



Word of Mouth

Winter 08/09

Congratulations!

To Claire and Erin for passing their Dental Radiography Exam!

Claire and Erin would like to say thank you to all the patients who played a part in allowing them to practice their x-raying techniques for their Record of Experience.

Many Thanks!!



Electric VS. Manual

Linda explains the advantages of using Electric toothbrushes over Manual toothbrushes;

“The Oral B Professional Care 8900 electric toothbrush compares to a standard manual toothbrush as follows:

- Compact head for better access to difficult areas.
- Brushing timer to guide you to brush for the recommended 2 minutes.
- Quadrant prompt every 30 seconds prompting you to brush each four quadrants of the mouth.
- Indicator bristles to remind you to replace your brush head.
- 40,000 pulsations per minute.
- 8,800 side to side movements per minute.
- Pressure sensor to help prevent over brushing.
- Comes with various other brush heads to assist optimum cleaning.

Why not have a look or a chat when you come in for your next dental or hygiene appointment. More effective brushing means healthier teeth and gums and fewer problems.”



Linda Peckham, Dental Hygienist

Welcome once again to our newsletter. I hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

One of the more recent innovations in the practice has been our text messaging service. Over the last year many of you have experienced this and find it useful – you receive a text reminder if you have a mobile, or an automated reminder message on your landline number a few days before your appointment. This works for both dentist and hygienist appointments So there is no longer any excuse for missing appointments! So far nearly everyone has loved this service but if for any reason you do not want to receive our text reminders please let reception know.

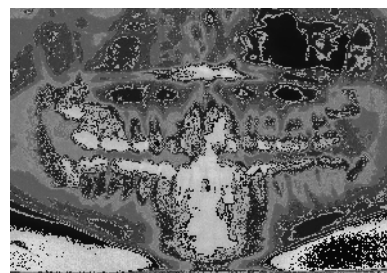
I hope you all had a lovely summer despite the varied weather.

Best Wishes
Erin Murley, Editor.

Panoral x-ray machine



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Screening

We now have a screening or panoral x-ray machine within the Surgery, so we would like to just take a moment to explain what the machine does and what we can see on the x-ray that it produces.

On a screening x-ray an image is captured that shows all the teeth together within the upper and lower jaws on one film. It also shows us areas not normally seen on the small x-rays taken inside the mouth. We can check the jaw bone for signs of pathology such as cysts, for areas of chronic infection and impacted wisdom teeth. We can check the levels of bone around teeth to give an indication of the severity of gum disease. We can also see the jaw joints and the air sinuses.

All in all, an invaluable tool. Ask at your next check up if you've not been screened yet.

Something to sink your teeth into:

Did you know?

- A snail's mouth is no larger than the size of a pinhead but it has around 25,600 teeth!
- Each person's set of teeth is unique to them, much like their fingerprints – even in identical twins.
- Floss was first manufactured in 1882 and was made of silk.
- Ants can lift an object up to fifty times their body weight and carry it over their heads. They do this with their mouths!
- Right handed people tend to chew with the right side of their mouths, and left handed people with their left side.

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to all those patients who recommend us to their friends and colleagues. If you like what we do please continue to tell people. Our practice grows by personal recommendation and so we are able to offer an increasingly high level of care to all our patients



Some of you may have noticed the Medenta Finance leaflets that we have in the waiting room. Here at Drayton Dental Surgery we have teamed up with a finance company that deals specifically with dentists. This means we can offer patients a way to pay for their treatment over 10 months at 0% interest free. It covers all the treatments that we offer here at the surgery; crowns, veneers, bridge work, tooth whitening, and cosmetic work.

It is a simple process to sign up. We can offer Medenta Finance on treatments costing over £750 and it is a great way to get the smile you always wanted.

Surgery Opening Hours

We offer appointments
Monday – Friday
From
8.45am – 5.00pm



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