



**Lord Deramore's
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Headteacher Update



Celebrating Diversity

With over forty different nationalities represented within our school community, we are rightly proud of celebrating our diversity and promoting community cohesion.

A group of parents (led by Doaa, Luisa and Beverly) organised a highly successful and enjoyable charity fundraiser at our school last Saturday.

Alongside enjoying some delicious Middle-Eastern cuisine, we also learned about the plights of those living in war-torn Syria and developed a real awareness of why it is important to challenge the emergence of Islamophobia within our society.

The grand total raised at the event was a remarkable **£1070.08**, which will all go to the 'Hands Up Foundation'.

It was my very first 'social' event as headteacher of your school and I was certainly impressed. Many thanks to all involved.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017

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MEAL: The lunch is served up at the fundraising event

Primary school lunch help for war victims

MORE than 80 people have gathered at a lunch in York to help victims of the war in Syria and say no to Islamophobia.

The meal at Lord Deramore's Primary School in Heslington was organised by Nations of York Collective (NYC) and raised more than £1,000 for Hands Up Foundation,

a charity funding health and education work in Syria.

It featured authentic ethnic food from the Middle East, which was contributed by York Mosque and Islamic Centre, with volunteer cooks creating a three-course feast of vegetarian and meat dishes.

Doaa Shohaieb, a NYC founding member, said its mission was to create spaces to exercise tolerance by giving locals the opportunity to interact with their unknown neighbours in a relaxed and fun atmosphere, adding: "We are proud to live in a diverse community."




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Public Speaking Success

Congratulations to Andrew and Clara in Year 6 who represented our school at the annual York Civic Trust Public Speaking Competition. They came fourth and gave an incredibly impressive presentation. Thank you to Mrs Lee for preparing them so well.



Outdoor Learning



Week 2017

Outdoor Learning Week 2017

It has been my first ever Outdoor Learning Week and what an enjoyable week it has been! I have been incredibly impressed by the wonderful array of learning opportunities that our children have taken part in – all of which have nurtured key life skills that too often are overlooked within the national curriculum. From developing problem-solving and social skills in team challenge activities, through to encouraging children to take and manage risks – learning outdoors really does have a key place in any decent primary education. A massive thank you needs to go to Mrs McKenna and Mrs Carr for organising such an action-packed week. Mr Danby (one of our parent governors) also deserves a special mention for working with our children and enhancing our forest area even further – along with Mrs Jagoe who arranged the delicious 'Cookout'. My thanks go to every member of staff and parent/carer who has supported this highly successful week – it certainly would not have been possible without you!



Race Afternoon 2017

The 2017 race afternoon at the University of York Athletics Stadium was certainly an experience to remember. It was wonderful to see so many of you attending and cheering the children on as they competed in a very professional environment. Thank you very much to Mr Richards for organising the event. We look forward to seeing you all at the activity morning on Thursday 20th July (let us keep our fingers crossed for sunny weather!).

Student Council

I had the pleasure of accompanying Douglas (Year 6) and Betsy (Year 5) who represented Lord Deramore's at the City of York Council Young Voices Conference. As part of the day (which took place at the council's West Offices), the children had the opportunity to question our local elected councillors on issues that matter to them. They also learned about city budgeting and how local democracy works. Elections for our student council representatives next year will soon be taking place.



Well done, Year 6!

I would like to thank all of our Year 6 children for their effort and determination in their end of primary school SAT assessments. Formalised testing for primary-aged children is not something that sits comfortably with me. Our children, however, have proven themselves to be incredibly mature and resilient and deserve to be congratulated for their achievements following the release of their results this week. Well done to Year 6, Mr Richards, Mrs Lee (and the whole staff team) and enjoy your well-deserved celebration at the York Maze this evening.



School Attendance

School attendance this week has been **98%**. Thank you to everybody for keeping it as high as possible and for supporting our commitment to raising attendance throughout the school.

Building Work and Roadworks

The demolition of the old school will start tomorrow and is due to last four weeks. Please see Kier's update/newsletter for further information. Please also remember that Field Lane (and therefore parking facilities at the village church) is out of use after-school on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July. Morning drop-offs should be unaffected as the works start at 9.15a.m. each day.

Thank you for your ongoing support. With very best wishes,

James Rourke (Headteacher)