

17TH MARCH 2023

If you missed it this week, you will find the outcome of our February OFSTED inspection here.

## [OFSTED Inspection Letter to Parents](#)

I was pleased to have been able to share some of the verbal feedback from the inspector with staff and governors and would like to also share some with you which did not come through in the letter but still felt it worth sharing, particularly in the three curriculum areas which were the focus of the deep dives.

### Reading

Reading is well-organised: routines are familiar. There is a determination that children will learn to read fluently. The inspector observed children being heard read to a familiar adult, during which time she noted that our Teaching Assistants were “experts” in supporting the children, insisting on accuracy and supporting the children to use their decoding skills well. She summarised by saying that, in reading, children are experiencing success.

### Maths

The Inspector commended our passionate Maths Leader, Mrs O'Donnell, for having well-thought out and clear rationale for Maths. Planning clearly identifies smaller parts of learning and is well sequenced. There is an agreed approach to teaching, with training for staff implemented where needed. Although there is a clear planning structure, there is also the flexibility to be responsive: for example, the children in Year 3 have made rapid progress since September from their starting points using an adaptation of the Concrete/Pictorial/Abstract whole-school approach.

### Geography

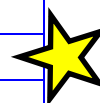
Again, the inspector noted a clear rationale behind curriculum planning. Through discussions with children and work scrutiny, the inspector was able to conclude that the children are acquiring good knowledge and “writing like geographers”.

### Class Attendances—Week beginning 13th March 2023—Average attendance 94%

Attendance has seen a slight drop again this week. We continue to aim for an overall attendance of 96% for the academic year. **Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.**

Class 1	92.7%
Class 2	98.9%
Class 3	98.9%
Class 4	98.0%
Class 5	89.6%
Class 6	88.8%

Class 7	92.2%
Class 8	97.9%
Class 9	88.9%
Class 10	99.0%
Class 11	97.9%
Class 12	95.7%



Best Wishes  
Mrs J Hill

### Inclusion Coffee Mornings

Our next Inclusion Coffee Morning, focusing on Sensory Processing Needs is on Wednesday 29th March. All parents from both Ridgeway and Gayton schools are welcome to join us if you think the topic might help you at home. Please join us at 9am for each session for a tea or coffee—all sessions will begin at 9:30am and will finish by 11am at the latest.

**Wednesday 29th March**—Sensory Processing & Needs—run by Fleur Roseblade, First Look SEN

**Wednesday 17th May**—Transition & Summer Support—run by Julie Fearn & Vicki Clarke, Learning Mentor, Gayton Junior School

**Wednesday 28th June**—Internet Safety & Mental Health—run by Vicki Clarke



### Big Walk and Wheel

Next week marks the start of our challenge to walk and wheel to and from school on as many days as possible between 20th March and the end of term. We would love **everyone** to be involved—please encourage your child/children to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event!

Remember there is always the option of parking further from school and walking the last part of the journey if walking the whole way to school is not possible or practical—we will count this as a walk to school.



Children who are cycling or scooting to school should leave their scooters and bikes in the cycle shelter in the car park, preferably with a lock on them. The shelter is locked during school hours. Please make sure your child is wearing a helmet if they are using these methods of travel.

### Easter Holiday Activities and Food

The Easter Holiday Activity and Food programme provides free activities and free school meals for Derby city eligible families, funded by the Department for Education. We are working with Community Action Derby to provide an active programme for the children to enjoy.



See the [Childrens Information Web page](#) for information on what activities are available and how to book.

### Comic Relief

Including sales of red noses, and thanks to your donations, we have raised £560.86 this year in aid of Comic Relief. 😊



### School Dinners

Next week, we will be on Week 2's dinner menu. Dinners are £2.20 per day and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.



<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Week-2-Menu-Spring-Summer-2023.pdf>

FEBRUARY HALF TERM		
Monday 20th March	All Day	Year 5 Faith Trail—See Letter
<b>Monday 20th—Friday 31st March</b>	<b>Mornings and Evenings for the fortnight</b>	<b>Big Walk and Wheel</b>
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st March	All Day	Year 3 Roman Workshops
Wednesday 22nd March	All Day	Year 4 Space Centre Trip—See Letter
<b>Wednesday 22nd March — date change</b>	<b>During the school day</b>	<b>Year 3 visits to Newmount Church—Easter Experience</b>
Wednesday 29th March	All Day	Year 6 School Nursing Team Visit—See Letter
Wednesday 29th March	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning —Sensory Processing & Needs
<b>Tuesday 28th March —date change</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Reward Day—Non Uniform for all pupils</b>
Thursday 30th March	PM	Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 31st March	All Day	INSET 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 17th April	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 1
<b>Monday 1st May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children</b>
Tuesday 9th—Tuesday 16th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 12th—Sunday 14th May	All Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Wednesday 17th May	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning —Transition & Summer Support
Wednesday 17th May	All Day	Year 5 Seaside Trip—Letter to follow
Tuesday 23rd May	PM	Year 4 Ukulele Concert for Parents—Details to follow
Friday 26th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
MAY HALF TERM		
Monday 5th June	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 2
Wednesday 28th June	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning —Internet Safety & Mental Health
Friday 21st July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday
2023-24 INSET DAYS		
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th November 2023	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5

### Breakfast

Numbers have risen this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to **50** children over the course of the week of breakfast provision for those who need it.

**breakfast**  
fuel for learning



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ACTIVITIES

## EASTER HOLIDAYS 2023



# Holiday Club

6-12 Years

Arena ride to Elvaston Castle

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- Backpack with snacks & drink

£20

*2 1/2 Hour Session available:*

- 60 minutes to build bike skills
- Group ride around the park

3<sup>rd</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am - 1pm

## New to two wheels

at Derby Arena

4-8 Years

Mini cycling club for those new to two wheels! You will need:

- Your own bike, helmet and drink
- To be able to ride unaided

3<sup>rd</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April  
10am - 11am

£10



All activities **must be booked in advance**

To book call 07827 879647 or email [cyclederby@derby.gov.uk](mailto:cyclederby@derby.gov.uk)

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**Learn<sup>to</sup>Ride**

at Markeaton Park **4+ Years**

For children getting onto two wheels for the first time *or* those who have *almost* mastered it.

Own bike preferred but not essential.

50 Minute Sessions available

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>,  
12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**April** £20

10am-2.30pm



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To book sessions please email [cyclederby@derby.gov.uk](mailto:cyclederby@derby.gov.uk) or call 07827 879647 (New Riders Club) or 07972 268171 (Learn to Ride)

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# Trackdays

Day Session at  
Derby Arena

**9-16 Years**

You need:

- To be a competent cyclist
- Appropriate clothing
- A packed lunch & drink

**4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
April**

10am - 3pm

**£35**



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