

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a short half term but as you will see from this edition of the newsletter, we have still been very busy. Our dedicated teachers have continued to deliver a high-quality curriculum and our wonderful learning has continued to take place both inside and outside the classroom, as well as through our cultural capital offer, such as educational visits, museums and various workshops. Once again, we have also had many events that support the children with their personal development and wellbeing. You can also see all of the latest news on our new Instagram account @delta.primaryschool as well as our school website.

The children from Year 1 to 6 recently carried out a Pupil Survey about the school, which was very positive and we are pleased to share the headlines below:

- 98% of pupils said that they enjoy school.**
- 99% of pupils said that their teacher helps them to do their best in school.**
- 98% of pupils said that their teacher gives them work that challenges them.**
- 97% of pupils said that they enjoy the learning at Delta.**
- 97% of pupils said that their teacher listens to what they say in lessons.**
- 96% of pupils said that there is an adult that they can talk to when something is worrying them.**
- 96% of pupils said that the behaviour in their class is good.**
- 97% of pupils said that they feel safe when at school.**

As you are aware, the school also supports the 52 Lives School of Kindness. In January, the word 'kindness' had been chosen as the Children's Word of the Year following a survey by Oxford University Press (OUP). Our wonderful Delta children continue to use and say 'Kindness is our Superpower' and know the expectations that are fully embedded in our school vision and values.

Finally, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on the first day of the second half of the spring term - Monday 24th February 2025 at 8.45am.

Sarah Roberts Bindya Chapaneri
Executive Headteacher Head of School



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS HALF-TERM CHALLENGE

Every child received the 52 Lives School of Kindness 'Random Acts of Half-Term Challenge' sheet for them all to complete this week and during half term. Don't forget to bring all entries back to school on Monday 24th February.

Last year, one of our children won the Kindness Bench for our school so it would be great to see what we could win this year!



YEAR 3 ANGELOU ST ALBANS VERULAMIUM MUSEUM & CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 3 Angelou class visited St Albans Verulamium Museum to find out more about the Ancient Romans. The children saw a beautiful 1700-year-old mosaic floor, created sketches of the old Roman City Wall ruins and looked at ancient artefacts. The class also took part in a workshop where they dressed up as Roman citizens and went shopping for Roman foods and objects in the market square.

A few weeks later, the children performed their class assembly to their parents and families. The children did exceptionally well and were trying to convince the audience that the Romans should rule our school!

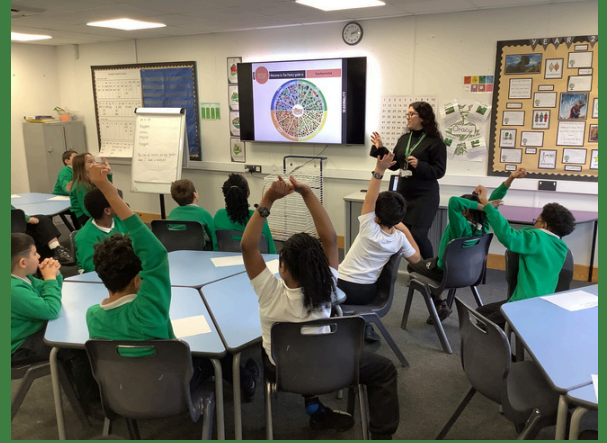
In a short space of time, the children have learnt many facts about the Romans and were able to share their knowledge, skills and understanding. The children also sang a song about Roman Numerals and 'Think like a Roman.' They also discussed the different Roman Emperors and how the Romans created mosaics and the Roman baths.

Finally, as part of our cultural capital offer, the children were able to recall their educational visit to St Albans Verulamium and discuss their amazing experience.



