



Friday Flyer – 8th March 2024

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Message from the Leadership Team

School Residential trips

As we head towards the Summer Term, it has been a real pleasure to see how enthusiastically the children have engaged with all the activities and opportunities made available to them so far this year.

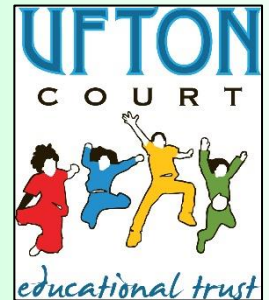
Our school motto: *'Dream, Believe, Achieve and make a Difference'* remains at the heart of everything we do as we guide children through the range of opportunities available to them. We always strive to ensure all children get the very best experiences during their time here at Deanesfield with the knowledge that children will always learn best when they experience enjoyable, relevant activities and are encouraged, supported, and appropriately challenged.

As such, we are one of a few schools who are fortunate enough to be able to offer our children the opportunity to take part in an immersive and rich outdoor learning experience by the way of a residential visit each year from Year 4 to Year 6, with this year's visits planned as follows:

Year 4 – Ufton Court (Reading) – Spring Term 2

Ufton Court specialises in delivering dynamic and exciting history education, bringing it off the page and into life! Children are given the opportunity to immerse themselves in the life and culture of the past and participate in many adventurous activities.

Highlights of this year's visit which took place last week are shared further in this flyer.



Year 5 – UKSA (Isle of Wight) – Summer Term 1

UKSA is a maritime youth charity and world-renowned training centre of excellence. With over 35 years of experience, they have been inspiring and supporting children and young people to broaden their horizons through inspirational water-based adventures, education and training for careers at sea.

Year 6 – Gordon Brown Outdoor Learning Centre (Hampshire) – Summer Term 2

A first-class fantastic residential experience perfected over the past 40 years. Children learn how to be brave, to play, create, explore, take risks and make new discoveries in a safe, secure and natural environment.



In line with our school's ethos, these residential visits help to equip our children with a positive attitude towards learning new skills, developing wider interests and fostering curiosity, resilience, independence and the knowledge they need to succeed by the time they are ready to leave us for secondary school.

We look forward to sharing with you our highlights of our Year 5 and Year 6 residential trips after the visits take place next term!

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

Children in Year 4 were given the opportunity to attend their very first residential trip last week, visiting Ufton Court in the beautiful Berkshire countryside. This 3-day historical themed visit, enabled the children to take part in a unique 'Ancient Greek' experience, linked to their learning in History.

Our school party had use of the Grade 1 Tudor Manor House and even enjoyed an Ancient Greek feast in the 16th Century timber-framed Tithe Barn. Pupils had opportunities to be immersed in the study of Ancient Greek life through a range of narratives: exploring its people, everyday life, culture, their achievements and what impact they have on modern day life today.

Here we share some of their thoughts and favourite activities from this fantastic adventure!

Children spent time on their first day learning about how the Spartan army trained using swords and shields. They listened to some Greek myths, this also gave them the opportunity to explore the fabulous grounds.



Benji, Anehan & Noah – *The journey was long but worth it to arrive at such a magnificent mansion. We are so excited about the adventures we are going to have!*

Vanora & Bethany – *The grounds are impressive and people in Ancient Greek clothes greeted us when we arrived. It was like stepping back in time!*

Mollie, Rani & Samara – *The whole of Ufton Court is amazing! We've walked around the house and grounds and we even saw some animals and birds! It was so nice to explore a new place!*

Eve, Sami, Noah, Matt, Guilia & Bella – *It was great fun exploring our rooms and it was hard work making our beds, but really worth it as the beds are nice, soft and cosy. We get to share with our friends too. We have had some chilling time with our friends, playing different games including football and Hide & Seek as well as letting off steam. We feel really calm too because we are in the countryside and there is no traffic or noise!*



Gain, Taania & Arianna – *The Ancient Greek stories were interactive, adventurous and great fun. We liked it when we were running around and freezing the underworld slaves!*

CJ, Jaxson, Frank, Oscar & Reggie – *During the 'Spartan' training, we became soldiers and made different formations. The spears were even bigger than us! We trained hard and ran to the hedge as an extra challenge to improve our fitness.*

