

MARCH NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the many highlights across the school and to thank you for your continued support.

It's been fantastic to see students engaging in such a wide range of opportunities. On the Darley site, the Lost Gardens have come alive with activity as students developed their Forest School skills and worked together to prepare the space for the months ahead.

Alongside this, we've continued to strengthen reading across the school, with growing confidence and enthusiasm evident in all classes. Students have also had the chance to take centre stage through Oak Tree's Got Talent, showcasing their individuality, creativity and confidence.

In Acorn, it has been a brilliant term of connection and curiosity. World Book Day was a real highlight, with students and staff embracing the spirit of reading through costumes and shared experiences, alongside the opening of the new library space. The introduction of SLT Reading Hour has been particularly special, creating meaningful moments for students to read, talk and share their ideas; from thoughtful discussions to creative projects and everything in between.

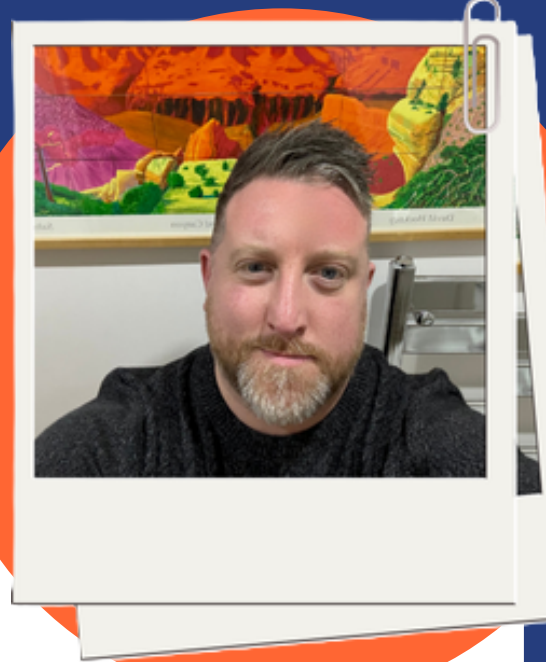
We've also seen some fantastic experiences beyond the classroom. A group of students had an incredible opportunity to travel to Wembley Stadium to watch the England vs Japan game, including an overnight stay and museum tour, an unforgettable experience. Other students enjoyed a visit to Paradise Park, alongside trips such as Camel Creek Adventure Park, where it was clear that students had a brilliant time and represented the school superbly.

As we head into the Easter break, I hope this brings an opportunity for rest, enjoyment and time together. We recognise that holidays can feel different for every family, and we hope the coming weeks bring moments of calm, connection and wellbeing.

Thank you, as always, for the support, encouragement and trust you continue to show. It makes a real difference, and we are incredibly proud of our students and the community we are building together.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful Easter.

*Best Wishes
Matt*



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MESSAGE FROM
Mike



It has been a real privilege to be based in the Acorn building this term, and I have really enjoyed getting around the classrooms and meeting students and staff. World Book Day was a big success in the building with both students and staff dressing up to represent their favourite character from a book. This coincided with the new library in the building being open.

With so much focus on reading it seemed fitting to start SLT reading hour in Acorn. This is time set aside in the day for children to come and read with a member of SLT with a book of their choice and the amount of children who have taken advantage of this has been amazing! I have had some interesting discussions after the children have finished reading, including being told about how terrible the conditions were in the trenches in World War 2, and the importance of trees to our planet, how they help to cool the planet down, and clean the air that we breath.

The highlight was one student helping me make animation drawings using post it notes, its a tough job! From myself I would like to thank all staff, children, parents and carers for all their hard work this month.

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This term we've seen some exciting developments on the Darley site. With the weather improvig the activity in the Lost Gardens has been frenetic. Students have been involved developing their outdoor Forest School skills and helping clearing the area and getting it ready for the spring and summer terms.

We've been continuing our exciting work developing and strengthening our reading skills in all classes and students have had the oppurtunity to enter Oak Tree's Got Talent! A great chance for students to participate and showcase their individual or group passions.

We've ended the term strongly this week with some really successful trips - Darley students really enjoyed Camel Creek Adventure Park this week and as you can see from the photograph a fun time was had by all!

