

Durand Primary School

Newsletter

Summer 2021 Issue 1



Learning Together, Achieving Together
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It's hard to believe that we are already in the summer term! I would like, once again, to say a huge thank you to everyone in our Durand School Family for the support and understanding given to us this year.



May Elections and Training Days

Just to remind everyone that due to the school being required for election purposes we are closing the whole school to all pupils on Thursday 6th May. In order to facilitate this we will be moving one of our training days from Thursday 27th May to Thursday 6th May. Our **remaining training days for this academic year will now be held on Thursday 6th May and Friday 28th May.** This means that school will now be open to pupils on Thursday 27th May.

Sports Day

Due to the current on-going restrictions in relation to gatherings we have taken the decision to not have our usual Sports Day event this year but to hold in-class sports days. Mrs Noblet has planned a very wide range of events, including many new ones that we have not previously had before, to enable all pupils to take part in one way or another. Unfortunately we are unable to invite families to join us so we will endeavour to take photos / videos to share with parents after each class event takes place.



Gateway Virtual Rugby Tournament

We are delighted to have got through the first and second round of the Gateway Virtual Rugby Tournament that is being held on Twitter this year. We really need everyone's help to support us in the next round as some of the schools are having a very high number of votes to get them through. Please could we ask that when we share the next 'game' that you all vote for our school and share the link with as many family members and friends as you can so we can have their vote too! Many thanks!



Outdoor learning space developments

Outdoor learning is very important to us here at Durand especially as we have such amazing grounds. Many of you will have noticed that the Foundation Phase Bandstand was moved during the Easter break. This forms part of developments to improve our outdoor learning spaces. Over the summer term there will be a number of further developments around the site so please keep a look out to spot the changes!

Parents Evening

Unfortunately, due to the fact that we still have restrictions in place in school, we are, once again, unable to hold face to face parent consultations. Your child's class teacher will be sending out a 'Learner Update' similar to the one that was sent out in the autumn term before half term. Please note that these updates relate to your child's own performance and is not a comparison with other members of their class. We will also be sending out a more detailed end of year report at the beginning of July.

Polite reminders

School arrival

Could I please remind all parents that school starts at 9am and pupils should be in class by that time in order to start learning.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted to be worn by pupils whilst at school is a wrist watch and one pair of stud earrings. These will need to be removed for all PE lessons.

Bikes and Scooters

Could I please remind parents that pupils should not be riding their own bikes and scooters on our school grounds at any time.

Animals onsite

Could I please remind everyone that the only animals that should be brought on to the school site are assistance / guide dogs.

Many thanks for your cooperation with these matters.

Healthy Schools

As the weather (hopefully) gets better pupils may need greater access to water so please could you ensure that your son / daughter has their water bottle in school. Please note that, in line with Healthy School guidelines, pupils should only be accessing water during lesson times. Squash and other drinks should be for lunchtime only.

As you will be aware we are making greater use of our outdoor spaces. As the weather (hopefully) improves could you please apply an appropriate factor, long lasting sun cream to your son / daughter before they come to school in the morning and provide them with a sun hat/cap.



Many thanks to you all for your continued support!

Take care, stay safe!

**Mrs Allison Waters
Headteacher / Pennaeth**