Ina, Rayaana, Anjana & Riya – *Learning more about history was very exciting and we are learning in an engaging way by playing games, getting into character and getting lots of fresh air. Hanging out with our friends is the best!*

Vinny, Daniel, Abbas & Aryan – *We are learning about Ancient Greek myths and understanding them more by getting into role and playing different parts.*

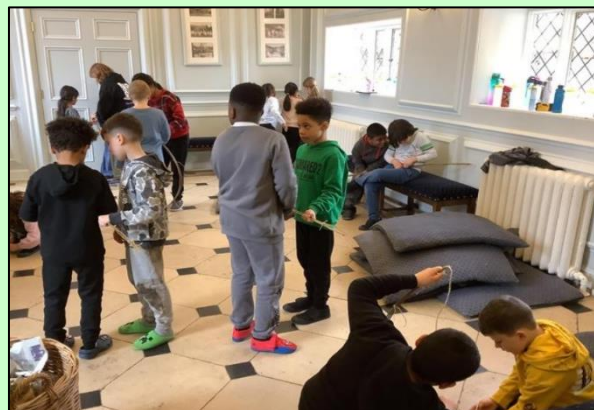
YEAR 4 – RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO UFTON COURT HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

After lunch, the children spent some time playing a variety of Greek Games and looked at what crime and punishment was like. This included taken part in mock trials where some of the children played the part of jurors, deciding if culprits were guilty and what punishment they should get!



Oscar, Isabella, Loukas & Shayden – We created a piece of drama about an Ancient Greek courtroom and learnt about what happened to people if they were found guilty of crimes such as stocks, exile, losing your right to vote, paying a fine and going to prison. It was very funny because we got to play different parts, make up evidence to explain different crimes and persuade the magistrates if the person was innocent or guilty. Everyone got to cast a secret vote, but the magistrates could also vote. It was exciting making up our own minds and then waiting for the verdict!

On the second day of the visit, the children took part in an activity to make their own bow and arrows using willow and then practiced firing them. Tying the knots was very difficult but it was great fun because the teamwork was superb!



Noah, Lily, Ali, Theon & Hugo – We are being creative making our own bows. We love archery and this makes us proud because we did this independently!

Amelia, Viaan & Puneeth – We got to launch our arrows outside with 3 shots aiming with the thinner end of the willow like real Ancient Greeks!



Children had fun taking part in a number of role-playing activities such as the 'Agora' trading game, learning how to trade their goods and stop the Spartans from stealing them.

Kaelan, Ali & Kaylen – We really like learning about life in Sparta and how they sold their strength as well as different things at their markets. It was interesting to use the objects to barter and get a good deal on your goods. It was really busy and great fun!

Amra, Bakhtaawar, Rayaan & Eve - Market selling in Ancient Greek

times was great fun! We enjoyed the challenge, trading and trying to make the most profit. It was really interesting to see the things they bought at that time as it was really different to the things we buy today!



YEAR 4 – RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO UFTON COURT HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

As a part of their adventures, the children really enjoyed taking part in their own exciting mini-Olympic activities!

Frank, Amelia, Anya, Riya, Smaran, Taania, Hailie & Anjana – We learnt different activities in the Olympic Games and it was great to be competitive. We really loved the running and wrestling with Lego hands! The racing was fun and we worked as a team to encourage each other!



Gain, Vanora, Callum, Ina, Josh, & Shayden – The Olympics is like Sports Day but Ancient Greek style! It makes us better athletes and we could support each other whilst being competitive.



Logan, Arianna, Ayyan, Isiah, Isabelle, Hugo, Ellis & Oscar – We got to take part in the Olympics altogether and everyone was happy being a great team. The activities were amazing and everyone tried their best even if they did not win. The javelin and disc throwing has been around for thousands of years and was especially fun because we are good at it!

One of the children's favourite highlights was the 'Feast of Dionysus', where children got to dress up in Ancient Greek attire to attend the evening dinner and performed plays that they had been practicing for this auspicious event!



YEAR 4 – RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO UFTON COURT HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

On the final day of the visit, the children took part in an exciting battle between the Spartans and Persians and prepared themselves for their roles in this finale with a plot twist, but all were victorious in the end!



We are so proud of all the children for representing our school values throughout their time at Ufton Court!