Wishing you all a fabulous Easter break,
All at Darley

MESSAGE FROM
Becky



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MESSAGE FROM
Barry



Four students earnt their way on to a trip to Wembley to watch England play against Japan. Although the result was not what we hoped for, the experience far surpassed expectations. Being at Wembley with 80,000 other fans was awe inspiring. Students chanted and engaged with joy.

The fun did not stop there. The following day, the students got to experience a tour of Wembley stadium, see the changing rooms, the Royal box and walk through the tunnel on the pitch side. It was a fantastic and memorable trip that everyone enjoyed.

Enjoy a well deserved Easter break!

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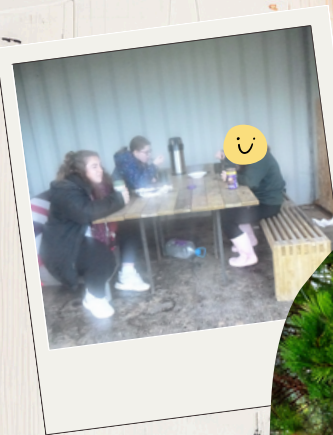
Lost Gardens UPDATES

It is amazing how things have progressed in the gardens, have a look at what the container/workshop used to look like:

Over the past month, students and staff have worked together on a spring tidy-up in the Gardens, clearing brambles, removing scrap materials, and opening up more space and light. With great progress made, the project is now moving into Phase 2, which will involve building a shelter for weather protection and storage.

We can't wait to see it all come together!

Versus how it looked at Christmas:



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Lost Gardens UPDATES

Storm Gorette wreaked havoc in Cornwall and in our garden and woodland, however it did provide us with some clearing of dead wood and tons of woodchipping which we have put to good use. The forest school area was badly hit and its taken serious effort from staff and students to sort it and make it even better.



Students have been chipping away bit by bit



And here is where we are now!

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This years World book day at Oak Tree was a great success, with many staff and students dressing up as their favourite characters! ●



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Eddison started the day with a swimming session before continuing our "Wonderful World" topic, including a shape hunt for maths and an orienteering activity outdoors!

We walked along the coastal path through sand dunes and beach grass to St Enodoc Church, passing through a golf course on the way.

He showed great navigation skills, successfully leading us to the church, once known as the "lost church".

There, we completed a geocaching activity, including counting insect carvings on John Betjeman's grave and finding a hidden cache using clues!

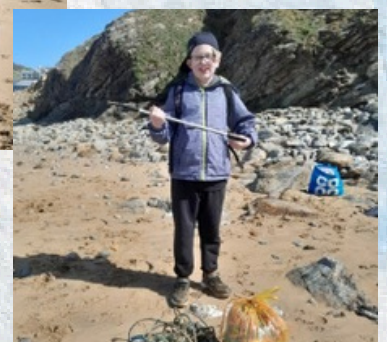
Eddison asked thoughtful questions about Betjeman, learning that he was a poet who loved Cornwall.

He performed brilliantly throughout the day, especially in navigating and retracing our route back to the van.

Here are a few lines inspired by his writing on Cornwall:

"The sound of the sea,
The wind on the hill,
The gulls crying free
I love Cornwall still"

Today, Ethan and I completed our 'Commitment to the Community' for this half term. We took 2 bags of rubbish off the beach. We engaged with members of the public when they asked what we were doing. They donated a few bits along the way.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 2nd April -

Students break up for Easter Holidays - students are welcome to wear non-school uniform on this day (12:30pm finish)



Tuesday 21st April -

Students return to school

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May -
May Half Term



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SCHOOL *Pantry*



The Family Support team now have our very own school pantry in place to support our families and young people. The school pantry is being supported by MCKS Charitable Foundation.

You can request a grocery bag through your child's tutor team or the family support team. Please see the email contacts below.

The family support team will then put together a grocery bag that can be sent home with the young person or given to the you if you collect your child from school.

For more information please contact: **01872**

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Wasson Wednesdays



Easter Fun!

Wednesday 8th and 15th April

10am - 3.30pm

Site entry **FREE**

Egg Nature Trail **£1**

DIY Craft Kits **£2.00**

Spring Crowns **£1**

Pop up café serving drinks,
snacks and cakes.

Join us for a fun-filled day celebrating spring.

Make a spring crown and explore our site
on our egg themed treasure hunt.

We invite you to bring a picnic to enjoy in our beautiful grounds.

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