YEAR 4 FARAH FARM TO FORK WORKSHOP

Year 4 Farah class had a visit from The Pantry to learn about how food gets from farms to their plates. The children conducted an interview to find out more about their school meals. They learnt that The Pantry is an eco-friendly company and are focused on sustainability. The Pantry explained that most of the food supplied to Delta comes from UK suppliers. They also highlighted their efforts to reduce food miles and their carbon footprint, as well as the importance of supporting local farmers. The children enjoyed asking questions and learning about sustainable food sourcing.



DELTA MPS VISIT TO THE ENFIELD ECO PARK

Two of our Delta MPs who are on the sustainability committee, visited the local Eco Recycling Park, alongside other MPs from our other Trust schools. The MPs were given a tour of the Eco Recycling Park and were shown how household recyclable materials are collected, sorted and distributed so that they can be recycled again.

Our Delta MPs had a great time learning outside the classroom and were very good representatives for the school. They also reported their experience to the rest of the school MPs during one of our Parliament meetings.



SUSTAINABILITY COMPETITION & WINNERS

A few weeks ago, our Delta MPs decided to organise a Sustainability competition. Children had to make a model or sculpture of an animal that lives in the Ocean. It was a very difficult decision for our MPs to judge all the wonderful entries. Well done to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners who all received a book related to the Ocean.

Sustainability Competition

The Delta MPs would like you to take part in this Sustainability Competition.

The theme is 'Animals in the Ocean'.

We would like you to use recyclable objects such as old newspapers, plastic bottles and cereal boxes and make a sculpture or model of an animal that you can find in the Ocean.

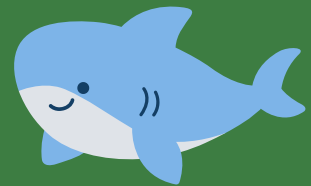
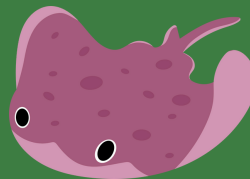
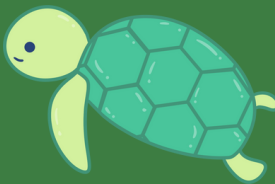
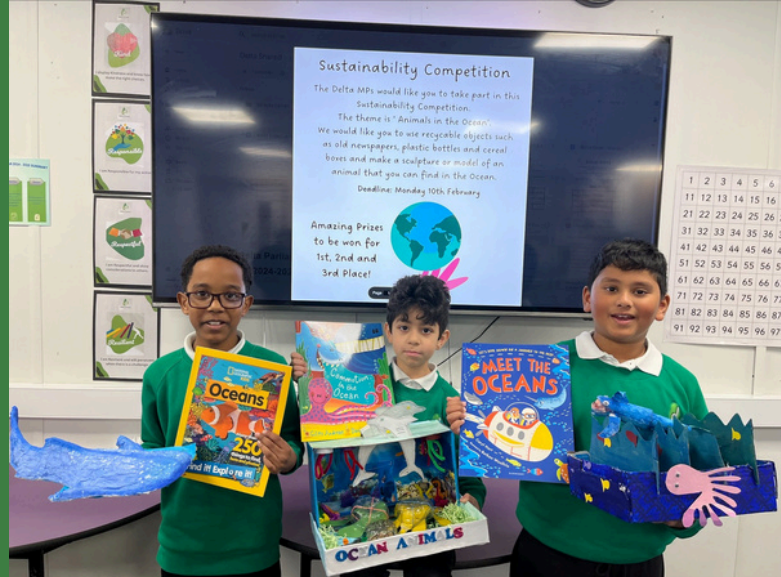
Deadline: Monday 10th February

Amazing Prizes to be won for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place!



Save our Planet!

It's the only one we have.



ENRICHMENT AT AIM ACADEMY

This half term, Year 5/6 Jemison class had another opportunity to visit Aim Academy for enrichment sessions based on Maths and Writing. The children worked hard on their four operations in a fun Maths workshop and then were inspired by a creative writing class for the afternoon. It was a great experience for Jemison class as they prepare to move onto their next stage of education. All pupils valued the afternoon and showed great maturity on the day. They will be also having even more enrichment sessions next half term, which are outlined in the 'Dates for the Diary.'



