

The Dovedale Times

Our newsletter shares fascinating stories related to our learning across the school



'Imagine, Believe, Achieve'

Autumn

September— How did our youngest children settle into Dovedale?

By Jimi, Adam, Noah & Joe

We are so proud of our youngest children who have settled so well into Dovedale.

We have been lucky enough to spend some time in Reception with the children and talk to them about their feelings towards our school.

We wanted to share some of their answers with you.

Dovedale is very fun. We love playing outside and doing Phonics.

We love our teachers because they are so kind to us.

We love playing with our friends.

I get to see my friends every day and we have lunch together.

I feel safe in our school.

We have an adventure playground. We love to go on it.

I love playing football in the football pitch.

We spoke to the teachers and they said how amazing our youngest children are. They have settled into our school. We are happy to welcome our Reception children to our Dovedale family.

Queen Elizabeth II

By Zalan & Reuben



This term we have been talking about the death of our Queen. This was a big moment in history and our children have been learning about our Queen and her wonderful life.

Queen Elizabeth died in 2022 at Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire, at the age of 96. She was succeeded by her eldest child, Charles. Her state funeral was held in London and some of our children went to pay their respects. A lot of us watched the funeral on the television at home. Our children reported feeling sad and upset when watching the funeral but understood what a big moment in history it was. We are now looking forward to watching the coronation of our new King.

World Wide Events

By Aahana, Ettie and Ben

'Every single day means something special to someone else.'

This term we have celebrated a number of wonderful events. We would like to share some of them with you.

Bonfire Night

Remember, remember the fifth of November gunpowder, treason and plot! Guy Fawkes created bonfire night when he tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Sometimes we use fireworks and sparklers to celebrate. They burn from 1000-1500 degrees Celsius.



Diwali

Diwali is an Indian celebration that celebrates the day when Rama, Sita and Lakshman come back home from 14 year exile in the forest. We light candles to guide the way home on the day they defeated Ravana the demon God. We cook Indian food and sweets and pay our respects to Rama. Diwali is a massive

celebration that is widely celebrated in India.

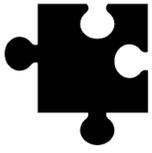


Christmas

We are very excited for the Christian celebration of Christmas that is quickly on the way. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion.

Many years ago, the people were told to expect a king that would save them but none of them could have predicted he would be born in a stable in Bethlehem.





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Crafts and bakes 2 cool 4 yule.

By Chloe, Ava and Isabella

Looking for some ideas during Christmas to beat the boredom? Well guess what? You are being treated to a Santa's sackful amount of eco-friendly Christmas crafts.

Paper Snowflakes

1. Get a square piece of paper
2. Fold it 3 times into a triangle.
3. Snip your design with scissors (make sure you have an adult with you.)



Reindeer Dust

1. Get a bowl
2. Fill it with glitter (do not include for an eco friend version), oats, bird seed and sugar/salt
3. Sprinkle on your doorstep for Santa's reindeer on Christmas eve.



Time to Bake!

Robin Cakes



Ingredients

100g [milk chocolate](#), broken into pieces

100g [dark chocolate](#), broken into pieces

100g cornflakes

[icing sugar](#), for dusting

You'll also need

paper cupcake cases

decorative robins, optional - find these in stores with the Christmas decorations

Method

STEP 1

Line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper cases. Melt all the chocolate in a small heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water, making sure the bowl doesn't touch the water. Or, do this in 20-second bursts in the [microwave](#).

STEP 2

Tip the cornflakes into a large heatproof bowl and pour over the melted chocolate. Stir well to coat. Spoon the mixture into the paper cases, making a gap in the middle of each using the back of the spoon to create a nest. Chill for 2 hrs to set.

STEP 3

Dust the nests with icing sugar and sit a robin decoration in the centre of each, if you like (remove before eating). *Will keep in an airtight container for three days.*

Be Happy & Be Strong

By Isabella, Noah, Khalyla & Josie

Christmas is coming! Get excited by having a go at drawing a snowman. We would love to see your designs so share them on class dojo or drop them off at Mrs Dwan's classroom for us to see.

Fact of this edition -

Did you know that only 2 people in the world know the Coca Cola recipe?



Dovedale comic strip



By Zeakariyyah Choudhry (Birr Master)

Time to laugh:

What did Santa say at the start of the race? Ready, set, ho ho ho!

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? They always drop their needles.

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? The abdominal snowman.

What falls at the North Pole and never gets hurt? Snow.

We hope you have enjoyed our first edition of The Dovedale Times. We hope you have a wonderful

Christmas holiday.

HAPPY
Holidays