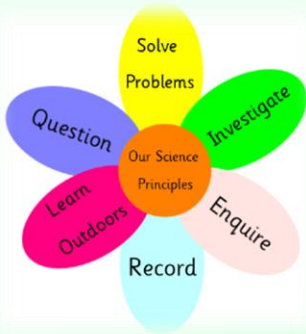




Friday Flyer – 17th November 2023

[Radish Catering Menu: w/c 20th November 2023 – Week 2](#)

Message from the Leadership Team



Our vision for Science at Deanesfield is to provide children with the tools to be enthusiastic and curious about the world around them. We want children to understand how science can be used beyond what they learn at school and how it is applied in the wider world.

We aim for our learning to take place in a variety of ways and want children at Deanesfield to ask questions and discover the answers by investigating and problem solving. Our learning in Science continues to be practical and exciting and here we share some of the fantastic things we have been looking at this term.



Year 1 have started this term by looking at their new unit 'Animals including humans'. They started by identifying types of animals according to their characteristics and then grouped them too.

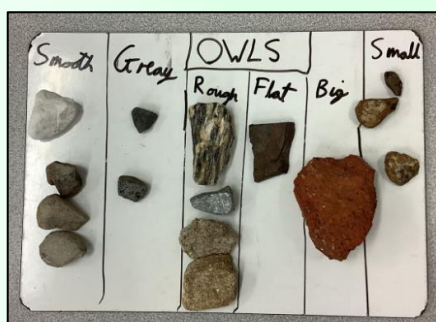
Zainab (1AM) – *I know that both mammals and birds have backbones.*

Joshua (1AM) – *Birds lay eggs but mammals give birth to live young.*



In **Year 2** last term, we looked at everyday materials. We learnt about the uses and the properties of a range of materials. We carried out some investigations to test the flexibility of different materials. We bent, squashed, squeezed and twisted a range of materials.

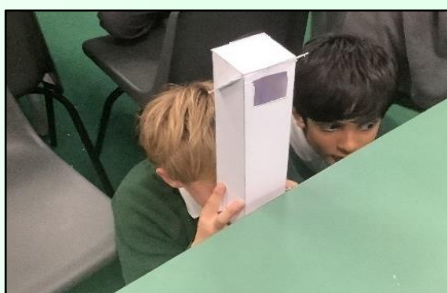
We also carried out an investigation to test which material would be the best one to use as a raincoat for a teddy bear. The children have enjoyed making predictions in our lessons.



Year 3 have begun their new unit on 'Rocks and Fossils'. The children started by having a look at a range of specimens of different rocks before classifying them into different categories chosen by themselves.



Year 6 have been learning about Light. They used their learning about how light travels and the uses of reflection to create their own periscopes. To create the periscopes, they had to ensure the mirrors were angled at 45 degrees to make sure that objects could be seen clearly through them.



Nevaeh (6K) – *Periscopes are used on submarines and they use it to see if there are ships above the submarine. It was very fun making one but it was quite stressful making sure it was accurate and the mirror angles were 45 degrees.*

Archie (6FC) – *I know that light reflects off mirrors and that periscopes have mirrors to help people see above the surface of water.*



A SCIENTIST JUST LIKE ME



Juliette Jackson
Costal Researcher

At Deanesfield it is important that learning about scientists is incorporated into our learning. This will enable children to apply their learning to life beyond the classroom and hopefully inspire them to be the future of science!

Meet Juliette Jackson, who works in lots of different places to carry out underwater surveys around coastal waters. She mainly focusses on areas in Devon and Cornwall and collects samples to study in a lab.

She works with a team to research environmental problems, indicators & solutions through surveys. These surveys are used for species and habitat monitoring. It is really important to monitor sensitive environments so that we can identify problems quickly and adjust human activity so that it is not destructive to sensitive habitats. Juliette's job involves inspiring others to find out about the world around them.

We have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm with their learning and the fun they are having with science in school!

We can't wait to see and share more of their learning with you throughout the rest of the year!

Miss Williamson & Miss King
Science Coordinators

RECEPTION – WEEKLY LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

In the 'UN Convention on the Rights of a Child', Article 28 says that every child has the right to an education.

In Reception, we have been learning about different Celebrations!

We have recently learnt all about 'Diwali' and we also looked at the festival of 'Holi'. The children have been able to explore and learn about what happens during Diwali, through their written work, Diwali themed activities, art and role play!

The children thoroughly enjoyed making their own Diva Lamps out of clay and decorating them. On Friday before Diwali, each class lit their diva lamps together.



Josh (RCP) – *I like Diwali because I eat special food and there is a lot of fireworks at nighttime!*

Zahra (RCP) – *The ladies draw pretty patterns on their hands with mendhi.*

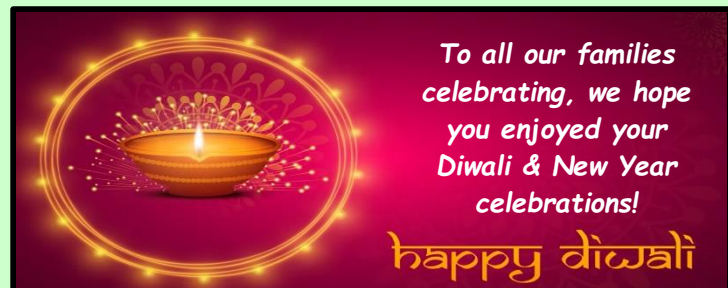
Suhani (RCP) – *I enjoyed making my own diva lamp and painting it with bright colours!*

Menhour (RB) – *My favourite part was doing the Diwali dancing because I really liked the music.*

Nehemiah (RB) – *In the story of Rama and Sita, the monkey king Hanuman came to save Sita.*



For Holi, the children were allowed to throw powder paint onto white t-shirts as they do for the Holi Festival, definitely one of their highlights!



