



# Dove Bank Primary School

## Weekly Bulletin - 23.02.2024

### British Science Week - 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March

We are planning a number of exciting scientific activities, based on this year's theme of 'Time'. We hope to get a some 'real-life scientists' to speak to the children during the week and to celebrate Science as a hugely important and exciting subject.

As part of this, we would like to invite parents and carers to join their children during their own Science lesson, which will take place starting at **9am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. You are warmly invited into our classrooms for this lesson as we would love to share our Science learning with you. The lesson should last an hour or so, and if you have more than one child in school, you will be able to split the time over the different classrooms. We look forward to seeing you!

Also, if you think that you might know someone who could talk to the children about their Science-orientated job, then please let me know on [deputy@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk). Thank you!

### Year 4 - Standon Bowers Assembly

Our Year 4 children have been having the most amazing time at Standon Bowers this week. They have been getting dirty during the blind trail, creating fires to toast marshmallows, using their balancing skills on the low ropes - along with many, many more activities, which I am sure they will fill you in on (albeit, tomorrow when they have caught up on some sleep!).

Next Friday, we would like to invite out Year 4 parents into our celebration assembly, where the children will share photographs and stories of their time away. We will also be handing out certificates to the children, with some extra ones to those who have really shone during the time away.

We hope you enjoy having them back with you tonight.

### Online Safety

The Staffordshire education safeguarding advice service are receiving an increased number of concerns around children using social media to make and send videos or images of themselves nude.

The following resource: [UNDRESSED](#) is a child friendly video that will support, and reinforce the message that children should not undress to share images or videos. Please consider if it is appropriate to share this with your child.

### Protection of Visitors, Staff and Pupils

Alongside the bulletin this week, I have sent out the school's policy on the protection of visitors, staff and pupils. Unacceptable behaviour on school grounds will not be tolerated. If you have any question about this, please do not hesitate to contact me directly: [headteacher@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk)

### School Council

This year's Children's Mental Health week theme was, 'My Voice Matters'. In assembly, on Wednesday, we talked about the best way to ensure that school staff and leaders and hear every child's voice.

We decided, that one way that this could be done would be through class discussions, led by our school councillors, which will then be fed back to myself. This way, we can start to bring about changes that the children really want. We will report back on the bulletin regularly with what the school council are up to.

Our first two tasks are as follows:

- In January, the WONDERFUL Jemma Chadwick, on behalf of Kidsgrove 19, donated a very generous £1000 to the school. We were absolutely blown away, and Jemma has suggested that we use this donation to create wet play activities for the children. I told the children all about this, and they were VERY excited to say the least! The school council's first job is going to be to discuss the best way to use this donation money with their classes, and then come to the next meeting and discuss with me. A huge thank you to K 19 for the donation - we can't wait to share what we buy with you.
- The council are also going to work on a child-friendly safeguarding policy. This will be shared with the children by the school councillors once we have completed it.

What a busy half term we have ahead of us! I may have to buy some biscuits to keep them going in all our official meetings.