YEAR RECEPTION KAHLO YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Our Year Reception Kahlo class produced artwork on the theme 'Me and My Family', which was entered in a nationwide competition in conjunction with other Reception classes from the UK. Our Reception children's artwork had been chosen and will be published and used to create a book that will be available in March.

Our budding artists were each awarded a certificate and sticker from the Young Artists organisation. We are very proud of the children and look forward to seeing their artwork in the book.



YEAR 1 KAHLO GYMNASTICS

The children in Year 1 Kahlo have been practising their core and balance whilst using the apparatus during their gymnastic lesson. The children also understood how it is important to be safe on the gymnastic equipment. The children also learnt that being active is also good for our mental health and wellbeing.

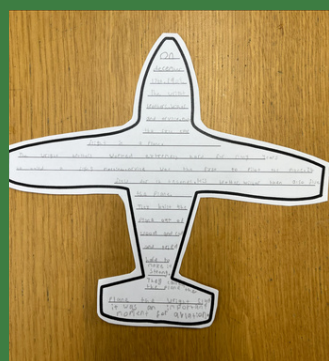
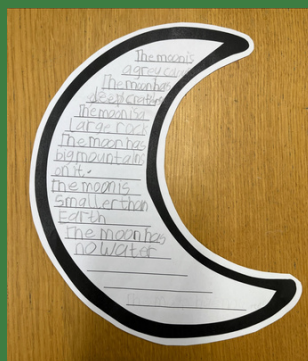
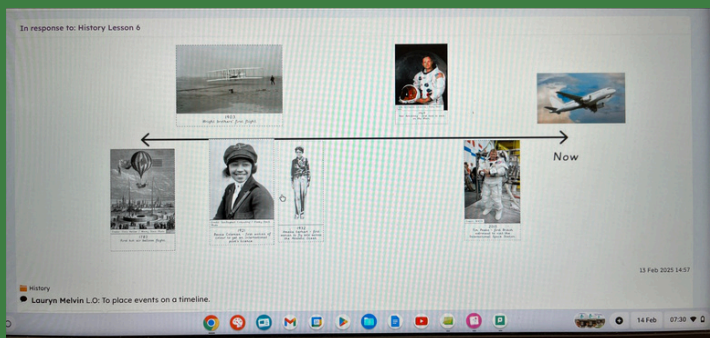
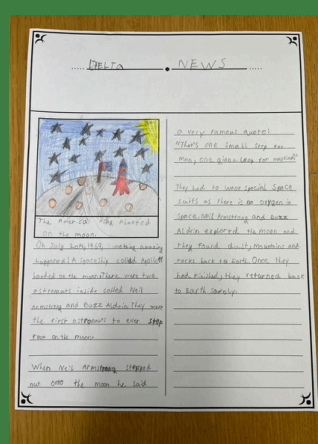
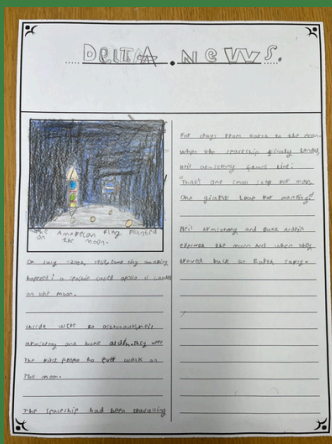
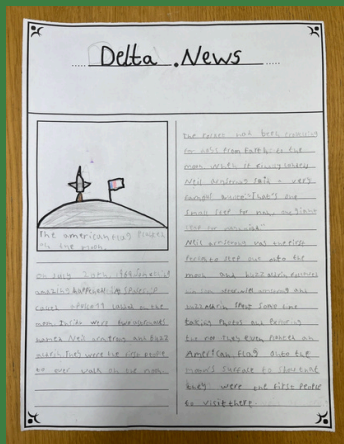


YEAR 2 MANDELA NEWS REPORTERS

Year 2 Mandela have been reading the book, Rocket Girl, written by Didi Dragon. It is about a young, ambitious girl who dreams that she can travel into space. The book also reflects on not having gender stereotypes and having resilience that you can achieve anything that you put your mind to it regardless of your gender.

This was then linked to their History topic 'How did we learn to fly?' The children looked and events beyond their living memory and reinforcing their chronological understanding by looking at significant events in the history of flight on a timeline. For instance, the first flight by the Wright brothers, Neil Armstrong landing on the moon in 1969, significant women in history such as Bessie Coleman and Amelia Earhart.

Finally, their classroom was transformed into a newsroom where the children became Delta News reporters and recorded their news reports! Please click on the QR code!



OUR PLAYGROUND ORACY


Our new Playground Oracy signage is now displayed in the playground. This allows all of our Delta children to use their oracy skills to ask others about joining in with play and games but also when the right choices are not made, how they can overcome them through the power of talk. Our Year 5/6 Games makers are also around during playtime and lunchtime and have continued to be excellent role models and encouraging children to participate in all the playground games such as volleyball, netball, hockey, basketball, table tennis as well as learning different games in the designated skills area.

YEAR 5/6 JEMISON MESSAGE FROM SIR MO FARAH!

Year 5/6 Jemison Class have been writing non-chronological reports about the inspirational Olympian - Sir Mo Farah. Their class teacher reached out to Sir Mo Farah and explained how the children had been researching his early life, his journey to the Olympics and all his charity work to help the class with their writing. The class were delighted and truly excited that Sir Mo Farah sent them all a personal video message, thanking them all and encouraging them to work hard in school and that 'Anything is Possible!' You can see the full video on our new Instagram account.



Non-chronological report about Mo Farah



Mo Farah (who is the best runner in our generation) was born in Somalia but raised in the United Kingdom. He had a rough childhood he grew up having to be separated from his twin brother (Hassan) he also had to adjust to a new language and a new culture to understand and learn. Fortunately Mo Farah has inspired many people globally and has 3 gold medals for his incredible talent.

Childhood

Mo Farah was born on March 23rd 1983 in Somalia and his life was not near easy. At a young age he was separated from his twin brother (Hassan) to move to the UK to meet his extended family. He had to learn English and has to follow the culture and that means he struggled in school. His PE teacher noticed his special PE teacher noticed his special talent and encouraged him into athletics and thought he had high potential to become a runner.

Achievements


Mo Farah has accomplished success throughout his life by winning many 100m races and he's won 3 olympic gold medals throughout the years. Mo Farah was knighted by the queen in 2017.

Donations

Mo Farah started a foundation called "the Mo Farah foundation" it started in 2017 in East Africa and they provided clean water, fresh food and a free education to the kids in need. He started the foundation by his finances to support families all around the world to those in need of help.

Mo Farah one of the most remarkable people on and off the track

Mo Farah, who was born in Somalia but raised in the UK, is one of the most incredible long-distance runners of our generation. Having travelled to the UK as a child, Mo has accomplished many things and has inspired countless people around the globe. This report explores Mo's life and how challenging his life was at a young age.



Childhood

Mo Farah was born in Mogadishu, Somalia on 23 March 1983. Unfortunately for Mo, Mo has been separated from his twin brother, Hassan, when he moved to the UK. When Mo arrived in Hounslow, England, he lived with extended family. Mo found things difficult adjusting to a new language and culture and mostly he found school difficult. Mo's PE teacher spotted his extraordinary talent for running so he (PE teacher) motivated Mo and now Mo is one of the best runners in our history.


Accomplishments

Mo Farah has remarkable victories as an Olympic runner. Having participated in various Olympic games and world championships, he has numerous to be proud of (Four Olympic gold medals and Six world championships). This means that he is a renowned sportsman and is one of the most decorated athletes in British history. Queen Elizabeth II noticed Mo's success in running and knighted him in 2017.