[All the fantastic daily highlights and pictures can be viewed on our website by clicking here – enjoy!!!](#)

Meanwhile, back at school, the children had a fantastic week of creative activities based on the theme of Ancient Greece, complimenting the learning of their peers at the residential visit!



Mia (4F) – I loved making our Antient Greek pottery. My favourite part was the painting and creating my own Antient Greek designs!



Umran (4EV) – We used a running stitch to create our Antient Greek coin pouch. I loved that we took it home so I can use it if one of my other wallets breaks!



Micheal (4W) – I enjoyed making our own Antient Greek coin pouches. It was really fun creating my own Antient Greek pattern and I wrote my initials in Antient Greek letters!



Rana & Nicolas (4F) – We did an Antient Greek workshop where we had to create a freeze frame of a sport they did in the Antient Olympics. We chose to show archery!



Good Day Tick Awards – Spring Term 2

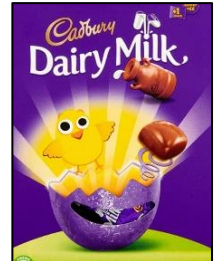


Chocolate Easter Egg Suitability

We are very excited to announce that for our Good Day Tick Celebration taking place in Spring 2 (next half term), we will once again be **holding an Easter Egg hunt** for children who achieve this award.

As a part of the experience, **each child will be awarded with an Easter Egg to take home**. Please be advised that this chocolate egg is **suitable for vegetarians and will contain milk and may contain traces of nuts**.

Children with known allergies to the school will be provided with a milk/nut free alternative egg. However, if this chocolate egg is not suitable for your child based on their dietary requirements / preferences, please contact the school office via e-mail at admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk **by no later than next Friday 15th March** in order for us to source a suitable alternative.



If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are happy to accept the egg being provided.

Reminder: Book Week & World Book Day Celebrations 2024

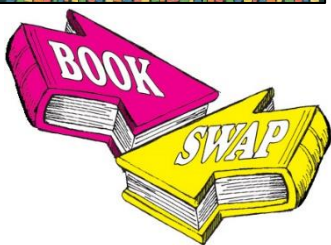
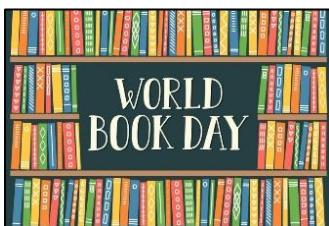
As previously advertised, to acknowledge this year's annual national Royal Shakespeare Week and World Book Day, we will be celebrating both events in the week beginning Monday 18th March!

As a part of our celebrations, don't forget, the following special occasions will all be taking place on

Tuesday 19th March:

'Dress Up' for World Book Day

Children can come to school dressed up as either as a character from their favourite book or to challenge themselves and come dressed up as either a favourite genre of their choice or even a 'setting' from one of their favourite books. *Please do not feel pressured to buy a costume for this event as there are lots of DIY ideas online and a simple homemade prop can adapt something in your child's wardrobe -please feel free to be as creative as you like.*



'Book Swap' Arrangements

We will be holding a 'Book Swap' to bring fun and pleasure back into reading and to minimise costs to our families whilst promoting sustainability. We are asking all children, who would like to take part, to bring into school a **'used – but in very good condition'** book from home that they are happy to swap with another pupil's book in their year group. Children will take home their nearly new book to enjoy (*please note this is a permanent swap*).

Catering Theme Day

Our caterers will be hosting a 'World Book Day' themed lunch in place of the usual menu for the day.

Please see the menu opposite to view the available lunch options for the day (*please note that the chicken burger will be suitable for halal diets*).

If you know that your child will not eat what is being served, or you do not wish for them to have this meal, please ensure you provide a packed lunch for them on the day as no other alternatives will be provided on the day.

Horrid Henry's Greedy Crispy Bun
<i>Crispy Chicken Burger served with Lettuce & Mayo in a fresh Bread Bag</i>
BFG Human Bean Burger
<i>Homemade Bean Burger with Mayo & Lettuce served in a fresh Bread Bag</i>
Gruffalo's Terrible Tusks
<i>Potato Wedges</i>
Jack's Magic Beans & Peter Rabbit's Carrots
<i>Baked Beans, Carrots</i>
Dessert
Oompa Loompa Bar
<i>Chocolate drizzled Shortbread</i>