

The Delius Planet



Stunning Start

For Stunning Start, we had Ed from [Leeds Rhinos Foundation](#) give some of our pupils a Wheelchair Rugby taster session! All the pupils LOVED the session, and were whizzing around the sports hall, throwing and catching rugby balls and trying new sports.

Science Week

The theme for National Science week this year was 'Time', pupils from across school were involved in lots of scientific experiments, observations and experiences such as Printing with Time & Light, Make your own pendulum, sundial and sand timer and many more. Some Children visited Eureka Science museum for an interactive Science experience!

Topics this term MOVE, Sport and The Olympics.





Rockets



Shannon
Pathway lead

Maths - Shape

This term Rockets have been learning about 2D shapes - rectangles and squares. They have been exploring the shapes, finding them in different textures/stimuli and have been identifying their properties.

What's next?

Rockets will be learning about people in different countries next half term in UTW (Understanding the World). We will be experiencing China, Spain and Antarctica.





Galaxies



Stephanie
Pathway lead

Story Time

Our lower Primary classes have been learning about 'The Frog Olympics', finding out what frogs are best at and using their communication methods to choose what sport they want to participate in!

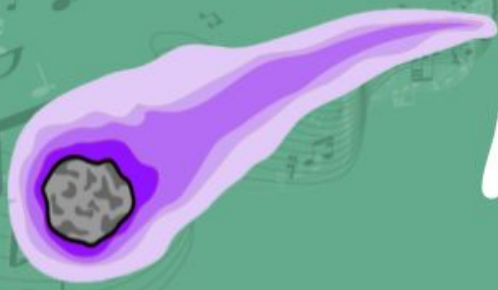
Our Upper Primary classes have been focusing on 'Ready, Steady, Mo!' where Mo likes to run lots of different places! Our pupils have been exploring these places, developing their communication strategies to tell us what they like and where they think Mo might run to next! Quick, catch him - he's run into space!

What's next?

Our UTW lessons will have a Geography focus, with our Lower Primary classes learning about the countries in the United Kingdom from listening to Big Ben in London to looking for the Leprechauns in Belfast, Ireland!

Our Upper Primary classes will be saving the polar bears and other sea animals from litter as they 'visit' the 5 Oceans, but we will have to be careful to look out for the sharks as we experience the differences between the oceans.





Meteors



Jess
Pathway lead



Next steps

Lower Primary Meteors;
In EAD for next term, Meteors will be learning about healthy eating in their DT lessons. Children will be creating their own recipes using symbols and pictures to create their own book!

Art & Design

This term, our Expressive Art & Design lesson was Music.

In Lower Primary Meteors, we have been enjoying learning how to play instruments such as Combi Bells, Castanets & Samba Drums with control and precision.

In Upper Meteors, we have been learning to play Floor Drums, Egg Shakers & Keyboards whilst listening to verbal instructions such as fast/slow or loud/quiet.





Comets



Aimee
Pathway lead

PSED & DT

This term lower primary comets have been learning about important self care routines, such as teeth brushing. We are so independent now with this routine which will help us keep healthy! Upper Primary have been planting and looking after seeds to use in their recipes in DT next term!



Next term's books:

Lower Primary - The Big Race - David Barrow
Upper Primary - Splash - Claire Cashmore

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to The Big Race





Astronauts



Iain
Pathway lead

Science

In science this half term Lower primary Astronauts have been learning about different habitats, we made our own Rainforest in class as part of this. In Upper Primary Astronauts we have been learning about 'healthy lifestyles', how to stay healthy through exercise and diet.



Next term in DT we will be learning about local produce, and making a recipe book of some of our favorite recipes and our favorite local foods.

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Home Learning

Rockets

Maisy's sports day - Our story next term is all about sports and moving our bodies. At home you could join in with the story by encouraging the children to move in different ways and join in with different sports activities.

Comets

Lower Comets

Linked to P.E, can you run fast, run slow, run backwards and side step around? Can play a game a tig and move around safely?

Upper Comets

Linked to maths, can you time yourself dancing for 1 minute? Could you dance for longer and time yourself? Can you dance quicker and slower?

Astronauts

Upper Astronaut

Can you create a healthy menu for a day for your family in the holidays? Can you tell your family why you have made the choices you have?

Lower Astronaut

Linked to DT - Can you help cook a favorite meal at home following the recipe? Can you use your maths skills to weigh the ingredients needed in grams?

Galaxies

Lower Galaxies

Linked to our music lesson, can you help your child create purposeful one-step beats to using whatever you can find around the house? You can turn pots and pans upside down and use a wooden spoon to turn them into a drum set! Put on your child's favourite song and see if they can copy your actions in tapping the object to create a sound. Challenge: Can you take turns creating a sound?

Upper Galaxies

Linked to our story, "Ready, Steady, Mo!" Can you go to the park and explore what sounds to can hear as you move around the park? Can your child move out purposefully to reach for the leaves on the bushes, do they like the feel of the grass on the bottom of their feet? Do they like feeling the bumpy ground under their chairs over a smooth path as you move around the park?

