



Friday 26th March 2021

Headteachers Comments:

The end of term already! Over the last few days we have been carrying out interviews for the Headteacher role at Dorothy Goodman. I am delighted to inform you that having faced fierce competition Kelly Dryden was successful in gaining the role.



There has been so much learning taking place across the school over the last few weeks and we have seen some super progress in communication and many other skills from our pupils. Yesterday I took two of our trustees and external adviser around our vocation sixth form at Middlefield Lane. One group of students were busy sorting out their sewing materials and were very proud to show and explain to us the various bags they had created using the sewing machines. Two students were clearing up in the catering servery kitchen and gave a very good account of what they had cooked for lunch and for how many – 12 meals of chicken pie and an alternative sandwich option. We then met some more students who were reviewing the menus for next term – their day for cooking is a Thursday and they were deciding what filling for the wraps. The DIY/multi skills group explained clearly the skills they had used to create drink coasters and upcycle some garden benches. The gardening group were also working hard and it was good to see them all working hard planting and weeding until we interrupted! All the visitors commented about how impressed they were with the confidence of the students and their ability to explain what they had been making or growing.

I would like to express a big thank you on behalf of all the staff to Shena (Tarell's Mum) who has made some beautiful food for all the staff once again this term. We are all very appreciative of all your hard work and effort to give us such lovely treats.



More lateral flow test kits are being sent home to our secondary students again today. If you and your child are taken part in this scheme please continue to help your child to test twice each week over the break as well as on Sunday night or Monday morning before we return to school. Please also remember to record the tests with NHS Track and Trace as well as school – thank you for all your help and cooperation with this.

I hope you enjoy the spring break (hoping the weather will be better than today!)

Janet

COVID GUIDANCE

| National Guidance | Dorothy Goodman School & Cleveland House response |
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| All pupils are expected in school from Monday 8th March, unless they have a shielding letter. | If you have received a shielding letter please contact school to discuss. |
| Secondary aged pupils to wear masks | <p>We encourage secondary aged pupils to wear face masks if they can taking into account their needs</p> <p>Please send in more than one mask so that this can be changed at suitable times during the day e.g. after eating.</p> |
| Lateral flow tests for students. We will be sending home more COVID-19 testing kits with your child tonight. | <p>Please make sure your child tests themselves or help them to take the test twice a week on a Monday morning (if possible and, if not Sunday night) and Thursday morning (if possible and, if not Wednesday night).</p> <p>If you think this may be difficult please contact us and we will discuss what will be best - including possible continued testing at school. Your child should continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays. This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate and go for a PCR test.</p> |
| Lateral Flow tests for staff | Lateral flow tests will be available for staff |
| Please remember not to send your child into school if they show any of the following symptoms | <p>a high temperature – this means the person feels hot to touch on their chest or back</p> <p>a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)</p> <p>a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means the person cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal</p> |



CALENDAR



| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
|---|----------------|----------------------------|
| Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April 2021 | Easter Break | School Closed to students |
| Monday 12th April 2021 | Back to school | School reopens to students |
| Monday 3rd May 2021 | Bank Holiday | School Closed |
| Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021 | Half Term | School Closed to students |



USEFUL RESOURCES



 [Downs Syndrome Association - Wellbeing](#) 

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| www.thinkuknow.co.uk | www.internetmatters.org |
| https://parentinfo.org/ | www.lgfl.net |
| www.net-aware.org.uk | www.ltai.info/staying-safe-online |
| www.saferinternet.org.uk | To report a child protection concern |
| https://safetonet.com/en-gb/landing-pages/covid/ | |



LUNCHES



w/c 12th April 2021 - Week 1 Menu (New menu at the end of the newsletter)

Our up to date lunch menus for Primary and Secondary can be found by clicking this link:

[Lunch Menus](#)

School Meal Primary meals: £2.20 per day

School Meal Senior meals: £2.45 per day

Please keep the office updated with any dietary requirements for your child. School Meals can be paid for via Arbor.

