



# Friday Flyer – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

[Radish Catering Menu: w/c 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – WEEK 3](#)

## Message from the Leadership Team

Welcome to all our new families who have joined us this academic year. It has been an absolute delight opening the gates first thing in the morning to so many happy, smiley faces eager to come in. We have been so proud of all the children, particularly those in early years and Year 1 who are settling in or re-settling back in again. It makes us so proud to know how resilient and confident our children are and how keen they are to learn.

I particularly would like to congratulate and say an enormous well done to our new Reception and Nursery parents/careers, grandparents who have worked with us to settle the children. This is a big step for the children but also understandably for some of our parents and carers too.

Our priority in the morning is ensuring the children are coming in safe and happy. We take great pride in greeting all the children and would like your support to enable us to do this. Following on from our school app communication to all EYFS parents earlier this week, please can we remind and ask parents to ensure their child has all their belongings and have said their goodbyes prior to the gate opening to allow all the children to walk in smoothly and keep the line following. If parents can support in moving to the side and exiting out.

We understand that some children may still need a little bit more time before they are ready to come in. To reassure you, our gates are open from 8.40am-8.50am. Your child has plenty of time to come into school. Dropping your child off towards the later part of our opening times will enable staff to support your child coming into school and give them the personal space they may need. All staff at entrance points are here to welcome you and give quick reassurances. A gentle reminder, if you have any important messages that need to be passed on to your child's class teacher, please write a note in your child's green personal organiser where this will be addressed. Alternatively, you can send an email to the school office via [admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk), which will be passed onto your child's teacher.

We have been back just over a week and the atmosphere across the school and children's learning environments have started to sparkle again with all the individual personalities of our children. Our young explorers have already started to grow in their independence and confidence by being inquisitive and showing curiosity in all the new things around them. All children have settled very well into their new classroom and getting to know their new routines and expectations for their new year group. I am sure the children will be eagerly looking forward to sharing all this with you at our Welcome to Your Year Group evening next week.

To end with some reassurance, a very popular question I always hear from parents as they make their journey home is 'What did you do today?' in which the child replies 'nothing'. I would like to share one of my favourite poems that I hope reassures parents that the word 'nothing' in this context does mean a lot!

**Wishing you a lovely weekend!**

**Mrs Matharu  
Head of EYFS & KS1**

## I Did Nothing Today

Author Unknown

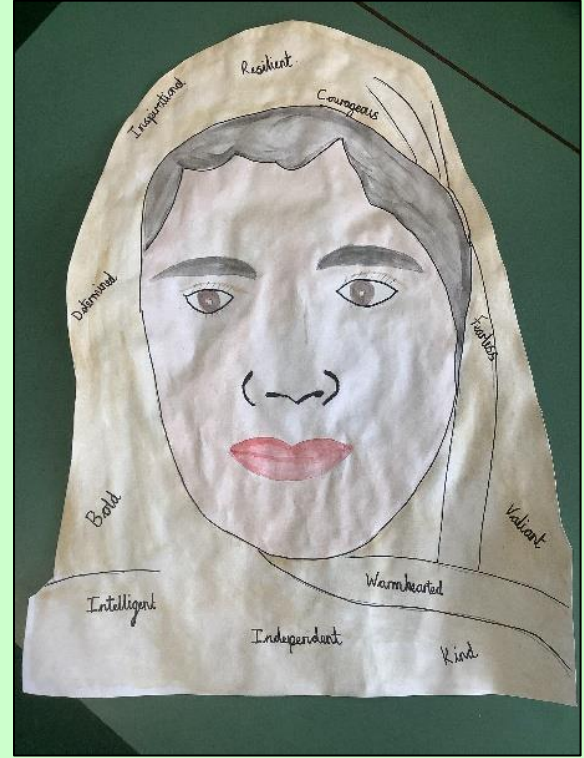
When children come home at the end of the day,  
The question they're asked as they run out to play  
Is "Tell me what did you do today?"  
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.  
"Nothing, I did nothing today!"  
Perhaps "Nothing" means that I read a book,  
Or...with a teacher I got to cook.  
Maybe I painted a picture of blue,  
Or heard a story of a mouse that flew.  
Maybe I wrote in my journal myself,  
Or found a great book on the library shelf.  
Maybe I helped a friend today,  
Or went to my favorite area alone,  
Maybe today was the very first time  
That my scissors followed a very straight line,  
Maybe I sang a song right to the end,  
Or worked with a special brand new friend.  
When you're three, four, or five your heart has wings  
And "Nothing" can mean so many things

In the 'UN Convention on the Rights of a Child', Article 30 says that we have the right to practice our own culture and religion – or any you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.

This week, Year 6 took inspiration from their transition week focus of Malala. The children watched an extract of speech Malala had given to The United Nations about the importance of every child having access to an education. They then used this as inspiration to create their own. After they had chosen a right and written their speech, they recorded them to share with the class.

