

DANE BANK

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

"Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it. Together, it is possible..."

Friday 16th October 2026



Dane Bank
Primary School

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A NOTE FROM MRS LENNON...

Doesn't it feel like Autumn has arrived very quickly?! All of a sudden the weather is changing, the mornings are darker and the children are all discussing Halloween! It has been a busy week and, as always, I have had so many moments of feeling proud of our little school. We had a very well-attended Open Morning this week for parents looking for schools for next September and I was so proud to show them around - our classrooms felt calm and purposeful and staff and children were happy. One parent said, "you can just feel the warmth in this school". How amazing is that?! I hope everyone has a lovely weekend! Mrs Lennon

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

1 Recent fundraising

Thank you for your support with our recent fundraising. We have been so proud to make the following donations:

- £176 to the Jeans for Genes charity
- £363 to Macmillan

Our next fundraising event is our Autumn discos next Friday - more info will be shared. Our Friends of Dane Bank are busy planning events for this year and our wish is to raise enough money to buy some more iPads for the children.

2 Year 2 at the airport

On Tuesday our Year 2 class went to Manchester Airport as part of their History topic, "How did the first flight change the world?" The children loved sharing their knowledge and learning even more about the world of aviation. Miss Gill shared some lovely pictures of the children from the day and I think their smiles said everything! I also think we may have some future pilots in our midst as they looked very comfortable in the front seat!

3 A very special visitor!

On Thursday this week we were thrilled to welcome Emlyn Wright to visit Dane Bank. Emlyn is the Assistant Director for Education and Inclusion at Tameside Local Authority and had never visited us before. Myself and Mrs Clarke were so proud to show him around and tell him about the things we are working on here at school. Emlyn shared his highlights - visiting The Hive and instantly joining in with sensory play; chatting with KS2 pupils (he described them as 'delightful') and seeing our fab OPAL play set up.

ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance target is 97%

Each week, the class with the highest attendance will receive a Class Dojo point each.

This week, our whole school attendance was 96%

The winning class this week is Year 2 with 97.7% attendance.



Attendance Matters!



DOJO MASTER



Early Years: Dante Jacobs

Key Stage 1: Jude Lockwood

Key Stage 2: Jude Frost

The Hive: Jaxon Wain

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STAR OF THE WEEK



Carson Pudsey
Nursery

For having a brilliant week and for following all of our school values!



Sullivan Barker-Jones
Reception

For working hard with his reading and making great progress.



Myles Melling
Year 1

For showing respect and responsibility. He has been making sure he helps tidy up the classroom - thanks Myles!



Benji Ayres
Year 2

For great focus, recall and effort in History. He worked hard to share ALL he has learnt.



Eric McNelly-Coverley
Year 3

For showing determination and resilience trying to get all of his times tables badges.



Sapphire Sharpe-Mullholland
Year 4

Sapphire has been an absolute star showing resilience and determination with homework and school work.



Liam Kennedy
Year 5

Liam puts outstanding effort in to every lesson and has really impressed with his Maths work.



Lily-Mae Heath-Hope
Year 6

For showing quiet confident with her Maths this week - well done!



Amaya Hashim
The Hive

For showing brilliant enthusiasm at our swimming lesson.



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PLAY LEADER STAR OF THE WEEK

Arlo Rawlinson



UPCOMING DATES

21ST OCTOBER

Year 6 Class
Assembly 9.15am

21ST OCTOBER

Parents' Evening:
3.30-6.00pm

22ND OCTOBER

Parents' Evening:
1.30-4.00pm

23RD OCTOBER

Autumn Discos -
afternoon

23RD OCTOBER

School closes for
half term

2ND NOVEMBER

School opens