



Where we all flourish

A Celebration of Cookham Dean School Year

July 2023



**As the summer term draws to a close
we invite you to join us in celebrating some of the
many wonderful highlights of our school year!**



Stellar Academic Results

- ✓ Y6 – Reading, Writing and Maths **well above national average** in all 3 subjects
- ✓ Y4 – Multiplication Tables check average **higher than national average**
- ✓ Y2 – Phonics Assessment **100% pass rate** for those who did not achieve phonics standard in year 1
- ✓ Y2 – Reading, Writing and Maths **above national average** in all 3 subjects
- ✓ Y1 – Phonics Assessment **in line with national average**



Sports and Opportunities

- ✓ **Mega MUGA** – Completion of our Multi-Use Games Area means our children are more likely to have 30 mins of daily activity, proven to improve concentration in class
- ✓ **Choir** at Windsor Castle and the O2
- ✓ **Leadership opportunities** (Rotakids, Pupils4Praise, Digital Leaders etc)
- ✓ **Performances** (poetry, musical soiree, Y5 and Y6 productions, nativities etc)



Awards

- ✓ **Attachment Awareness Silver** from Achieving for Children, recognising our work around whole school awareness of attachment (in particular trauma)
- ✓ **Bronze Award KS1** for Active Stars Award



SEND Support

- ✓ **Supported increase in SEND** children with a wide range of needs through:
 - Nurture groups
 - 3 ELSA-trained TAs
 - Extensive interventions (e.g. precision teaching, phonics, fine motor skills, social skills etc)
 - External professional support (e.g. EP, Early Help, Emotional Wellbeing Team, speech & language)
- ✓ **Neurodiversity** celebration to better understand implications
- ✓ **Strong SEND parent group** established



Ofsted

- ✓ Building on the **fantastic feedback from our OFSTED** inspection in June 2022
 - *"Pupils feel happy and safe at Cookham Dean. They value the highly supportive environment of the school"*
 - *"Leaders promote pupils' personal development well. They know that overcoming challenges brings a positive sense of achievement."*



Family & Community Ties

- ✓ In September, we look forward to welcoming **12 siblings of children** already at our school, a record number even for us
- ✓ Wonderful to have actual family ties underpinning **our ethos as a family of learning** at the heart of our community
- ✓ Strong ties with parents and community demonstrated further with the fact that our **PTA have raised approx. £24k this year!**

Parents and Children Quotes

The school manages to combine **being warm, nurturing and family-like** with having **high expectations and high standards** both in academic achievement and behaviour.

I am consistently impressed with the children's attitude.

There are **so many opportunities** to have great and memorable experiences (singing at both Windsor Castle and the O2, the dance festival, the sporting competitions/festivals, going to the Royal Albert Hall etc.).

- Parent of Year 5 child

Cookham Dean School is a school that **really 'gets' trauma**. Every day the girls are met by a friendly smile and personal welcome from a trusted adult to ease them into the day.

School listen when we ask for help or highlight the children's struggles and truly **work in partnership** with us to solve these problems and support the children. Staff always seem to have time to talk to and **empathise** with my children, and my children feel listened to, liked and accepted as themselves.

Through this approach we have seen huge incline in their **self confidence and resilience**

- Parent of two children

I have just returned home this evening from the Cookham Dean Musical Soiree, and I just felt I had to email you. My child was involved with the choir tonight and it was just an **unbelievably heart-warming evening**.

How lucky we are to have children in a school which is so **caring and nurturing and where staff are so dedicated to the children** - their commitment and dedication is so easy to see.

I just wanted to write to say how grateful we are to be in such a lovely school and how glad we are that we chose Cookham Dean. We have two children at Cookham Dean and they are always **so happy to come to school, love being there and are given so many opportunities**. We cannot thank the staff enough for all that they do.

- Parent of two children

I love going to school every day. I find it really fun and all my friends are there. We do cool stuff like going to the Lookout Centre and learning about Victorians!

- Year 1 pupil

The best thing about school is the **community** and the teachers who are very **caring**.

- Year 6 pupil

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