

Durrington Infant & Junior Federated Schools

Week ending
22nd March 2019



SPRING TERM

Term Begins:

Thursday 3.1.19

Half term:

18.2.19 to 22.2.19

INSET DAY 25.2.19

Term Ends:

Friday 5.4.19

SUMMER TERM

Term Begins:

Tuesday 23.4.19

Half term:

27.5.19 to 31.5.19

INSET DAY 3.6.19

Term Ends:

Tuesday 23.7.19

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News Roundup

The nursery children really enjoyed science week and carried out lots of interesting experiments, including putting raisins in lemonade and eggs in vinegar. They have also had a visit to Durrington Library where they listened to the librarian read them a story.

Reception loved their trip to the farm last week. They took part in lots of different farming activities including making a sheep from real wool. In school they have planted potatoes. We wonder if they will grow enough for dinner?

The children in years 1 and 2 have also been enjoying nature. They are designing seed packets and writing their own instructions. They have also been planting seeds and bulbs.

Year 3 and 4 have been learning about Marconi and writing their own information leaflets. They also made snowflakes using a salt solution.

Year 5 sent some eggs into space! They designed containers to safely carry the 'eggstronauts' back into the atmosphere and the teachers climbed up the PE bars to test them from a great height. It was safe to say that most of the space 'eggsplorers' got scrambled in the descent!

There were lots of scientists in year 6. They carried out lots of experiments mixing various acids and powders and recorded all the different reactions.

Science Week

The whole school had lots of fun celebrating science week.

Children took part in a workshop run by 'Sublime Science', in which they did lots of activities including making slime and sherbet. They also did experiments in the classrooms and each class visited the conservation area to do pond dipping. They saw our neighbours—frogs and newts!

A special thank you must go out again to 'Aurora Addicts' who helped make the workshops possible. They are a lovely company who organise amazing trips to the Arctic and they love science too!

REMINDER

Please can we remind everyone that valuable and precious items should not be brought into school.

We are seeing a few watches that play games and include cameras - these are not allowed in school and should be left safely at home.

Junior children who walk to and from school alone may bring in their phones, however these must be signed in and out of the Hub each day.

Thank you for your support.

We have lots of events planned for the last week of term - An Easter Egg hunt, topic celebration evening, spring discos and a mufti on the last day to collect more tombola prizes. Letters will be sent home with more information, so just ask at the office if you have not seen one.

Pi's Challenges

Pi, our Maths Mascot has set the children a challenge.

Answers can be emailed to Pi.

Easter is coming up and Pi is getting eggxited! This month's questions are all egg related!

KS1 challenge

$$10 = \begin{array}{c} \text{egg} \\ \text{egg} \\ \text{egg} \\ \text{egg} \\ \text{egg} \\ \text{egg} \end{array} + \bigcirc$$

Email your answers to Pi, at durringtonpi@dfed.co.uk

KS2 challenge

Q: Pi is organising an egg hunt in the park. He hides 200 eggs.

1/5 of them are stolen by cheeky squirrels.

5/8 of the remaining eggs are found by his friends.

How many eggs are still hidden?

Email your answers to Pi, at durringtonpi@dfed.co.uk

Reception challenge



Email your answers to Pi, at durringtonpi@dfed.co.uk

School Angel

Every time you shop online, don't forget to use the school angel website as an easy way to raise money for the school. The site is <https://www.schoolangel.org.uk/durrington-infant-and-junior-federated-schools.html>, and from there you just have to click on your normal shopping site (eg Amazon) - it's that easy!

New shops are being added all the time to School Angel, so please have a look and see if your favourite is there.

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Quiz Night

Everyone had lots of fun at last week's quiz night, organised by the PODs to raise funds for school. There were eleven teams, who competed to win the trophy and tried not to get the wooden spoon!

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event, came along and joined in, or helped clean up at the end. A special mention to 'Mr Sparkles', our fantastic host for the night, who kept us all entertained with his interesting animal facts!

We cannot wait for the next one.

Don't forget we are collecting empty crisp packets to send off for recycling.

We take any brand and any size - just drop them into the school office and we will do the rest!