



# Durants News

May 2014

## New Deputy Headteacher at Durants

The Governors are very pleased to announce that Rachel Carli has been appointed as the new Deputy Headteacher at Durants School.

Interviews were held last week during which the pupils on the School Council were involved in interviewing the two candidates, as well as the Governors.

Many of you will already have met Rachel who has been the Assistant Head at Durants for two years at Annual Reviews. All staff and pupils are delighted that Rachel will be taking on this new role.



## Congratulations to Sandra Chaaya

Many of you will know Sandra Chaaya who has been acting Assistant Head at Durants for two years and has worked at Durants for fourteen years.

On the same day that Rachel was appointed to Durants, Sandra was also successful in being appointed as the new Deputy Headteacher at Waverley School.

### NEW YEAR AT DURANTS

At Durants we have enough places for 95 pupils. This year all the places have been full. Next year we are going to have an extra class at Durants due to the demand for places. We will have 100 pupils at Durants in September. This is not an ideal situation but we feel we need to offer places to all young Enfield people who might benefit from the specialist input provided at Durants.

The Governors are concerned about the shortage of places in Enfield and are working with the council to try and find a long term solution to providing additional places.

Have a good half term break.

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## Silver Class to Trent Park

Silver Class have been visiting Trent Park this term, they have been working towards two AQA units for Orienteering.

Over the three lessons, they have learnt what clothing is appropriate for outdoor activities, how to use a map when locating their own whereabouts and how to navigate through a set amount of control points. Staff have really enjoyed the pupils' enthusiasm and tenacity when applying their skills to the task.

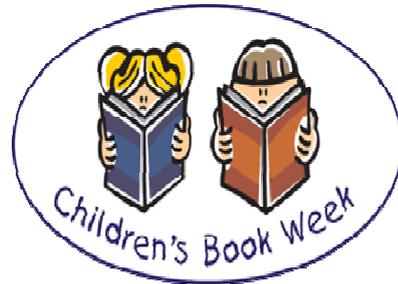
Teamwork, fitness and fun has allowed Silver Class to cover a large distance and enjoy the challenge set before them.

Well done Silver Class!



## Let's Get Cooking Club

Pupils at the Let's Get Cooking club have been busy making lots of tasty dishes. We celebrated Children's Book Week by making cup cakes and decorating them with our favourite book characters. Pupils have also been sharing their recipes with their families and have enjoyed cooking together at home.



## Revised Curriculum

From September 2014 the students in the Upper Department will be following a revised curriculum, so that Durants can offer a more specialised approach to students' learning. This will involve following the Exploring Learning course, a Vocational Skills course or a Foundation Skills course.

Whichever course a student follows, they will have the opportunity (appropriate to their needs) to take "Options" that include The Duke of Edinburgh Award, Travel Training, Enterprise, Community and Fitness and Orienteering.

More information will be available on the school website from June 2014.

# Yellow Class trip to Southend

Yellow Class have been investigating coastal features as part of their geography topic which culminated in a visit to Southend-on-Sea.

Everyone had a fantastic time and conducted themselves excellently. We walked along the seafront finding shells and relaxing on the beach. We observed a variety of natural and manmade structures and discovered that Southend pier is the longest pleasure pier in the world! After all that walking it was particularly enjoyable to sit down with a bag of chips for lunch.

**Well done Yellow Class!**



# LUSH Fresh Handmade Cosmetics



Durants School was lucky to be visited by 'Lush' who put on workshops for a number of our classes. The pupils enjoyed having the opportunity to make their own bath bombs as well as just enjoying having sensory play. The pupils were really focused and a fun time was had by all.

We would like to thank DEAL and Dan Nathan who made this learning opportunity possible.

# Gardening Project

During the Spring and Summer term Amber class have been helping to plant lots of different seeds and plants. They have been concentrating on plants that have a sensory element to them, either they smell nice, have great colours or can be eaten.

Amber class have been toiling hard to grow these fantastic sensory plants and these have now been placed in the sensory garden. The pupils have really enjoyed this project and learning about how to look after plants.

# D.E.A.L

DEAL are very sorry but we will not be holding a Summer Fete this year. The Committee have decided to hold a Fun Day in conjunction with the school's Sports Day in the theme of the **WORLD CUP**. The date has not been confirmed yet but we will inform you as soon as we know.



## Colour coding

Some pupils have been using colour coding to help their speaking and listening.

This helps pupils use more words when they are giving instructions, asking for things or activities and commenting on what they did or what they can see.

It also helps pupils understand spoken language (e.g. following instructions, understanding questions).



## Dental Service

Enfield is now offering an Out of Hours **URGENT** dental service.

Contact the team on 020 3594 0938  
Weekdays: 6pm—9pm  
Weekends/bank holidays 9am—2pm.

## Half Term Break

The half term break commences on **MONDAY 26 MAY TO FRIDAY 30 MAY 2014.**

School will finish at the normal time of 3.00pm on Friday 23 May.

**School re-opens for all pupils on Monday 2 June at the normal time of 8.50am.**

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## ASDA EDMONTON — GREEN TOKENS

ASDA in Edmonton Green are collecting tokens for Durants School. We are asking for their support to help provide more outdoor equipment.

All you need to do is ask for and donate green tokens into the Durants Charity box located by the entrance. This is free.

This only applies to the Edmonton Green store. You may be able to get green tokens at any other ASDA store. If you do please send them into school.

The scheme started in May and ends last day of June. Thank you for your support.

Any questions please contact Caroline Pursell at the school.