Meteors

Lower Meteors;

Linked to our Literacy Story; 'The Frog Olympics', can the children move in different ways and race with family members? Can the children copy different frog moves such as hopping, running, throwing and bouncing. Can the children make frog noises?

Upper Meteors;

Linked to our Story; 'Ready, Steady, Mo'; can the children run in different directions around the garden? Can the children run super fast with different family members? Can the children do the 'Mo-bot'?

Shining Stars



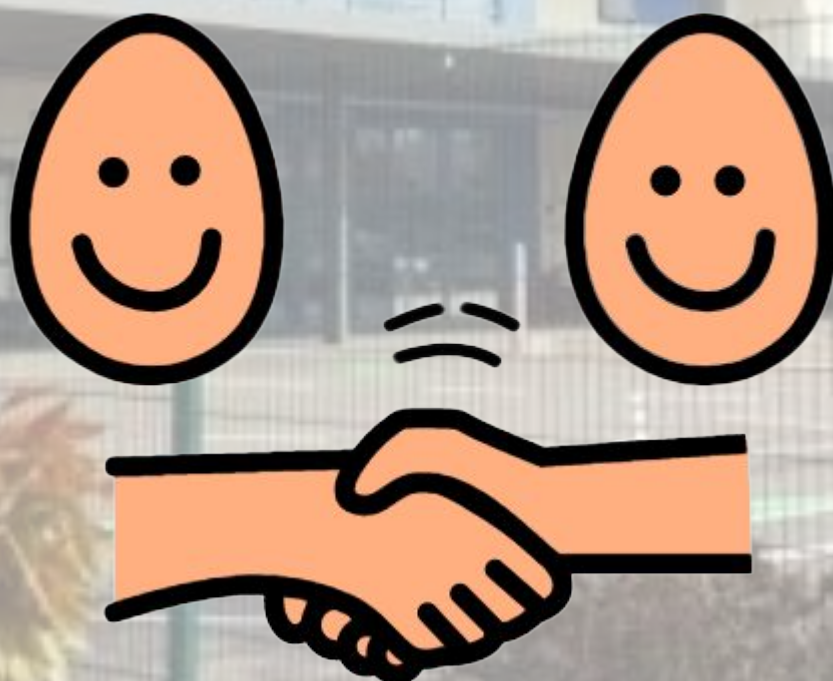
Headteachers
Star

Mustafa Class 12 for using switches to communicate his wants and needs effectively

Rockets	Kian	For making new sounds with his voice throughout the term.
Class 1	Dauwood	For fantastic listening and all round and settling really well.
Class 2	Kishore	For progression in communication, consistently using phase 1 PECS to exchange to request for his preferred items. Doing this with less adult support every day!
Class 3	Muzdalifa	Was not able to use any communication aids last year and has progressed through using objects of reference and now uses symbols daily which is such massive progress.
Class 4	Ayaan	For some amazing phonics work and progressing throughout the year in this lesson
Class 5	Tosef	For fantastic work in literacy and using his voice more
Class 6	Cain	For his fantastic engagement in story - copying actions & making noises when asked by an adult
Class 7	Jaxon	For communication and signing and using makaton in the correct context
Class 8	Logan	Logan has worked so hard this term his language development has improved so much. He can recall characters from our story in literacy and in phonics. He has also worked hard with his physio especially walking laps around the MUPA.
Class 9	Ross	Gaining increased confidence in using his voice for talking and singing
Class 10	Tasleema	For using symbols on a E-tram frame

Shining Stars

Class 11	Haniah	Has been developing her communication skills this term and has made amazing progress, using her communication aid with confidence around school and has started coping one syllable words such as saying 'Loud' when asked how should we play our music, 'Loud' or 'Quiet'. We are so proud of you Haniah!
Class 12	Muhammed	For using his OR to travel around school independently with his walking
Class 13	Zain	For communication and effective use of his device
Green	Qasim	For communicating confidently and clearly
Yellow	Rayan	For great engagement in lessons, working hard throughout the week and building positive relationships with his peers.
Blue	Jake	For confidently sharing his detailed knowledge of Mo farah with visitors to class & Kazia good all rounder, confident in talking in front of class and showing maturity



Well done

Attendance Matters

Our school Attendance Team meet every week to monitor every pupils' attendance. Each child is in one of the attendance groups above, depending on their current attendance for the year so far.

When pupils move between groups they will receive messages on Class Dojo or via a phone call to celebrate or encourage increased attendance.

Sometimes you might be invited to a meeting to discuss your child's attendance with your Attendance Lead, Matt. This is a supportive meeting to work collaboratively to try and remove any barriers which are stopping your child from coming to school as much as they possibly can.

Reminder for all parents and carers, please contact the office to arrange a Leave of Absence meeting if you are thinking of leaving the country with your child during term time. Please note, no leave of absence requests will be authorised and this could lead to a penalty notice (fine).