**Zara (6K)** – I chose Article 12, 'The right for children's opinions to be taken seriously'. Malala inspired my speech because this linked to Malala using her voice to speak up. I enjoyed creating my speech because it was fun and I found out some new facts.

**Amber (6F)** – I chose to do my speech about Article 28, 'the right to an education for all children'. Malala inspired my speech because it was about her and how she fought for all to have a right to an education.



**Armaan (6FC)** – I chose Article 28, 2 and 29 for my speech. I chose them because they linked to Malala's story. I enjoyed using strong voices to read our speeches.

**Ayana (6F)** – I used Article 28 which is the right to an education. Malala inspired my speech because she spoke up for girls to have an education. I have enjoyed creating my speech because I enjoyed sharing my opinion.

**Dhian (6K)** – I chose article 18 because I believe all children have a right to an education and all adults should participate in making sure that they get this.

**Xavier (6F)** – I chose Article 12. Malala inspired my speech with her powerful voice for girl's education she believed all children's voices must be heard.

**Elijah (6K)** – I chose Article 28 'You have the right to education'. Malala inspired my speech because I can go to school but other people can't which made me want to do a speech about that right. I really enjoyed writing it because I felt like I was speaking for all the people who can't go to school. Just like Malala said 'One pen, one book and one teacher can change the world'.





**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.

This week in our History lesson, Class 2W have looked at technology and how it has changed over the last 60 years. We discussed what technology is and found out that technology is something that enhances our lives and often makes tasks happen quicker.

The children were asked the question 'How can we find things out?' which links to Article 13, telling us that we have the right to find out things and share what we think with others by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people. Here's what they had to say:

**Myla (2W)**

We can go to the library to find things out.

**Jalal (2W)**

We can watch TV to find out about the past.



**Aaron (2W)**

In our lesson, we looked at pictures of old technology so we could find out how it has changed.

**Elias (2W)**

We can go on the internet and search for information about the past.



**Sharon (2W)**

Without the right to find things out, it would be very difficult to have a good education!



# Welcome to Your Year Group & Macmillan Coffee Evening

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September (6.15pm – 7.45pm)

Don't forget, next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, from 6.15pm onwards, we are looking forward to meeting you all at our 'Welcome to Your Year Group' meetings for parents and carers of children in Reception – Year 6, combined with our Friends Macmillan Coffee Evening to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Research and the nurses who support those affected (details below).

## Welcome Meetings (Years 1 – 6)



The school will be open from 6.15pm onwards and we warmly welcome our parents and carers to come along to view your child's class and learning environment.

The focus of the evening is for you to familiarise yourselves with your child's learning environment, put a face to the name of your child's class teacher and get information about the planned learning for your child's new year group. *Please note that you will be given the opportunity to meet individually with your child's class teacher on a one-to-one basis and share information on how your child has settled during your child's Pupil Progress Meetings, which have been arranged to take place prior to half term (further information to follow next week).*

Children are invited but please note that they must remain close to you at all times and under your strict control. You will understand that for the safety of all, we cannot have young children running around and touching or playing with school equipment. Please **enter the school via your child's usual entry point**. Prams, buggies, or scooters will not be allowed within the school building for compliance with Health and Safety regulations (except for those with a disability) and you may leave these in the bike & scooter shelters located near the main gates of the school (at your own risk).

## Curriculum Talk (Reception)

As communicated yesterday, **parents and carers of children in Reception** are invited to attend a 'Curriculum Talk'. Please make your way to our **Assembly Hall at 6.15pm** before visiting your child's class.

**Please can we ask you to make alternative childcare arrangements during this informative meeting to enable all attendees the opportunity to listen carefully to the information being shared.**



We suggest that parents can separate during this time and visit any sibling classes and/or go and enjoy a nice tea/coffee at our MacMillan Coffee Event, joining up later in the evening. Parents will still have the opportunity to go down to their child's class after the talk and for those unable to make it, please be reassured that we will share the meeting presentation with you on our school website and Weduc communication app.

## Macmillan Coffee Evening (Donations & Support Request)

Throughout the evening, refreshments will be served in our Dining Hall, where you will be able to select from a range of hot and cold drinks and cakes in return for a donation in support of Macmillan Cancer Research.

**We are looking for volunteers to help us with this event and will be grateful for any support to help set-up and serve the refreshments.** If you are available to assist, please e-mail [admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk) and confirm your availability either between 6 – 7pm or 7 – 8pm.

