



Friday Flyer – 23rd February 2024

[Radish Catering Menu: w/c 26th February 2024 – Week 1](#)

Message from the Leadership Team



Local Safer Travel Plan



Our children's safety is always at the top of our main priorities, which includes their journey to and from school. You will already be aware of the congestion in our local roads and the lack of success we have had in trying to convince the Local Authority to introduce a 'Street School' despite the outcome of public consultation being in favour of this course of action.

We are therefore, delighted to inform you of the success Mrs Oakley and her YTA (Young Travel Ambassadors) from Queensmead School have had in moving us forward by persuading Sainsburys, Homebase, Wickes and Lidl to kindly agree to allow our parents and carers to drop and collect their child/children at their locations in the morning and after school. This agreement is extended to both schools, Queensmead and Deanesfield, and if adopted by parents who drive to school, will have an immediate positive impact on the community.

Queensmead's YTA (Youth Travel Ambassadors) have pitched their campaign to Hillingdon Council who are fully supporting us with this initiative as it will not only help to reduce congestion and pollution outside of our school but will also improve the experience of all within our school communities and surrounding areas.

If you need to drive to school to drop-off and collect your child, we would really appreciate your support in making this happen and encourage you to use the car parks of the retailers mentioned and then walking the short distance to drop-off and collect your child.

UNCRC Article 5: (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities):

Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.

They even showed pictures of Queensmead children pretending to be hurt so that we can see what it might be like if we had a serious accident.

Earlier today, the YTA led assemblies to all KS2 pupils to encourage them to become actively involved in this project. It is our intention to continue the work of the group and further lobby for an additional Zebra crossing on Victoria Rd which will complement these measures.

Olivia (3H) & Lili (3B) – *The assembly at Queensmead was very good and informative. They reminded us of the 'Green Cross Code' and to be aware of our surroundings by not getting distracted by looking at mobile phones.*

As always, we thank you for your support to help us make the local area safer for all our families, as well as members of the public.

If possible, don't forget, you can

'Skip your ride – take a Stride!'

[Click here to view our 'Walking Zone Map' and make it a part of your daily routine!](#)





UNCRC Article 6 (life, survival and development):

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

Just before the half term holidays, children in Year 5 were given the opportunity to take part in an amazing workshop led by the Hillingdon School Travels & Road Safety Team (STARS). The children all enjoyed this engaging performance, entitled 'The Riot Act', with powerful key messages focussed on:

- Road safety for young people becoming more independent.
- The benefits of sustainable and active travel such as walking, scooting and cycling.
- Travel choices that improve air quality around school and in our community.



Sophia C (5L)

At the workshop, we learnt about important Dos and Don'ts for cycling safely on the road.

Ishan (5L)

In the workshop, we also recapped the importance of making eco-friendly choices when travelling to school.



Joshua (5R)

We learnt about the green cross code for crossing the road safely. We must make sure to stop, think, look and listen.

Ella (5T)

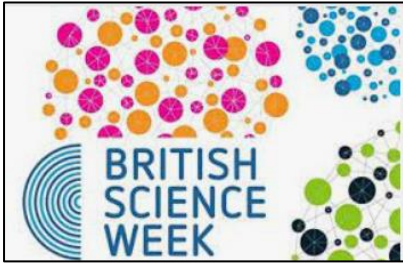
I enjoyed recapping the green cross code. Next time I am walking, I will feel safer now that I have recapped this!



British Science Week 2024

During the week of the 11th March, we will be celebrating British Science Week.

The children will be looking at the following areas of the curriculum:



Reception: The Human Body

Year 1: Seasonal Changes

Year 2: Animals & Lifecycles

Year 3: Fossils

Year 4: States of Matter

Year 5: Earth & Space

Year 6: Evolution



We are **looking for volunteers who work in any of these fields** that would be willing to come into school to speak to the children about your career during Science Week. **If you are able to support us, please contact the school office via admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk with your details.**

We thank you in anticipation of your support!

Reminder: Years 4 – 6 Metropolitan Police Workshop for Parents and Carers

Don't forget, the Metropolitan Police will be visiting our school **next Wednesday 28th February** to give a **talk to our parents and carers of children in Years 4 – 6**. This presentation will take place in our Assembly Hall from 9:15am – 10:15am **and will focus on 'Internet Safety', covering information about:**

- Cyberbullying,
- ways to keep safe online,
- age restrictions and criminal consequences if misused,
- associated risks.



We are pleased to advise that if you are unable to attend in person, you will now also be able to attend remotely via Teams. The link to access this presentation will be sent to you next Tuesday, 27th February.

Please be advised that **this workshop is for parents / carers only**. Therefore, if you are able to **attend in person**, **[please click here to express your interest](#) and book your place to attend**, ensuring that alternative childcare arrangements have been made for younger siblings, including babies and toddlers, to enable all attendees the opportunity to listen and take part.

We look forward to working in partnership with you in keeping our children safe online.

Reminder: Reception & Year 6 – Height and Weight Checks for Children

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). **These checks will be taking place in school on Wednesday 13th March**, with measurements being supervised by trained school nursing staff at school in a private space away from other pupils. Children who take part will be measured fully clothed except for their coats and shoes and routine data such as your child's name, date of birth, gender, address and ethnicity will also be collected ([click here for further information](#)).

If your child has consent for routine health checks to be carried out in school but you wish to **opt out** of this one, please contact the school office via admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk **by no later than 12pm (noon) on Friday 8th March.**

KS1 (Years 1 & 2) – School Access Reminder

A gentle reminder to parents dropping children off at the KS1 gate to be mindful that **children should not be standing inside the gated entrance to the South Ruislip Children's Centre** (as pictured opposite).

The Children's Centre is organised and managed completely separately to Deanesfield Primary School and although we appreciate the wet weather over the last few weeks has been unfortunate, we ask that the entrance to the Children's Centre is kept clear at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation with regard this matter.

