



Denmead Junior School

Inspiring Curiosity, Building Success

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another great week here at Denmead Juniors, culminating in a fantastic Calshot visit for our Year 4s.

I was lucky enough to go down and visit our Year 4s at Calshot on Thursday. As soon as I arrived and signed in, I was greeted by so many smiling faces and happy waves. Some were very surprised to see me, as if my very existence beyond the gates of Denmead Juniors, was not a possibility of nature ... especially when I wasn't wearing my customary suit!

It was lovely being able to wander around and chat with the children, encouraging some, marvelling at others, engaging in activities where challenge and teamwork were central. To see a number of children out of their comfort zone but still giving it a go, bolstered by the encouragement of their friends and staff. To see others behaving with such confidence and maturity – all representing Denmead Juniors with PRIDE!

Well done to Year 4 for their attitude, commitment and positivity. They will have learned a great deal about themselves in those few short days. Their belief in themselves and their knowledge that they can be independent and resourceful, will stand them in great stead for the future.

A massive thanks to you as parents for allowing us the privilege of taking your children away and for paying that not insignificant sum of money also. And also a massive thanks to my staff for giving up their time away from their own family and friends to give your children this wonderful experience.

As part of my recent set of assemblies, positively promoting the joy and wonder of maths, I set lower school a challenge that could make them multi-millionaires ... at your expense! 'Sometimes Washing Up Pays', set the almost real-life scenario of myself as a young boy, being encouraged by my mum to help out more around the house. My mum offered me the opportunity to do the washing up for a fortnight and to be paid for it! I could either be paid a £1 a day for 14 days or 1p on the first day, 2p on the 2nd day and for it to double over the next 14 days. The challenge was which would make me more money?

Some of you will be surprised to know that the doubling option would amass more than £160 over the fortnight! This is costly enough, but imagine how much you might make over a 4 week period? This was the challenge that was set!

Many children across lower school had a go at working this out and the first to see me on Monday morning was Elliot in Year 4 – well done Elliot. But I will also show you young Autumn's calculations below, to illustrate to you the lengths to which the children were working out this problem.



163 doubled 28 times.

1	163	200,000	200,000
2	326	400,000	400,000
3	652	800,000	800,000
4	1,304	1,600,000	1,600,000
5	2,608	3,200,000	3,200,000
6	5,216	6,400,000	6,400,000
7	10,432	12,800,000	12,800,000
8	20,864	25,600,000	25,600,000
9	41,728	51,200,000	51,200,000
10	83,456	102,400,000	102,400,000
11	166,912	204,800,000	204,800,000
12	333,824	409,600,000	409,600,000
13	667,648	819,200,000	819,200,000
14	1,335,296	1,638,400,000	1,638,400,000
15	2,670,592	3,276,800,000	3,276,800,000
16	5,341,184	6,553,600,000	6,553,600,000
17	10,682,368	13,107,200,000	13,107,200,000
18	21,364,736	26,214,400,000	26,214,400,000
19	42,729,472	52,428,800,000	52,428,800,000
20	85,458,944	104,857,600,000	104,857,600,000
21	170,917,888	209,715,200,000	209,715,200,000
22	341,835,776	419,430,400,000	419,430,400,000
23	683,671,552	838,860,800,000	838,860,800,000
24	1,367,343,104	1,677,721,600,000	1,677,721,600,000
25	2,734,686,208	3,355,443,200,000	3,355,443,200,000
26	5,469,372,416	6,710,886,400,000	6,710,886,400,000
27	10,938,744,832	13,421,772,800,000	13,421,772,800,000
28	21,877,489,664	26,843,545,600,000	26,843,545,600,000

Well done Autumn!

So please, if your child says to you that they will be happy to do the washing up, in return for a small payment, DON'T FALL FOR IT!

This week begins with a Bank Holiday and ends with a Coronation Tea Party out on our playground. Much like the Coronation itself, the invitees are limited (to your children but not yourselves – sorry!) but I'm hoping a good time will be had by all. Wish us good weather!



Wishing you a great week.

Kind regards,

A. Clarke

Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher



KEY INFORMATION SENT THIS WEEK:

- Upper School science trip to Paultons Park: **Wednesday 7th June**
- Coronation Tea Party at school: **Friday 5th May**
- PTA update with key dates (now added to calendar below)

Please note you should have received emails from Xmas4schools, regarding ordering your PTA coronation artwork – the online order deadline is 1st May, so please check.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK:

- Y6 communication re the SATS week
- Coronation Tea Party – non uniform: **Friday 5th May**

And finally.... Even though the weather may not be able to decide which season it is yet, hayfever sufferers are well aware of the high pollen levels currently. If your child suffers with any of the symptoms with this, please could you kindly give them any appropriate medicine in the morning before they come into school.



CALENDAR (new additions will appear in red & * indicates more details to follow):

MAY	
1 st	Bank Holiday
5 th	Coronation Tea Party
8 th	New Coronation Bank Holiday
w/c 8 th	SATS week – tests from Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May inclusive
19 th	DONATIONS NON-UNIFORM DAY – PTA Chocolates & soft toys please
w/c 30 th	Half term week
JUNE	
7 th	Upper School Paultons Park Trip
9 th	Year 3 cake donations please
10 th	Saturday – 12-3pm PTA SUMMER FAIR
22 nd	PANTALOONS PM – SAVE THE DATE!
26 th	INSET day
JULY	
7 th	1st choice SPORTS DAY
14 th	Back up SPORTS DAY
21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish 1.30pm with Leavers Arch created from 1.15pm





DENMEAD CORONATION STREET PARTY

MONDAY 8TH MAY, 1:00PM - 5:00PM
HAMBLEDON ROAD

CROWN COMPETITION:

GET CRAFTING AND CREATE A CROWN AS PART
OF OUR VILLAGE CORONATION COMPETITION.

RULES:

- ALL MEDIUMS ARE WELCOME INCLUDING 2D/3D
DESIGNS
- NO BIGGER THAN AN A4 PIECE OF PAPER
- DROP OFF 3PM -8PM FRIDAY 5TH MAY OR
9-11AM SAT 6TH MAY AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH
- COLLECT AT EVENT BETWEEN 4PM- 6PM
- EXTRA POINTS FOR ECO FRIENDLY DESIGNS
- NO COST TO ENTER

AGE CATEGORIES:

PRE-SCHOOL
INFANT (RECEPTION TO YEAR 2)
JUNIOR (YEAR 3 - YEAR 6)
SENIOR (YEAR 7 - YEAR 13)
ADULT

