



News and Updates

PD at D Ring

There has been lots of PD happening at D Ring over the past few weeks as we get the new academic year underway. A special mention must go to our new staff, some of whom only joined us late in the week before the children arrived. They have shown great resilience, thrown themselves into everything and quickly become part of the D Ring team.

This week, our focus was on Maths Week and how we can use storybooks to get children talking, questioning and thinking mathematically. Staff explored different ways of creatively responding to texts and making those links to maths across the curriculum. We are looking forward to seeing some of these ideas come to life during Maths Week.



A Great Start to the Year

It has been a really smooth start to the new academic year. There is always something special about seeing the children coming back through the gates, filling the classrooms and getting straight back into learning. After all the preparation that goes into the start of a year, having the children back in front of us is always a good reminder of our why.



Keeping Our Children Safe and Calm

Our National Alert drills have also been running smoothly. Staff have really pulled together to make sure that, should we ever face a national alert, our children are not only safe but also calm and reassured.

The children have responded incredibly well, and it has been great to see everyone working together and knowing exactly what they need to do.





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A Shout-Out to EYFS

A big shout-out this month has to go to our EYFS team for such a calm and organised start to the year.

Anyone who works in EYFS knows that the first few days can be busy as our youngest children settle into new classrooms, routines and relationships. It is not often that you walk through EYFS on day two or three and find quiet corridors and settled classrooms – but that is exactly what we had this year!

Well done to the whole team for making those first few days such a positive experience for our children and families.



SMT Updates

Welcome to Our Leadership Team

We also welcome our Key Stage Coordinators for this academic year: Rachel Roberts, EYFS Coordinator; Mahek Akhtar, KS1 Coordinator; Katie McShane, KS2 Coordinator; and Piaras McConnell, KS3 Coordinator.

We have a great team in place and I am looking forward to seeing them continue to grow and develop their phases throughout the year.

Accomplishments

Year 9 Has Arrived!

This year also marks another important step for D Ring with the opening of Year 9.

It has been a smooth start for our new year group as we continue to build our capacity and look towards becoming a full secondary school over the coming years. We have also welcomed some fantastic teachers who have transferred across from Lagoon, bringing with them valuable secondary experience and expertise.

There is lots still ahead of us, but it has been a great start. The children are back, the classrooms are busy and D Ring is ready for another year!

Stars of the Week - All of our new coordinators. Thank you for stepping into your new roles with ease!

Team of the Week - EYFS

