Drew Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week to end on: we had a delicious Black History Month lunch on Tuesday, Year 2 had fun at the science museum and Year 6 visited a Buddhist temple! It just proves that learning takes place everywhere and not just the classroom.
As we turn our thoughts to the next half term, please see that the first day back (Tuesday 3rd November) is individual school photos, so book those haircuts in!
I hope you all enjoy the slightly longer than normal half term.
Best wishes,

Dulcie Sharp
Headteacher

What's coming up at Drew?

Dates for your Diary

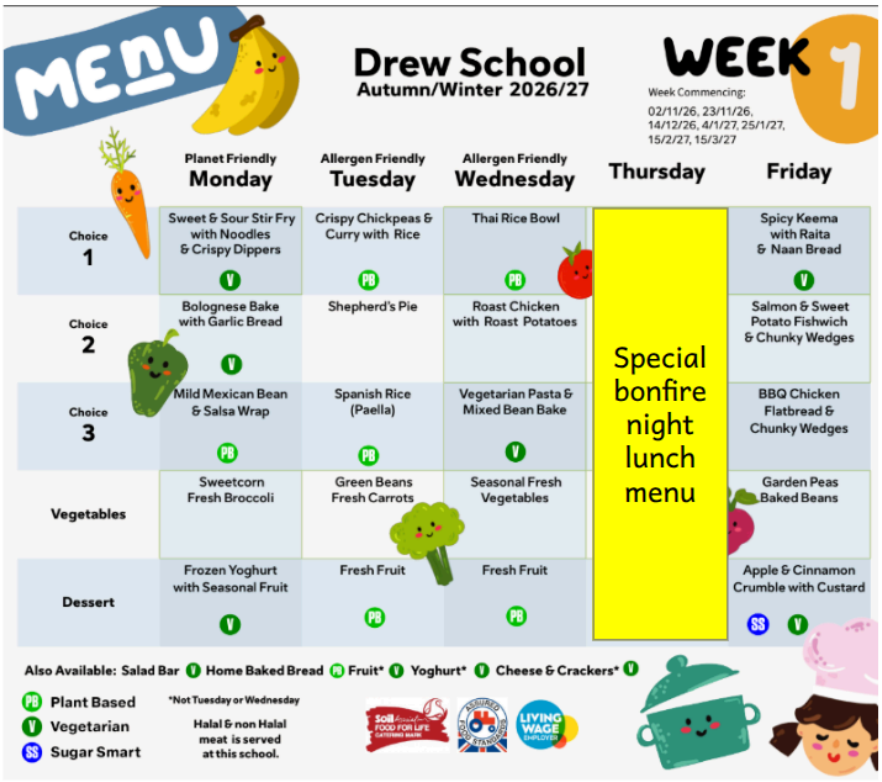
Monday 2nd Nov	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Closed to all staff and pupils	**ALL pupils return** **ALL - Individual school photos**		**ALL** - special bonfire night school dinner	**Y5** Online workshop British Library workshop

Curriculum Newsletters

Below are the curriculum newsletters for next half term.
Click on your child's year group to read about what they'll be learning over the next 6 weeks. There are also key dates for this half term including their PE and library days. If you have any questions, please chat with your child's class teacher.

Wonderland	Nursery	Reception
Year 1	Year 2 - *will be sent via Arbor*	Year 3
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

🍽️ Coming up on the Lunch Menu: Week 1 🍽️





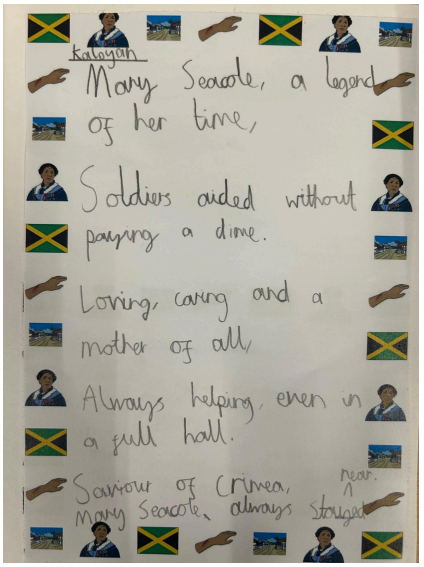
What's happened this week at Drew?