To all our families celebrating, we hope you enjoyed your Diwali & New Year celebrations!

happy diwali



UNCRC Article 13 (freedom of expression):

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Earlier this week, Class 3H visited the Natural History Museum in London, giving them the opportunity to broaden their current learning in both their Geography topic of 'Earthquakes and Volcanos' as well as their Science topic on 'Rocks'.

They children were given many fun and engaging ways of accessing new information (Article 13) in the museum as they walked around, visiting the 'Rock' section as well as attending a workshop on earthquakes and volcanoes.



Enric (3H) – My favourite part of the school trip was going up the escalator through the planet. I thought I was in a real one!

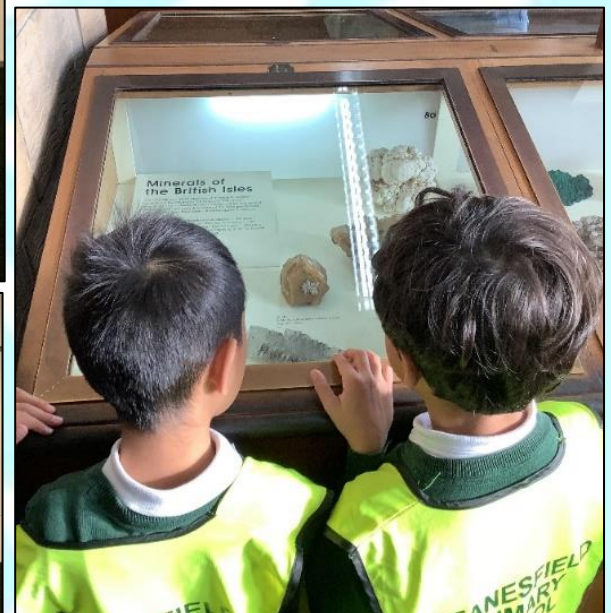
Keira (3H) – I loved visiting the rock section of the museum because I discovered so many different rocks I didn't know about!

Simon (3H) – I loved going into the earthquake simulator. I can't believe what a real earthquake is like!

Sophia (3H) – I really enjoyed the workshop because they made it really fun and exciting.

Luke (3H) – My favourite part of our trip was the workshop because I can now use this new information in Geography.

Poppy (3H) – I loved exploring the museum because it had so many amazing skeletons and models!



Deanesfield's 'Spotacular' in Support of Children in Need



Thank you for your generosity!

It has been an absolute delight to see the children coming into school today with their 'spotty' outfits and accessories to celebrate 'Children in Need' day.

Thank you to everyone who has already made a contribution to this fundraising appeal for Children in Need. With your support, we **have raised over £725!**

If you haven't already done so and would still like to make a contribution to this great cause, no matter how big or small, please make your donation via our School's dedicated fundraising link as follows and 'Gift Aid' if you can by following the instructions provided in the link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13117>

Please note that **this link will remain open until next Friday, 24th November.**

Reception – Year 6: Nasal Flu Vaccinations Consent Reminder



As communicated earlier today, Nasal flu vaccines are being offered to all pupils in **Reception to Year 6** here at Deanesfield on **Thursday 30th November 2023**. The local NHS Trust School Nurses Team will be coming into school to administer the nasal flu vaccine to all children for whom they receive consent for. *Please note that this is the only day that the NHS Team is available to administer the vaccine in school. Therefore, if they do not receive your form on time, or if your child is absent from school on the day, alternative arrangements will need to be made.*

The School Health Service are now using an electronic method of communication which is a faster, more efficient and a safer way to deliver your child's health information. They have developed a **secure online link that parents/guardians must use to register consent for the vaccination.**

[For full details and further information on how to register and provide your consent, please click here to view the letter sent out on behalf of the School's Immunisation Team.](#)

Please note that the e-consent form must be completed and submitted to the Immunisation Team by no later than 11am on Wednesday 29th November.

If you experience any difficulties with logging on to their portal, please contact the team directly, either by calling them on 0203 958 4148 or via parentsupport@schoolscreeener.com. If you have any queries about the vaccination itself, please call the School Nurse Team directly on 01895 485 740.

If you experience any difficulties accessing the letter above, it can be found on our School website, on the 'Letters Home (Whole School)' page under the 'News and Events' tab.

Reminder: Reporting Medical Appointments

All appointments, where possible, should be made out of school hours. If this is unavoidable; for example an emergency appointment, your child should still attend school before/after the appointment.

Please ensure the **school is notified well in advance for any referred clinic/hospital appointments and that this is supported by an appointment letter in order to authorise any missed sessions.** This evidence can be attached to the 'report an absence' section on Weduc or be sent via email to admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk

