

# Dovestone Learning Partnership

Welcome to our Dovestone Learning Partnership newsletter.

We are aiming to send out a newsletter each term to update you on the DLP activities.

The DLP is a Co-operative Trust which was established in October 2017.  
We are a partnership of 9 schools:

- Christ Church Denshaw C.E. Primary School
- Delph Primary School
- Diggle Primary School
- Friezland Primary School
- Knowsley Junior School
- Saddleworth School
- St Agnes C.E. Primary School
- St Mary's Greenfield C.E. Primary School
- St Thomas' Leesfield C.E. Primary School



## SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL – OUR NEW SCHOOL – WE HAVE MOVED IN!



After over 100 years in our 'old' school in Uppermill, Saddleworth finally moved into our new school building at the end of February. Staff and Students were hugely excited in the weeks prior to our move and our new school has certainly not disappointed.

We always knew that the new school was going to make a huge difference to both students and staff. Our new school has been purpose built and was designed with the needs of our students at its heart. In addition to 80 bright, modern classrooms together with a wealth of specialist teaching spaces for Science, Food Technology, ICT and Design Technology. There are also amazing sports facilities including a sports hall, a fitness suite and an activity studio inside and an all-weather pitch.

It's been an incredibly busy term for students and staff as they've prepared for and then moved into their new school. Everyone has worked incredibly hard to make sure that this has gone smoothly and we are taking advantage of everything our new school has to offer.

Although, we've only been at our new school for a short time it's now starting to feel like home and we're delighted with our new facilities and our new home in Diggle. Staff and students are enthused with their new school and are looking forward to harnessing everything it has to offer.



## DLP SPORTS COMPETITIONS

The DLP Primary Schools have joined forces with Steve Ferris the Sports' Development Officer at Oldham Community Leisure Centre.

A programme of competitive sports events has been planned for the year.

The children have taken part in a variety of different sports at various schools in Saddleworth.

Children from Year 1 to 6 have competed in Cross Country, Orienteering, Short Tennis, Archery, Gymnastics, Dodgeball and Athletics.

The events have given the children the chance to compete against different schools but also have the opportunity to mix together and meet new friends.



All the children have really enjoyed winning – but also taking part.



The competitions will continue in the Summer Term with a celebration festival towards the end of the academic year.

## **[www.dovestonelearningpartnership.co.uk](http://www.dovestonelearningpartnership.co.uk)**

This is the web address for our new website. This is where you will find more information about the partnership and details about what events and activities the schools are involved in.

The website includes information about the Trust, its governance arrangements and how you can get involved.

It will be available to all by the start of the summer term (25<sup>th</sup> April 2022).  
Final checks are just being undertaken



## DLP Key Stage 2 Spelling Bee 2022

This year, we are excited to announce that we will be having our very first DLP Spelling Bee.

All Key Stage 2 children across our TRUST will be able to participate. Children will be given a list of class words and encouraged to practise them as much as possible in school, as well as at home. Class finals will then be held, followed by a school final. The winner of the individual school finals will then be entered into the Dovestone Spelling Bee Grand Final, which will be hosted at Delph Primary School on 19 May 2022.

Spelling Bee contests are a great opportunity for children to improve their vocabulary and spelling skills. They can help to boost memory skills and develop confidence. It is not only a worthwhile and stimulating learning experience but also instils a healthy competitive spirit among our children. It will bring children together from other schools across our TRUST, cultivating friendships with other participants along the way!

This promises to be a most enjoyable event and we are very much looking forward to it!



### Friezland Primary School

Friezland have recently undergone a consultation process to join the DLP as a full partner. Friezland has been an associate partner school since the Trust was formed in October 2017. The consultation, which included staff, school community, pupils, unions and stakeholders, ended on 1 April and a report will be presented to Governors on 26<sup>th</sup> April when a final decision will be taken.

To contact the DLP, either email your school's Headteacher or

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The staff, pupils & governors would like to wish you all  
**a very Happy Easter**

Stay safe and well