Giving Back To The Community


Mo Farah has extended his status to support vulnerable families around the Earth. He used his wealth to complete the Mo Farah Foundation - originally made in 2017. This unbelievable charity provides the community with everyday items, education, fresh food, clean water. Also the 'MoBot' made by Mo especially the 'M' on his head has been going popular around the world.



Mo Farah was born in Somalia but he was raised in the UK. He is one of the greatest runners and won lots of gold medals. This report looks at the life of Mo Farah both on and off the track.


Childhood

Mo Farah's childhood was hard because he had to travel from Somalia to England. Unfortunately he was separated from his twin brother Hassan. At school he learned new language and made new friends.




Accomplishments

Mo Farah has won many awards because he is the greatest runner. He has won four shining gold medals. He is the best runner in our history.



Charity

Mo Farah is not just a runner because he also helps other families. He made a charity in East Africa and it gives people clean water, school and food. Mo Farah also helps UK hospitals.



Fun Fact about Mo Farah


Mo Farah was the British athlete to win two gold medals at some world championships.

Mo Farah's champion off and on the track

Mo Farah, born in Somalia but raised and competing in the UK, is one of the most talented long-distance runners in our generation. Having moved to the UK as a child, Mo has lots of accomplishments and has inspired countless people around the globe. This non-chronological report will explore Mo Farah's life, achievements and his impact to his made both on and off the track.


Early Life

Beyond those glimmering medals lies a sad childhood. Mo Farah was born in Mogadishu, Somalia on the 23rd March 1983. Mo has been faced with challenges his family moved to Djibouti as a young child but at the age of eight Mo and his twin brother, Hassan, got separated and Mo was brought to the UK. Mo Farah had to adjust to a new culture and language he had to live with an extended family and also found school difficult. But his PE teacher noticed his extraordinary talent for running so he motivated him to pursue track and field and his dream began to shine.



Achievements

Mo Farah has an unbelievable range of achievements in his career of track and field. He has participated in a range of competition settings like World Championships and four Olympic gold medals. In 2017, Mo Farah won Olympic gold medals in 2017 in London Olympic and also in 2016 in Rio De Janeiro. Mo Farah has one of the highest status in running he is also a renowned athlete and is one of the most decorated ones in our history. I am sure Mo Farah's name will be engraved in the history books and won't be forgotten.



Giving it forward

Not only does Mo Farah have many achievements to look back on, he is very generous with his finances. He utilized his success to give back to those in need. So he established the Mo Farah Foundation to support vulnerable people in East Africa originally created in 2017. His charity has provided many for the community, food, clean water and accessible education. Mo Farah has also supported many UK charities to raise money such as cancer research and children's hospitals.


Interesting facts

- Mo Farah's birth name was Hassan.
- Mo Farah went to Saint Mary school.
- His weight is 80 kg.
- He is 175 cm.
- He got knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2017 and is now addressed as Sir.
- His full name is Sir Mohammed Mutah Jama Farah.

Now we can all agree on how much of an impact this man has made and will never forget.

All about Mo Farah


Mo Farah, who was born in Somalia but raised in the UK, is one of the greatest long-distance runners in our generation. Having moved to the UK as a young child, Mo has claimed many awards and has inspired countless people around the globe. This report explores his life, achievements and the impact he has made.



EARLY LIFE

Mo Farah was born on 23rd March 1983 in Somalia. Devastatingly, he got separated from his twin brother Hassan when he migrated to England on his own. When he landed in England, he met his extended family in West London. Mo faced extreme challenges. For example, he had to adjust to a new culture and language but he also found school challenging.