Black History Month

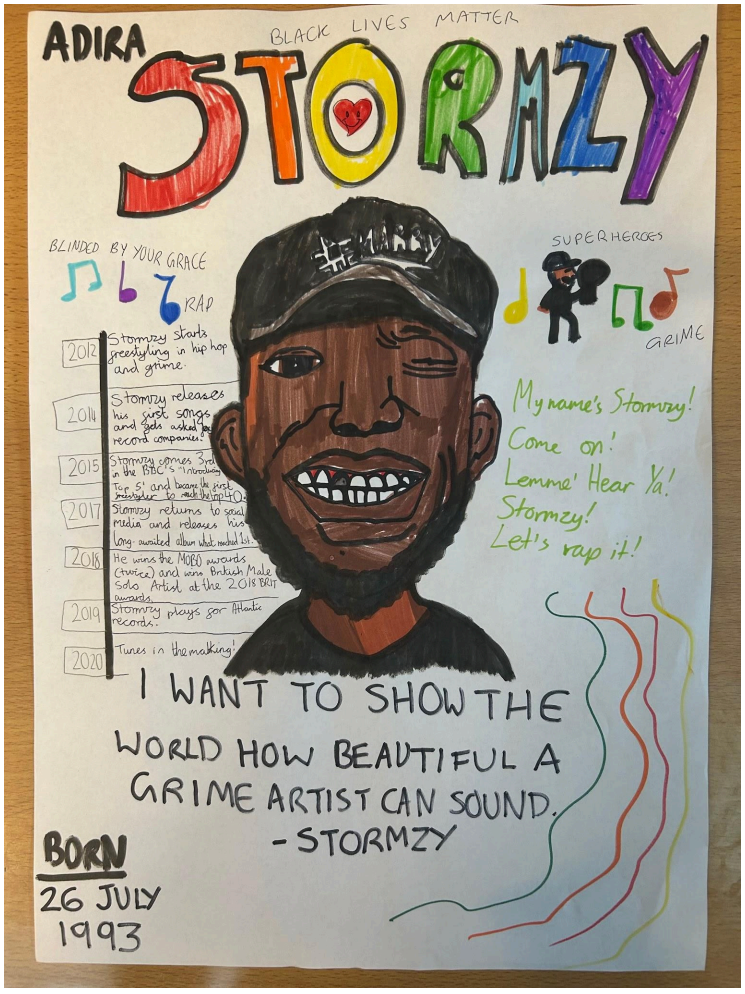
As part of our commitment to diversity and inclusion, Drew is proud to celebrate Black History Month. Throughout this week, pupils have been exploring the rich histories, cultures, and extraordinary contributions of Black individuals who have shaped our world. Children are discovering the stories of pioneers through exploring music, poetry, and storytelling. Our learning has been woven through our history, English, and PSHE lessons to foster curiosity, empathy, and respect.



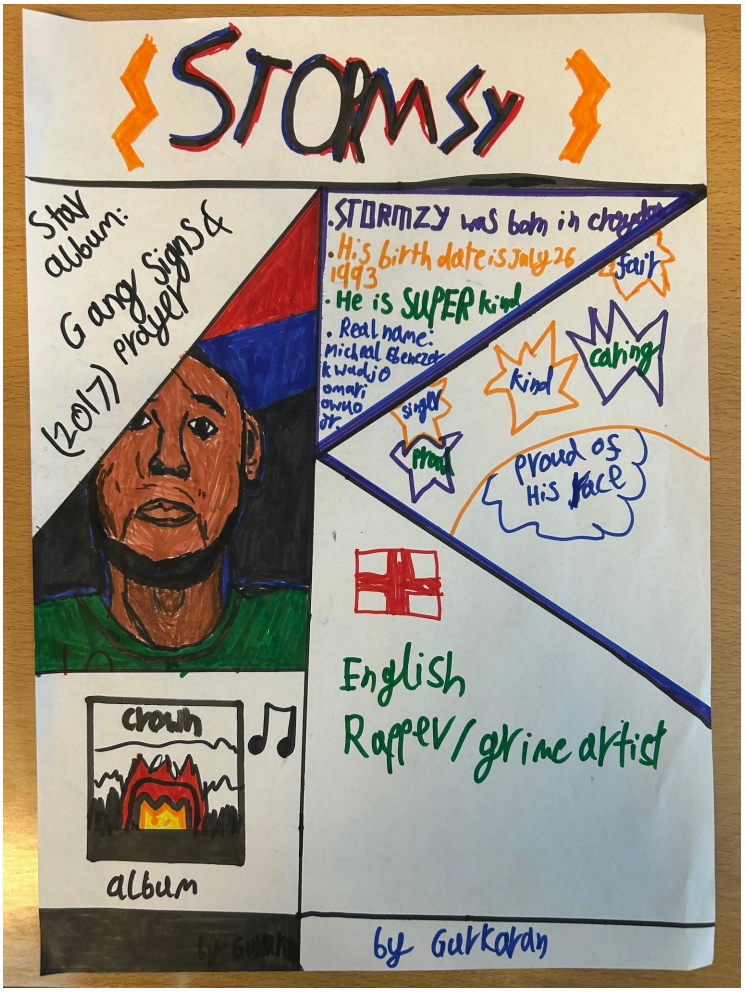
Year 3 - Marcus Rashford



Year 5 - Mary Seacole



Year 5 - Stormzy



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Year 6 visit Kingswood

Our Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood was an exciting experience filled with fun and adventure. Over five days, we took part in a variety of outdoor activities, including climbing, archery, ziplining and team challenges. These activities helped everyone develop their confidence, improve their teamwork skills and have a go at new things. In the evenings, we enjoyed campfires, played games and shared plenty of laughs. It was a fantastic trip that we will always remember!