Top 2% Club: 98-100%	
Excellent Attenders: 95-98%	
Good Attenders: 93-95%	
Eyes on Group: 90-93%	
Quick Fix Group: 87-90%	
Attendance Action Group: 85-87%	
Serious Concern: <85%	



Term Dates

Summer Term	Dates
Likely Days for Eid	April 9th/10th
School opens to pupils	April 11th
Bank Holiday	May 6th
School closes to pupils	May 24th
School opens to pupils	June 3rd
Likely Days for Eid	June 17th/18th
School closes to pupils	July 25th
Inset day - Staff	July 26th

Upcoming Events

5th, 12th & 19th June | New pupil transition visits

11th June | Class 3 trip to Eureka

12th June | Astronauts trip to Eureka

21st June | Online Safety Day

22nd of June | Summer Fayre

24th of June | Nell Bank Residential Week

11th of July | Parents Day

17th of July | Whole School Trip

18th of July | Whole School Transition Afternoon

25th of July | Graduation and last day of school

Meet the Safeguarding Team

Here at Delius we have a diverse and experienced safeguarding team. The team manage any child protection concerns raised in school and work with families to support or signpost to other agencies for further help if needed. All safeguarding concerns are reported through this team.

If you would like to speak to a member of the safeguarding team then please phone the school number 01274 666472 or email richard.meredith@coopacademies.co.uk.



Richard (DSL)



Emma



Rob



Charlotte



Matt



Mumtaz



Debs



Iain



Liz



Aimee



Sally Birkbeck
Safeguarding Governor

Meet our Governors



Sally Birkbeck
Community,
Interim Chair of
Governors



Janine Rice
Pay Committee



Emma Hardaker
By virtue of
appointment as
headteacher



Tanvir Shah
Parent
Governor
Community



Melissa Oballim
Parent Governor



Catherine Alred
Staff Governor

Governor Spotlight



I have been a community governor at Delius since before the local authority school opened (when I was a Bradford local authority resident) and am proud to have seen it grow - literally and figuratively - into the continuously developing academy it is today. Prior to moving to Yorkshire, I volunteered as a school governor and pupil mentor in Tower Hamlets and more recently was briefly a governor at the Leeds primary school our daughter attended. Much of my career has been in the financial services sector, in various roles at the Bank of England and in the central European bank team of a rating agency in London and, after I moved

to Yorkshire, in the dealing room of a former building society, where I met my husband. I am currently a prospect researcher at the University of Sheffield - working remotely - helping to source philanthropic support for the University; genetic disease and other research and for student scholarships. A former Brownie, Guide and Ranger and Mum to a Young Leader, I am now a Ranger leader in Bradford and run a Brownie unit as a lunchtime club at Delius; BD7 campus, where the pupils are powering through the Brownie programme. I am an avid Leeds Rhinos fan but leave the trials and tribulations of Leeds Utd to my husband - and am proud to say that I have watched more football at Valley Parade than Elland Road!

Sally Birbeck
Chair of Governors

Meet the Team

Welcome to the first edition of our half termly newsletter, The Delius Planet!

Did you know...

I have worked at Co-op Academy Delius in a number of roles including as a class teacher since the school opened in 2011 with the exception of 1 year when I worked at Co-op Academy Southfield as a Deputy Headteacher. I am proud to have been the Headteacher at Delius since 2020. In total I have worked in special education for over 20 years starting my career in SEND as a Nursery Nurse in a special school and prior to that in a range of mainstream Early Years settings. It is a privilege and an honour to work at this academy with such a fantastic group of staff, families and pupils. The commitment and dedication to ensuring the safety and best possible education and provision for all at Delius is my number one priority.



Emma Hardaker - Headteacher

Pupil Voice

"Our Academy Council is made up of students elected by the pupils at school. The Academy council has 2 pupils from each pathway within school, who represent their pathway. They offer thoughts and options on whole school events, share ideas from their pathways and vote on school matters. The title of our newsletter, "The Delius Planet", was voted for by pupils on the school council."

The Academy Council have worked with the Bradford Museums to make their sites more inclusive, so pupils at Delius and beyond can enjoy them to their fullest. This gained recognition from Chris Tomlinson, our CEO.





Co-op Academy Delius

Community Fridge

Open Mondays &
Fridays

Open 12 until 1pm

A community fridge is a space that brings people together to share food, meet up, learn new skills and prevent fresh food from going to waste. They're open to all and anyone can share or take food, including surplus from supermarkets, local food businesses, producers, households and gardens.

Nearly New Uniform

We would really appreciate donations of any Co-op Academy Delius School uniform which your child has outgrown. The school office will be accepting uniform donations after half term. This is a great way to recycle school uniform and offer to new and existing parents. Any proceeds from the sale of nearly new uniform will go straight back to the Friends of Delius for the benefit of all our children.



Co-op Academy Delius
Saturday 22nd June



Join us!

Summer Fayre

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