ACHIEVEMENTS


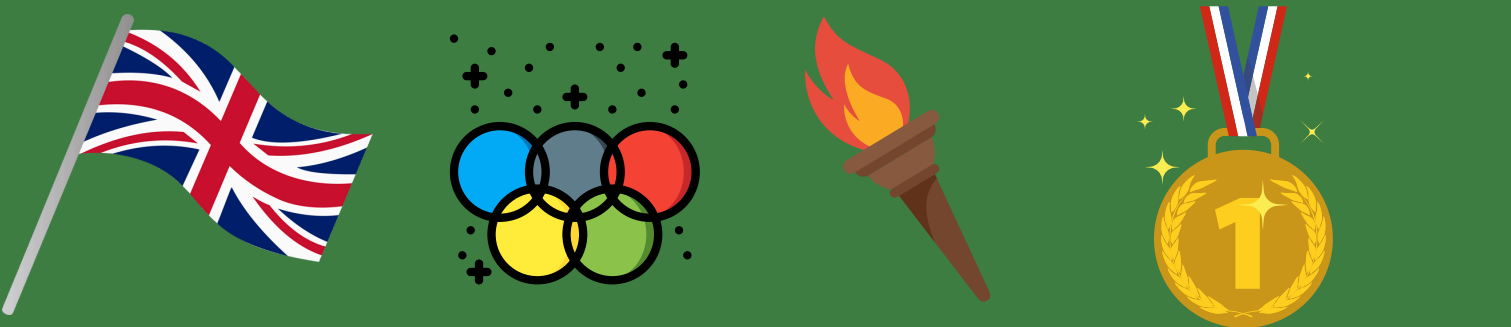


Mo Farah (who has won countless awards) has attained some remarkable accomplishments throughout his life. Having competed in several Olympic Games and World Championships, the amount of gold medals (10) he has won is unbelievable. This means he is a renowned and decorated athlete. He has a distinct status and is known all around the globe. Not surprisingly, Queen Elizabeth has recognised his talent and knighted Mo Farah (who is now called Sir Mo Farah) in 2017.

Giving back to the kind community

Mo Farah has used his status to support families all over the world.

This kind act has helped all those people in need. For example, he has used his own finances to create the Mo Farah Foundation in 2017 (East Africa). This amazing charity provides many things, food, water and education.

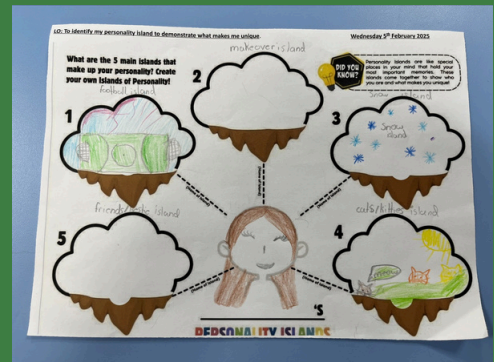
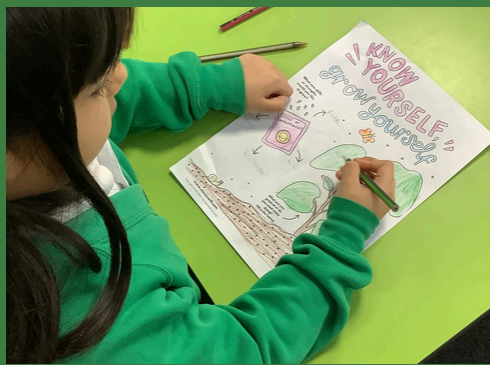
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



The week beginning - Monday 3rd February was Children's Mental Health Week. Firstly, our Delta children took part in the 52 Lives School of Kindness Mental Health Live Workshop followed by an activity based on the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself,' which is in conjunction with the Place2Be charity too! Then throughout the week the children took part in various mental health activities during their PSHE lessons and circle time sessions, which focused on kindness, self-awareness and emotional growth.

