



## Peak Dale Newsletter 7th February



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## Head of School's Welcome



### **Parents and Carers Evenings**

Details of our mid year parents and carers evenings have been emailed out. Please book an appointment using the link in the email. If you have any problems or queries please contact Mrs Burns in the office who will be able to help.

We have had a very sporty start to the year with lots of sports events taking place in partnership with High Peak Schools Sports.

### **Panathlon**

Some of our Year One and Two children travelled to Chapel High School last week where they had a brilliant afternoon competing as two teams in 6 different target games including curling, sticky darts and basketball. They were an absolute pleasure to accompany on the trip giving the competition their absolute best and I was blown away by the support and encouragement they gave for each other. We were competing against 8 other teams and came away awarded with medals for 3rd & 5th place!

### **Health Champions**

Our Year Five and Six Health Champions attended a Happy Me workshop recently where they learnt strategies to help build resilience, the importance of and how to get better quality sleep, team building activities and were able to join in with a yoga session. They are busy preparing an assembly and displaying top tips on a new noticeboard for their peers.

### **Balls skills festival**

This new event went down very well with our Year Three and Four children who had a fantastic afternoon. It was lovely to see them smiling and laughing and having a fun afternoon playing basketball, dodgeball, handball and a new sport for us, tchoukball. They are excited to teach their peers this new sport!

### **Infants Sports Festival**

The whole of the infant children took part in this sports festival which included races to travel over the tyres and back without touching the floor with their feet, penalty shootout, cricket bowling and target games. Hopefully this will inspire, motivate and give them confidence to join our lunchtime sports clubs.

### **Sports Leaders**

Yesterday our Year Five children participated in an afternoon of training to be Sports Leaders, they enjoyed developing their leadership skills and learnt a few new games to introduce to the younger children at lunchtimes when they will take turns to be this years Sports Leaders.

### **Basketball**

We were all very disappointed when for reasons beyond our control High Peak Sports had to rearrange the date for this event. Unfortunately we cannot attend the new date as we are already out on a trip however, a few of the children have been busy working hard with their teachers to organise an intra school basketball tournament which will be held next week.

Thank you to Mrs Tighe and the team without who we would not have the opportunity to offer this wonderful range of sports events for our children. Participating in team sports is so beneficial to our children teaching them many skills including building their abilities to be resilient, to think critically and the ability to work together to achieve a common goal.

### **Friday 14th February - Wear What You Love For the Helen Atkin Group, Riding for the Disabled**

Next Friday we would like to support a local charity, Helen Atkin Group, Riding for the Disabled. They are a voluntary group that provide riding therapy for local children and adults who have disabilities. They are based from the [Buxton Riding School, Fern Farm, London Rd, Buxton, SK17 9NP](#) with riders from local schools, including Peak Dale Primary School, and adult centres. We would like to support them by holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 14th February - Wear what you love for the Helen Atkin Group**. If you would like to join us please wear what you love and send a donation. If you would prefer to donate online please use the link on Parent Pay.

Mrs Doughty



Otters have had a super week completing work on the story of Super Milly. They have enjoyed labelling superheroes and developing their imagination in the role play area 'Superhero Headquarters'. Today they have been working on developing their knowledge of shapes describing the shapes and designing a shape cape for a superhero.

*Otter Class*



This week in Hedgehogs we have begun writing a local walking guide to Peak Dale. We started our week by going on a lovely winter walk around the village, exploring the local history of Peak Dale, learning lots of interesting and useful information to include in our walking guides. We looked at the different buildings and monuments and discussed how they had changed over time. In our maths work Year 2's have worked extremely hard in their money unit, looking at being able to make different amounts of money using different coins. Year 1 have been practicing adding and subtracting numbers within 20. In our current geography topic we have been exploring physical and human features of Peak Dale. We went on a walk around the school and playground discovering which features are made by humans. In DT we have been working on our 'taxi' project and have begun painting our black taxis. It is fair to say the children have been fantastic in designing, creating and decorating their taxi projects.

### *Hedgehog Class*



This week in Badgers, we have been busy with a fantastic range of learning! In geography, we explored the many uses of rivers and brought our learning to life by acting them out. In science, we investigated changes of state, discovering how materials transform between solids, liquids, and gases. Our RE lessons took us deeper into the story of the *Ramayana*, where we created story cubes to help retell key events. We also got creative in art, sculpting our own clay *Bankura* horses inspired by traditional Indian craftsmanship. In English, we put ourselves in the shoes of different characters and wrote postcards, bringing our writing to life with thoughtful messages.

### *Badger Class*



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A very busy week for Owls, we have been finishing our maths topics of Algebra and Fractions. We have all moved onto Decimals for our new unit and we have looked at place value when working with decimals.

We have started our new book in English; *The Last Bear*. This ties in nicely with our Frozen Kingdoms project and the children have been really invested in the plot of the story so far and we are looking forward to reading more.

In our Frozen Kingdoms project we have studied the Polar climate and landscapes, looking at similarities and differences between the Arctic and Antarctic. We looked at 5 key geographical features: mountains, icebergs, glaciers, ice sheets, boreal forests and tundra.

We also learned out to create Inuit inspired soap carvings. The children chose a polar animal to carve out of soap using paper clips and clay modelling tools. The results were great and smelled great too.

#### *Owl Class*

#### **Attendance: Week beginning 27/01/2025**

Otters: 97.13%

Hedgehogs: 97.95%

Badgers: 95.35%

Owls: 94.53%

Whole School: 96.14% Target 96.00%

## School dates and events calendar



### Dates and Events

Please click onto the link below to view our live calendar.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/0261bccf76dc4d7ab52ef3e8414740dc@peakdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/7de38115cc0b42d49d3f3991e954f71b9537609346257446695/calendar.html>

### Term dates 2024-2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 5th September 2024- Thursday 24th October 2024

Monday 4th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

#### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025 - Thursday 3rd April 2025

#### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025 – Thursday 24th July 2025

## INSETS

Friday 4th April 2025

May Day Monday 5th May 2025

Friday 20th June 2025

Monday 23rd June 2025

## In the Community



Zink, based on Clough Street up by Buxton Market Street, is a charity offering help and support to anyone who feels they would benefit from a helping hand. They offer "A friendly, welcoming place to refresh, rebuild, restart or whatever you need. Our services and activities are open to all; you decide what's right for you." Currently they are offering a new service called 'Speak Easy' each Wednesday from 11am to 1pm where a range of public services and professionals will be available to offer advice and support, conversations can be private and anonymous if you wish. I have attached the sessions below. For more information contact <https://zink.org.uk/> or phone on 01298 214926.

Zink are also able to offer support with benefits, housing, advocacy, employment advice, food and supplies.



February	Theme	Organisation
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Community Connect	Zink
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5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Drug and Alcohol support	Derbyshire Recovery Partnership
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Community Safety and support	Police Fire Project Unity
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Welfare and Finance	Department for Work and Pensions Citizens Advice Bureau Marches Energy Agency
March	Theme	Organisation
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26 <sup>th</sup> March	Mental Health and Housing	Derbyshire Recovery Partnership High Peak Borough Council