We would also be **grateful to receive any cake donations**, including shop-bought and pre-packaged cakes, to support this event and kindly ask for these to be sent into school **on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. If you wish to **donate home baked cakes**, please send these into school (along with a list of ingredients used) in the morning of the event and name your container if you wish for it to be returned to you. ***We may run out of treats on the night if we do not receive sufficient donations, so we very much welcome your support!***



If you are unable to attend the Curriculum evening, you will be able to **donate via ParentPay between Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.**

You can find out more about the Macmillan charity here:

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/cancer-information-and-support>

**We hope to see you all there and thank you for your support!**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

## Years 1 – 6: Autumn Term After School Activity Clubs

Earlier today, we sent out our Autumn Term Activity Clubs brochure for parents and carers of children in Years 1 – 6 to review and discuss the options available with your child this weekend. For fair access to all, please be advised that **all clubs will be made available to book at 12pm (noon) on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September via our Weduc app**, where you will be able to see the 'offers' available in the 'Payments' section.



Please note that as places for each club are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, we are asking parents and carers to **book one club only** for your child to enable as many children as possible to have the opportunity to join in at least one club. If you do book more than one club, your first booking will be taken as your preferred choice and any additional club bookings will be cancelled. *Please also note that once the club is fully booked and no longer available, you will have the opportunity to put your child's name on the Club Waiting List directly through the system for us to offer them a place should one become available.*

You may be given the opportunity to book a further club if there are any spaces still showing available by the end of next week, and we will alert you via app/e-mail if this is the case.

For parents of **children in Reception**, please be advised that Clubs will be made available to your child in the upcoming terms, enabling them to fully settle into their school routines and full school days.

## Reminder: Individual/Sibling School Photographs – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September



Don't forget, our school photographer will be coming into school on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September to take school photos of our pupils, both individually as well as with their siblings, which will then be made available for you to purchase.

All photos will be taken in the outdoor environment, weather permitting, and we ask that all children come to school dressed in their full winter school uniform to enable them to look as smart as possible for their school picture.

## Reception – Year 6: Free School Meals Offer – 'Lunch Options' Survey

As you will be aware, a **free hot lunch is now being offered to all children in Reception – Year 6** which is being funded by both the Government and the Mayor of London's scheme to help families during the current cost-of-living crisis. The lunch being offered is based on our termly menus, available for you to view on our website and Weduc app ([click here to view directly](#)) and will run during term-time only for the duration of this academic year (2023-2024). Therefore, **children who do not bring in a packed lunch on any given day will be provided with a free school lunch.**



Every student. Every meal. Every school.

To help our caterers in placing their weekly orders and ensuring sufficient meals are prepared each day, we would really **appreciate your co-operation in completing our short 'Lunch Options' survey** sent out earlier today, indicating your child's preferred lunch option based on our weekly menus. Please note that this is not an order form, and it is not guaranteed but, wherever possible, the school will always endeavour to provide your child with their first choice. If you haven't already done so, **please complete this survey using the following link by no later than Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezRDhFb7iGQsEcVKYvkoRtdsw11RjoiuCJRpcM6YGhpSTGLw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezRDhFb7iGQsEcVKYvkoRtdsw11RjoiuCJRpcM6YGhpSTGLw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

*Please be reminded that if your child is in Year 3 - Year 6, you **do not need to 'top-up' your child's lunch account this year** for your child to receive a school meal. **If your child's lunch account is currently in debt, please make the necessary payment to clear your account as soon as possible.***

## Schools Midday Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) – School Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for an SMSA at our school. If you are interested in the position, or know of someone else who may be interested, full details of the role, including how to apply can be found by visiting our 'Vacancies' page on our website, found under the 'About Us' tab ([accessed directly by clicking here](#)).

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the school office via [admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk).



## Deanesfield Friends

### 2023 Christmas Gifts Fundraiser

We are delighted to tell you about our Christmas fundraising activity for all Deanesfield children this term. With our partner [iqcards.co.uk](https://www.iqcards.co.uk) we are offering all parents and carers the opportunity to purchase Christmas cards, postcards, gift labels, wrapping paper, keyrings, fridge magnets, chocolate bars and A5 notebooks all decorated with a picture created by your child.

You can [click here](#) to view the poster showcasing all of the items that can be purchased.

**Please note that there is a minimum order of £5 per child.**

Your child will bring home their template in their book bag on 15th September. The design form is on the reverse side. We do not keep a copy of the picture/design form so please ensure that you send it back to us if you wish to purchase any of the items.

Please read the [design guide](#) and [design instructions](#) detailed on the design form before the picture is created.

1. To place an order, please follow the instructions on the design form. You must write your child's name as you would like it to appear on the item/s you are buying. IQ Cards will email you directly if they have a query with your order so ensure that your correct email address is also shown. An example of a completed design form is shown on this link.
2. **Logon to ParentPay to pay for the items that you have ordered before the design form is sent into school, and use the notes field to specify each item.** This will ensure that there is no confusion as some items have the same price.
3. Return the picture/order form to us by Friday 13th October. We cannot accept any late returns.

Your ordered items will be sent home to you in early December.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

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