

● ● ● One Week to Go!

Hello everyone, firstly can I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter, but reading all your children's reports and making comments is a mammoth task, however when I see the joy and pleasure they bring to you I am delighted to do them. Your children are wonderful and in this final week, I am going to make sure I spend as much time with them as possible. Just a few messages and celebrations this week for you all.

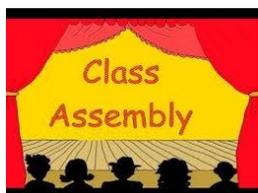
Community Events – Humbling & Amazing! ● ● ●

At the busiest time of the year it is also when we have so many community events too. These are something I feel very passionate about as they celebrate the amazing talent of our children in different forms but also take us out of school and into our school community and afar. This year I wanted to mention the few we have done and the amazing children who performed. So in no particular order...

1. Blacon Festival Parade – A very special thank you to all the Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3 children who opened the festival with a magical colourful parade celebrating emotional health and well being. Also special mention to Sam Garner from Ariel for his brilliant performance in the Cambria Band who led us to the festival!
2. Blacon Community Awards & The Grenfell Tower Charity Concert – a group of children from our Year 4 Europa Class were on tour, late on consecutive Friday evenings to support 2 local concerts and charity events. Singing 'Belle' from Beauty and the Beast they amazed the audiences and made us all feel so proud.
3. Dancing Stories @ Chester Cathedral – Our Year 3 children were rehearsing all last Sunday and then on Tuesday of last week performed a beautiful dance piece at the impressive Chester Cathedral, leaving us all so stunned, it was incredible!!

All of these events were so wonderful to see and made me so very proud of the children, however none of them possible to do without our amazing staff and their dedication, outside of school, to support these. Special thanks also to parents and carers for allowing their children to participate.

Reception & Year 5 Achievement Assembly Spectacles! ● ● ●



Thank you to Jupiter, Mars, Oberon and Titania for their magical assemblies performed in the past couple of weeks. How inspiring to see 2 classes now fully embedded in life at Dee Point and heading to Year 1 after an amazing year of learning, alongside 2 classes who are showing the maturity and commitment to their learning just in time for their final year at school. They were brilliant!! Special thanks also to all the staff for planning and making these happen and all of you for your wonderful support at both events!

● ● ● Congratulations Miss Grant – It's a Boy!



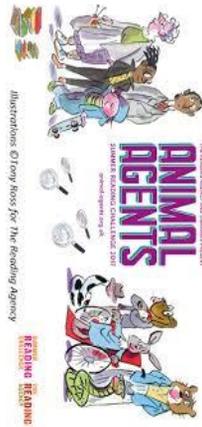
I am delighted to let you all know that last Thursday evening Miss Grant gave birth to a lovely baby boy. Charlie David arrived weighing 7lb 9oz and all doing well. We are hoping for a surprise visit before the end of the week. Fingers crossed!!

Key Stage 2 Sports Day Celebrations @ BEV ● ● ●

Dee Point really turned on the speed at this year's Blacon Education Village Key Stage 2 sports day, narrowly finishing second overall just behind Highfield Primary School. However we did win 3 out of the 4 year group titles. So, thanks to Year 3, 4 & 5 we now have 3 trophies in our cabinet!! Special mentions must go to Richard Uwalaka, Alex Parker, Trinity Uwalaka, Lois Moscrop and Harley Edge for some outstanding individual performances. However as a team they were all outstanding!! Thanks must also go to the amazing parents and carers who were in great voice offering their support from the stands! It was a wonderful spectacle and brilliant to see us achieving so well. No pressure but we want to bring home the title next year...start practising everyone!



Summer Reading Challenge & School Website / Twitter



I know that many of the Dee Point families enjoy the Summer Reading Challenge and I wanted to signpost you all to the letter regarding this on our website. You may want to do this at the Blacon Library at the Parade Enterprise Centre or alternatively head to the new StoryHouse Theatre in Chester to see the new library located in there. It is amazing and well worth a visit! Also just a reminder that many activities available for the Summer are posted on our website, just head to www.depointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk and look at the 'News' section at the bottom of the page as it has a list of events going on. The Summer Reading challenge is on throughout the Summer so to find out more please just follow this link: <http://www.depointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge---free-activities-during-the-summer-holidays-/26779>. The Summer can be a really expensive time for families so trying to find fun and free days out is really useful. Check out our tweets too @DeePointPrimary with other activities happening!

Groundwork @ Dee Point

Well I am delighted that this Summer will be a quieter one than usual in terms of building work, however there will be some work going on outside that I wanted to update you on. Firstly we will be creating another useful entrance / exit into the school by the caravan and the 3 wooden planters. We are going to extend the path and have a gate there so that you can come in from the main entrance and straight into the school instead of having to go the other way. Also we will be tarmacking the main car park and re-opening the pedestrian gate at the back of Tregle Close so children living in that area can walk to school from the back instead of coming through the front entrance. This reduces congestion on the pavements in and around school. We will also be having a potting shed installed on the grass at the front in preparation for some planting that will be taking place in the Autumn Term.

Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

In school, our biggest priority is keeping children safe at all times, however this is also everyone's priority in society to do the same outside of school and I know you will agree we all have a moral duty to ensure children are safe at all times. Sadly this year we have had a number of incidents outside of school where children's safety has been compromised. It is always a worry in the Summer with so much time out of school that children are safe when out in the local community. If you ever have any concerns about a child's safety, whilst it is important you let us know this, it is more important you report it first hand to either the Police by calling 101 or phone Cheshire West's Health and Social Care team, Monday - Thursday: 8.30am - 5pm Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm **Telephone: 0300 123 7047** Monday - Thursday: 4.30 pm - 8.30 am, Friday: From 4pm and 24 hours at weekends and bank holidays telephone: **Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) on 01244 977277**



And Finally...

Thank you everyone for taking the time to read this long awaited newsletter. I will write to you all again by the end of the week but wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Summer Fair last Friday, I have only just dried out!! It was a magical celebration that I hope you all loved. Special thanks to the Fundraising team and Miss Bowler for their hard work to make this happen too. Get the tissues ready for later in the week with our farewells to Year 6, other children and staff who are moving on and please keep an eye out for a letter today regarding an anti-bullying initiative we will be doing later this week and in the first week back at school. Let's have a magical final week of the year!!

Kind regards

Dave Williams (Headteacher)