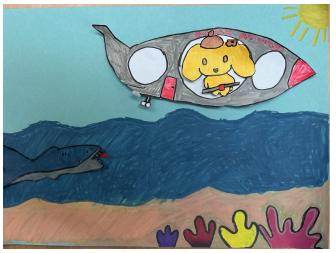





Those of us who stayed in school had just as much fun! We played team games, focusing on developing our leadership skills. We also tried Aboriginal art, took part in quizzes, had a biscuit decorating competition and created our own stop-motion movies. There was a wide range of exciting activities to enjoy, and everyone had the chance to be creative, work together and have lots of fun!







Attendance at Drew

Monday 12th - Friday 16th October

Reception	Castle 94%	Ocean 97%
Year 1	Hundred Acre Wood 96%	Planet Gu 95%
Year 2	Lighthouse 84%	Magic Tree 95%
Year 3	Giant Country 97%	Neverland 98%
Year 4	Hogwarts 97%	Narnia 98%
Year 5	Atlantis 98%	Olympus 94%
Year 6	Asgard 99%	Sherwood 100%

Well done to Neverland and Sherwood Classes. You have won the attendance trophies this week!

Student of the Week

Children that receive Student of the Week can come to school on the following Friday in their home clothes to celebrate their achievement.

If your child has been awarded Student of the Week, this means that your child has demonstrated upholding our Core Values in the choices that they have made during the week. Which they should be very proud of.

Our Values are: • Show Respect • Take Responsibility • Learn with Others • Make the Right Choice

We live and breathe these values in all that we do and offer our community at Drew and it makes us very proud that your child is able to demonstrate these Core Values in all they do.

This week our Core Value was **Make the Right Choice - Sensible**

Well done and huge congratulations to these pupils who have received Student of the Week this week.

Nursery	**Forest am** Emaad	**Forest pm** Naadirah
Reception	**Castle** George Alexandra	**Ocean** Sumaiyah Konig
Year 1	**Planet Gu** Musa A Nashwan	**Hundred Acre Wood** Nayla Angel
Year 2	**Magic Tree House** Zahraa Medina M	**Lighthouse** Blossom Maha
Year 3	**Giant Country** Rory Iris	**Neverland** Irza Josiah
Year 4	**Narnia** Amelia Anaya	**Hogwarts** Aidan Lena
Year 5	**Olympus** Charlie Sufyan Y	**Atlantis** Luqmaan Mysha
Year 6	**Asgard** Nuwala Zakirah	**Sherwood** Ella Elias

Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots

At Drew, in Years 3 to 6 we promote the use of Times Tables Rock Stars for practising the times tables in school and at home. Our younger mathematicians practise their basic maths skills through Numbots in Years 1 and 2.

We are very proud of all our budding mathematicians and we celebrate their achievements every week.

The focus is on **accuracy** and how many **answers** they get **correct**.

Well done to all our children for participating this week and a special shout out to the following children for showing the biggest improvement in accuracy.

NUMBOTS	
1	Kruise
2	Zoe
3	Pamela

Times Tables Rock Stars	
1	Irza
2	Mustafa
3	Rayyan

Accelerated Reader

At Drew, we promote a love of reading through Accelerated Reader, encouraging children to read a wide range of books and complete quizzes to check their understanding.
We celebrate the classes who have read the most words and completed their book quizzes successfully. The more children read, the more words they encounter and the more they develop their understanding.

Well done to all our classes for their fantastic reading this week, with a special shout-out to the following classes for reading the most words!

2nd

Giant Country
128,457

Sherwood
1,345,937

1st

Neverland
131,498

Olympus
1,743,103

3rd

Magic Treehouse
23,991

Atlantis
1,333,418

Dia de los muertos comes to London





Celebrating Día de los Muertos – Day of the Dead

Families are invited to explore the colourful Mexican celebration of **Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)** at upcoming events at Columbia Road Flower Market on **Saturday 31st October, after 10.30am**, and Camden Market on **Sunday 1st November, after 1pm**. These vibrant, Mexican-inspired celebrations offer a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to discover traditions, enjoy the festivities and learn about another culture. The events also link beautifully to our Spanish language learning in school, helping children make meaningful connections between the language they are learning and the cultural celebrations, traditions and customs of Spanish-speaking communities. ¡Feliz Día de los Muertos!

Camden Market

Book your free spot below:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dia-de-los-muertos-day-of-the-dead-tickets-2001063300198?_eboga=1205382363.1792665633

Columbia Market

No booking required.
Saturday 31 October 2026 | From 12pm | Free

Covent Garden
From **Saturday 24th October - Tuesday 3 November, f**amilies and friends alike can pick up a free trail map and join the interactive educational trail to find all the Calavera characters.

Discover the name of each character and make note of the first letter, then unscramble the clue to reveal the Dia de los Muertos celebration word.

Pick up your free trail map from **Fair Shot** or download a **digital version**. Once they've uncovered the word, young puzzle solvers can show their completed map for a £1.50 hot chocolate at **Fair Shot** cafe.