

# Dream, Believe, Achieve Together

Newsletter  
Tuesday 23rd  
March 2021

## Best feeling ever!

Hello everyone, I can't believe we have already had 2 weeks back at school and there is definitely no better feeling in the world than welcoming all the children back here. Thank you so much to them all for bringing such positivity, joy and excitement back into school; they're absolutely incredible and I'm so proud of each and every one of them! We have settle quickly into school life again and this week we will be doing a number of assessments with the children to try and find out where they are currently and then we will put plans in place to best support them after Easter. We are going to enjoy the next couple of weeks before we finish for Easter.

## Catch-up plans

As I eluded to, we are currently carrying out assessments before Easter and then in the first week or two of the Summer Term we will be revealing to you how we plan to support the children going forwards. I can reveal that all our after school clubs next term will be sport, exercise and health related. We will reveal those to you as soon as they are confirmed. Also however some children will be asked to stay in school for some academic catch up programmes. These will be intensive programmes for 4 – 6 weeks over a number of evenings but we will confirm all these plans once we have a clear understanding of where the children are at the moment. I just want to make sure we are supporting the balance of their emotional wellbeing and academic needs. Whatever they do, it will be with an emphasis on fun and enjoyment!!

## Keeping Connected Art Trail

I'm really excited that we are part of this project and that it is something you can enjoy as a family over the Easter Break. Take a look at the information below and the piece of artwork that Dee Point has produced, it's beautiful!

Newly launched this year, in collaboration with *Keeping Connected Blacon\**, **Blacon Art trail** wants to create an outdoor (covid-friendly) activity that all ages can get involved in this Easter. We will be displaying 21 works of art all over Blacon and encouraging residents to use a map to find them all. We hope it'll also inspire people to get active by doing some or all of the route over the 2-week holidays as well as brightening up the area with the creative work of local people. Dee Point Primary School with the fabulous artistic skills from the Year 4 pupils in Ariel, have created a colourful and cheerful design that they want everyone to enjoy on the trail. Celebrating the start of Spring, the painting produced in acrylic paint is filled with colourful flowers and foliage inspired by the work of Designer Lucy Tiffney.



Blacon **ART** trail

More information to follow before the Easter break!!

## National Day of Reflection

You may be aware but today is a National Day of Reflection and the children at Dee Point will be marking this day. Please see the information below that you can be involved in yourselves: As the first anniversary of the initial COVID lockdown approaches, plans are being developed in west Cheshire to commemorate those who have lost their lives and everyone who has been impacted by the virus. Tuesday, March 23 has been chosen as a [National Day of Reflection by charity Marie Curie](#) who is asking people to 'take a minute to reflect and a moment to connect' by joining in with minute's silence at 12 noon, shining a light at 8pm or reflecting on the last year in their own way. It is hoped this day will allow people to pause and think about the pandemic, the unprecedented losses and to show their support for each other.

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Reflection  
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## PE Kit for the future

One of the positive aspects of the pandemic has been the opportunity for children to come to school in PE kit. Initially this was to reduce the spread of infection through getting changed but actually what it has done is make PE time far more efficient, children don't have to worry about getting changed in front of their peers and also it means we have more time to teach PE. With this in mind, I have decided to launch a very simple PE kit that you can buy from Uniformity. The children can buy a t-shirt and hoodie and also jogging bottoms if you wish too. I am hoping to have all the items here before Easter and we will display them outside school when you first walk in alongside their pricing. I am definitely implementing this for September but parents will have the option to buy before then. More information will follow shortly.

## Comic Relief 2021



I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported Comic Relief 2021. The day was brilliant and I shared and heard many a good joke around the school throughout the day! It's so important in challenging times to have fun and laugh a little along the way! We also raised an incredible £488 which is amazing. Thank you all so much for participating in this.

## Safety Online – An Ongoing Concern

Sadly these days we are dealing with online issues and concerns. We all know that what comes with being online is an opportunity to access many different opportunities but this also leads to increased risks at times. I wanted to give you information about a number of things that I feel you need to be aware of and ways in which we can support you.

### TikTok & Omegle

TikTok has been around for quite a while now and a large number of children access it. Omegle is a more recent APP that can be potentially dangerous for children. Please follow the link that I have attached to find out more or visit our website and look under the 'Keeping Safe' tab with plenty of online support for all parents and carers to access. <http://www.deepointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk/serve/file/1028553>;

### Advice & Support

Also our IT technician Dan Woolley is on hand every Tuesday if you want help ensuring you have parent restrictions on your child's phones, i-pads and games consoles. Please feel free to email Dan with any questions or concerns. [dan@seven11systems.co.uk](mailto:dan@seven11systems.co.uk);

### Safety APPS

There are a couple of safety Apps that I wanted to make you aware of for smartphone and android users. They are **Life 360** and **Hollie Guard**. These help you track and know where your children are, which is crucial as so many of our children have phones today and as we see restrictions lifting as we head into the Summer, we want your children to remain as safe as possible.



Talk to strangers!



Life360



## And Finally...

I find it so hard to write about the fact that we are coming towards the end of a term that we have never really started! However I want you to know that the Summer Term plans are filled with so much optimism. We are busily putting plans in place for after school clubs, catch up intensive programmes, moving residential trips as we desperately want these to take place and we will be keeping a close eye on any changes to restrictions that the prime minister makes in the coming weeks. Our last day of term is next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April and school will close at the normal time. We promise to have some Easter filled fun in the final week and will write to you with details of this shortly.

Kind regards