



DANESHOLME INFANT ACADEMY

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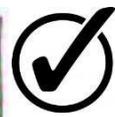
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Remember our target for
2018-2019 is 96%!

Whole school attendance - **92.95%**

Our best class - Shetland **96.54%**

Well done to the children in Shetland.

The Viking Way

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Principal's Message:

Wow what an exciting week we have just had, lots of immersive learning activities.

Our Diwali Cultural week started with a food testing session. Lots of Indian foods shared with our children, some they enjoyed some were a desired taste.

Tuesday our Year 1 children enjoyed an Astronaut day and blasted off to the moon and learnt about gravity, rockets and the life of an astronaut.

On Thursday we had a visit from World Record Breaking King G who gave us a performance on his Dhol Drum. This was followed by individual classes being taught how to play the Dhol Drum.

Finally Friday, the busiest day of all. Children took part on some Bollywood dancing. And of course it was Children in Need day, so we were all dressed in pyjamas and spots!

What a fantastic fun week of learning!

Please follow us on Twitter and visit our ever changing website.

From **Mrs C May**.

Farah's Story.

Some of you may remember Farah. An inspirational little girl who attended Danesholme Infant Academy. Farah suffers from Idiopathic Juvenile Arthritis which is a childhood form of arthritis. Farah is now in Year 3 and attends our Junior Academy. Last week I received a letter from her and then met with her. She would like to thank the hospitals that have helped her by donating selection boxes for the children who find themselves in hospital at Christmas time.

Please can we help this inspirational young lady fulfil her dream. If you would like to help please donate a selection box to this worthy cause. We will be collecting these until December 12th. Thank you in advance.



Snow Closures.

In the event of adverse weather, please remember there will be no school closure facility on the NCC website. DIA will publish news of closures on our website.

Quality Assurance Review.

On Tuesday 13th November two Senior Advisors conducted a QA (mini Ofsted). They spent the day talking to staff, parents and children. These are their findings:

Strengths:

- Resilient and dynamic leadership by the principal
- CPD supports the improvements that are required and ensures development of staff
- Middle leaders new to role have been provided with excellent opportunities to develop their initial skills and understand their roles within the wider academy
- Progress is evident in pupils' mathematics and writing books.
- Pupils have many writing opportunities and there are examples of sustained writing in pupils' books.
- The broad and balanced curriculum provides fun and exciting learning opportunities that engage and motivate pupils.
- The development of reading strategies and reading skills is evident across the academy.
- Learning environments reflect current learning, demonstrates pupil progress and shows evidence of quality modelling.
- Pupils' behaviour and conduct is good.
- Strategies to ensure attendance is a high priority have been revised and had a positive impact on improving attendance and reducing PA.
- Relationships with parents are positive.

Areas to develop:

- To further develop the leadership skills of middle leaders so that they have the skills to accurately evaluate the improvements of teaching and learning.
- Embed reading and writing strategies so they improve pupils' outcomes.
- Ensure creative learning opportunities enable pupils to robustly practise and embed their reading and writing skills.
- Improve pupils' communication and language skills.
- Improve presentation skills of pupils.

We have come a long way in 10 weeks but know we still have a way to go. Thank you for supporting us on this journey.

Visitors this week:

Monday: Charlotte Krzancki, our SEA will be visiting and supporting the next steps in our journey towards good.

PARENT CLASS ASSEMBLIES.

Please join us for your child's class assembly. Prompt 9am start.

23.11.18 - Shetland Class Assembly.

28.11.18 - Lapland Class Assembly.

07.12.18 - Faroes Class Assembly.

DATES FOR NEXT TERM.

11.01.19 - Finland Class Assembly.

18.01.19 - Iceland Class Assembly.

25.01.19 - Orkney Class Assembly.

01.02.19 - Sweden Class Assembly.

08.02.19 - Greenland Class Assembly.

15.02.19 - Shetland Class Assembly.

01.03.19 - Norway Class Assembly.

08.03.19 - Lapland Class Assembly.

15.03.19 - Faroes Class Assembly.

22.03.19 - Denmark Class Assembly.

29.03.19 - Finland Class Assembly.

05.04.19 - Iceland Class Assembly.

Parent Voice.

Our next meeting will be on December 6th at 9am. We look forward to seeing you there. Topics to be shared include:

- Update on building works.
- Ofsted and where we are
- How parents can help their children.
- Plans for the future.

Minutes from the meeting will be shared on our website.