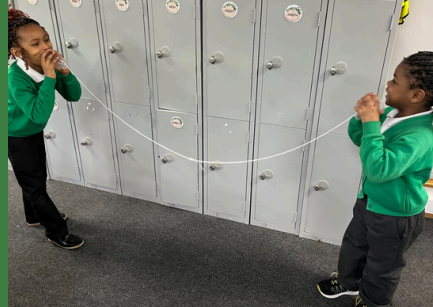
At Delta, we believe it is important that all our Delta children are always learning about their feelings and are taught how to understand and take care of their mental health. Towards the end of the week, we had 'Express Yourself Day.' The children came to school wearing hair accessories, hats, brightly coloured socks and trainers to express their personality, creativity and individuality. The children also bought £1.00 to help support the charity Place2Be.

Finally, in the afternoon, Year 1 - 6 watched the Disney film Inside Out 2, which is supported by the Place2Be charity as the film was a springboard for the children to discuss their emotions, mental health and wellbeing.



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLUBS

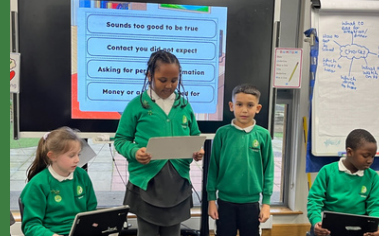
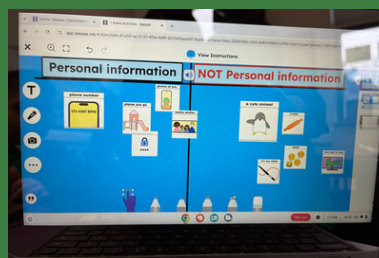
The children have continued to enjoy our after school club enrichment offer this half term. Our wonderful dedicated teachers have continued to run the clubs. Netball club has been a huge success whether it is sunny or raining. The children have been perfecting their skills and learning the importance of teamwork. In Computing club, the children have been using Scratch Junior to learn coding and programming. In Science club, the children have been using their scientific and investigations skills. Funky fingers club has focused on the children refining their gross and fine motor skills. The clubs will continue after half term but **every Thursday**.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

This week it was also Safer Internet Day and this year's theme is "Protecting yourself and others from scams online." The children have all taken part in an assembly, which helped the children to understand what a scam is and how we can possibly identify them. Also, recapping who are their trusted adults that they can talk to if they do not feel safe online.

Year 1 to 5/6 also carried out various activities during their Computing lessons, such as sorting and knowing the difference between personal and not personal information, knowing the signs of what may look like a scam and which emotions they would feel and using a password generator to help create a password that no one else would know.



MULTICULTURAL AND WORLDVIEW DAY

2025

On the last day of term, the hall and playground were decorated with multicultural flags, colourful bunting and red lanterns. The children came to school all dressed in red and had a fantastic opportunity to explore and celebrate different cultures and beliefs, whilst developing an understanding and appreciation for diversity.

An educational workshop led by West End in Schools, a highly respected performance company took place. Our children were immersed and engaged in the wonderful Chinese Zodiac Dance Workshop based on storytelling and dance that brought to life the traditional Chinese Zodiac story, enriching the children's understanding of Chinese culture.

There were also activities based on the Chinese Year of the Snake, a red envelope activity where the children wrote kindness and new year messages to each other, various links to our British Values and age-appropriate Protected Characteristics and finally completing a lesson from their RE topic for this half term.





PSHE PARENT MEETING

Our Year 5/6 parents were also invited to attend a PSHE parent meeting informing them of our up and coming PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education) curriculum on the topic 'Changing Me' and also the statutory curriculum linked Relationships and Health Education.

Thank you to all the parents who attended. If you unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation will be shared with you via email.

BRITISH VALUES AND PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

At Delta, we value the diversity of the backgrounds of all pupils, families and the wider school community and strongly believe in upholding British values through all aspects of our school provision. We aim to nurture our children on their journey through life so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British society and to the world and the wider world.

The Equality Act 2010 covers the following protected characteristics - Age, Disability, Gender reassignment, Marriage and civil partnership, Pregnancy and maternity, Race, Religion or belief, Sex, Sexual orientation.

No form of discrimination is tolerated at Delta Primary School and our pupils show respect for those who share the protected characteristics.

