new to Yeoman Park but you
might recognise one or two familiar faces??



***Nathan (no photo), Alex, Luke,
J-Leigh, Ryan, Ethan,
Louise, Cameron (no photo), Sam,
We hope you have a great time here!!***

Secondary Team News

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S1 have been studying Diwali and India. Here are a few pictures of what we've been getting up to...cooking, Bollywood dancing and the story of Rama & Sita."



Secondary Team News

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This half term S3 have been exploring 'Everything Autumn'. We collected leaves, sticks and branches during our trips to Sherwood Forest and explored them back in class. We used the leaves along with paint in autumn colours to create some lovely pieces of art.

Macmillan Coffee Morning!

"Upper School organised the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 26th September at Yeoman Park School. Upper 2 & 3 hosted the coffee morning up at the Post 16 unit on the Manor site and Upper 1 hosted one in the main hall. Other classes made cakes as you can see and all the visitors had a great time! We raised the grand total of £252.22!!! Well Done Everyone!!!!



Upper Team News!

GONE FISHING.....

Fishing at Brierley Park

Upper 3 have been fishing with the Brierley Park Fishing Club on a Thursday mornings this half term. Those students who have been have enjoyed the experience of fishing and they have all caught a number of fish.



Macmillan Coffee Morning!

The Parent Wellbeing Group held the Macmillan Coffee Morning at Redgate School and each class made special cakes to sell. The Minecraft and One Direction cakes were very popular! The grand total of £122.05 was raised! Well done everyone!!!



Debdale Federation Parent/Carer Wellbeing Group

The Parent/Carer Wellbeing Group is going really well and continues to grow! Meetings are held every fortnight with the opportunity to attend craft groups and workshops at Redgate School. The group have had various speakers on a variety of different subjects and more recently enjoyed speaking to a parent of a previous student about life after school and post-school provision! They are about to enjoy another spa day for some much needed relaxation! The group has also benefited from relaxation/meditation sessions and reiki at some meetings too. We are hoping to start counselling sessions for those parents/carers who request it. We will of course, keep you informed of this.

During the Summer Holidays, the group ran 2 Family Fun Days on the Yeoman Park School site and had a great time and enjoyed face painting, art, soft play, jigsaws etc; as well as lots of lovely cakes!

The group meet in 'The Lodge' on the Yeoman Park School site and welcome all parents/carers. It's a place to offer mutual support and understanding in a relaxed and informal environment.

You should have recently received a list of meeting dates and our next one is 5th November. All meetings are from 10—12 but you don't have to arrive and leave on time—you can pop in and out whenever you please! Please come along and join us for a cuppa and cake!

**Please telephone Jo Wass for further information or a chat on
01623 459540**



Friends of Debdale Federation held their last meeting at Yeoman Park School on Wednesday 8th October, during which we discussed the preparation for the Christmas Fair and a number of fundraising ideas in preparation for 2015.

In the next couple of weeks we will be writing to local companies and Parents/ Carers asking for donations for the Christmas Raffle/Tombola and/or a donation for our food hampers. This year the group will donate a hamper to the Salvation Army.



Photos of past events can be seen on the website:

www.debdalefederation.org/

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2014



**WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2014
5.30-7.30PM
YEOMAN PARK SCHOOL**

A great evening with plenty of fun and entertainment for the whole family. There will be Community stalls, a raffle, visit from Santa, Carol's sung by the Salvation Army, Hot Turkey and stuffing or Parsnip and Maple Syrup cobs and much much more

NEXT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2014
12.15PM
YEOMAN PARK SCHOOL**

Everyone is welcome to come along and discuss fundraising ideas, plan events and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.

Please note events for Friends of Debdale Federation are held at Yeoman Park School, due to the space, and car parking facilities available at the site. If anyone would like to attend an event but has transport issues, we will wherever possible provide a pick up and drop off service from Redgate School.

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of our events or have any queries in relation to Friends of Debdale Federation, or in relation to the pickup/drop off service please contact Caroline or Jo on 01623 459540

Dates for your diary!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Friday 14th November—Wear your onesie/pyjamas to raise funds for Children in Need!

Friday 12th December—Wear your Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for the NSPCC!

FRIENDS OF DEBDALE FEDERATION CHRISTMAS FAIR AT YEOMAN PARK SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER—5.30—7.30PM

Redgate School

Thursday 4th December—Going to Panto! Sleeping Beauty

Tuesday 16th December—Sinbad Panto in school in the morning!

Tuesday 16th December at 2pm —KS1 Christmas Concert

Wednesday 17th December at 2pm—KS2 Christmas Concert

Thursday 18th December—Christmas Dinner!

Friday 19th December—Christmas Party!

Yeoman Park School

Monday 8th December—Going to Panto! Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday 10th December at 1.45pm —Primary Nativity

Thursday 11th December at 1.45pm—Secondary Nativity

Tuesday 16th December—Sinbad Panto in school in the afternoon!

Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Dinner!

Thursday 18th December—Christmas Disco afternoon!

SUMMER BALL 2014

The Dr Who theme for the Summer Ball 2014 was a fantastic event as you can see from the pictures below. Lots of past and present pupils/students came with their parents/carers and a good time was had by all!!!

A big thank you to everyone who supported the event, donated raffle prizes etc, we really do appreciate your continued help and support.

A special Thank You to Ann & Simon Wright (Hedley's parents) who spoke to Steven Cotton from Brightwalk Ltd about the event, resulting in a life size Tardis being built especially for the event. Simon, Ann and Steven are currently auctioning the Tardis and any funds raised will be donated to Yeoman Park School!