We do not teach about all the protected characteristics in every year group. The curriculum is planned and delivered so that our pupils develop age appropriate knowledge and understanding during their time at Delta. Please see the [link](#) to our website.

The children have also been engaging in our weekly Picture News, where they use their oracy skills to discuss a picture and question of the week, followed by how this links to the British Values and Protected Characteristics.



Protected Characteristics



The Equality Act 2010 covers the following Protected Characteristics. No form of discrimination is tolerated at Delta and our pupils show respect towards the age-appropriate Protected Characteristics.

WORLD BOOK DAY



Save the date - Thursday 6th March is World Book Day. A letter was emailed today with information about the Perform Drama workshop, dressing up as a book character, book in a box competition and for parents to come to school for a Reading fiesta.

Please [click on the link](#) for a sneak peak at the books the children can purchase with the World Book Day token that they will all receive after half term.

THE PANTRY MENU

The Pantry provide the school lunches alongside daily salads, fruits and bread. Please click on the [link for the menu](#) next half term. Please ensure your child/ children's lunches are pre-ordered in advanced. All meals provided with meat are halal certified.



Attendance Ladder



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 24th February

Back to school - 8.45am

Thursday 27th February

Spring Term After School Enrichment Club continues (change of day)

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Year 1 to 4 Perform Drama World Book Day Workshop

Reading Fiesta - parents invited to read in school

Monday 10th March

52Lives School of Kindness - Empathy Week

Science Week - Theme 'Change and Adapt'

Year 5/6 Enrichment afternoon at Aim Academy

Friday 14th March

Year Reception/ 1 Furry and Scaly Workshop

Year 5/6 story reading and poetry to local residents

Wednesday 19th March

Year 5/6 Enrichment afternoon at Aim Academy

Friday 21st March

Comic Relief

Year 2 Mandela Class assembly at 2.40pm

Friday 28th March

Year Reception/1 and 2 Mother's Stay and Play

Year 5/6 British Museum Trip

Wednesday 2nd April

Year 3 Capel Manor Mini Zoo Trip

Thursday 3rd April

Pupil of the Term, Outstanding Kindness and 100% Attendance Celebration

Whole School Poetry Performance to parents

Friday 4th April

100% Attendance Breakfast

End of term - 1.30pm finish

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Year 4 Farah** who had the highest year group attendance this half term.

- 1st - 98.6% Year 4 Farah
- 2nd - 95.8% Year 6 Jemison
- 3rd - 95.6% Year 3 Angelou
- 4th - 95% Year 5 Jemison
- 5th - 94% Year 1 Kahlo
- 6th - 93% Year 2 Mandela
- 7th - 92% Year Reception Kahlo



This term, we have had many children poorly with high temperatures. However, the school still have to follow the Local Authority guidelines and report children's absence that falls below 96%, regardless of it being due to medical/ illness.

A gentle reminder, children who have had 100% attendance this half term and next half term, will be celebrated and rewarded with a certificate and the 100% Attendance Breakfast, please refer to the dates for the diary!



100%

CLASS PHOTOS

Churchbury Photography came into school this week to take class photos. Please look out for a link via email after half term. You will receive information on how to order and purchase them.



TERM DATES - 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024	
INSET DAY	Monday 2 nd September 2024
INSET DAY	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st November 2024
INSET DAY	Monday 4 th November 2024
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 th December 2024 Finish at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 th April 2025 Finish at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May 2025
INSET DAY	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 th July 2025 Finish at 1.30pm
INSET DAY	Monday 21 st July 2025
INSET DAY	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

TERM DATES - 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
INSET DAY	Monday 1st September 2025
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
First Day of Term	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 3rd November 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 19th December 2025 Finish at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 5th January 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 20th February 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 27th March 2026 Finish at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025	
INSET DAY	Monday 13th April 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 1st June 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 17th July 2026 Finish at 1.30pm
INSET DAY	Monday 20th July 2026

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