Information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals is available through County Hall:

[LCC - Free School Meals](#) or contact School Food Support Service. Tel: 0116 305 5770.

NOTICES



Find information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities all in one place - this is known as Leicestershire's 'Local Offer'.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disability>



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please can we remind you that if your child decides to bring their mobile phone into school, they are expected to turn them off and either hand them in to reception on arrival or keep them securely in their school bag whilst they are in school.



Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones

This is to safeguard all of our students.
Thank you



What's in it for me and my child's school?

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THE VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING



An opportunity for parents/carers to get together to discuss all SEN issues and signpost each other to useful services.

Meeting dates - Friday 26/3, 16/4, 11/6 and 2/7. Time 11-12 for more information please contact Rachel Irwin irwinrj22@gmail.com or Louise Leeson louise.leeson@cleveland-house.org



Equipment Repairs

Please ensure that you inform the office of any appointments you make for equipment repairs during school hours, that will take place on site.

If they are not booked in on our system, they can be turned away.



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES





HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Lemurs: looking at the amazing artwork that was produced by class.

Leopards: Seeing all children participate in the 'sleepy bunny' song.

Lions: Lots of engagement in our Music and Movement session.

Llamas: All pupils engaging and working independently at individual tasks

Tigers: Oliver telling Mrs Noon it wasn't Thursday when she came to visit us on a Wednesday for a change.

KS1

Jupiter: There has been fantastic teamwork and sharing during group activities. Well done !

Mars: Sebastian's great imagination when playing with adults and peers.

Mercury: Mercury were very colourful yesterday role playing the Battle of Britain with paint bombs in Art.

Saturn/ Neptune: Both classes exploring Richmond field. Neptune for their PSHE working on mountain rescue skills and Saturn evacuated to the countryside in their history topic. Romeo did brilliant climbing a tree but then got stuck!!!!

Venus: The children loved using coordinates to find easter eggs around the school in our maths session.

KS2

Apollo: The open discussions that pupils had with each other around the topic of dream jobs and ambitions for the future.

Athena: Turning the classroom into an outer space landing pad

Kite: Seeing all students really engaged in their 'Big Write' this week.

Owl: Creating drama pieces on what we thought different headlines meant in English.

Poseidon: Everyone has worked really hard and consolidated lots of their new skills, especially in Cooking and Science lessons.

KS3

Atlas: Attention bucket in RSE

Cleveland House: Some of our students taking part in DG interviews.

Hercules: Easter Treasure Hunt

Iris/Zeus: Kailon, Chris and Aaron performing a TV news story story

Janus: Building hydropower machines in Science

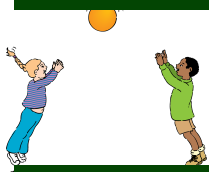
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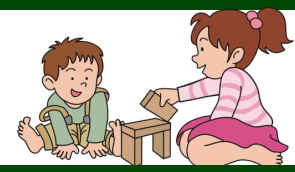
Hera: Callum's excitement about taking the guinea pigs home over the holidays

Nike: Talking about the Easter holidays and how families celebrate. Students also enjoyed 'visiting' different countries during our city breaks RSE themed lessons.

6th Form: We had a 1 minute silence on Tuesday to honour the 1 year anniversary of lockdown. The student concert was amazing the effort that they have been putting into their practice really paid off. Other highlights include Kyle and Tom working out how much profit we can make in the cafe. Harry M, Cole and Luke working hard to learn customer service and money skills in the cafe Ano and Josh working together to lead the PE sessions, really good communication between themselves and their peers.



EYFS / KS 1



Lemurs: We have been doing lots of Easter themed activities. We have done Easter craft, the class made some chicks and rabbits. In Cooking we made chocolate Easter nests and we had an Easter sensory story. We have also done number work, explored the sensory room and played in soft play.

Oliver
B-C

Leopards: We have been thinking all about Easter seeing the children make some hot crossed buns, go on an Easter egg hunt and participate in some Easter dancing. We have had a really fun and messy last week to the term seeing Jack and Hashim using their signs for 'more' lots during a variety of activities! We have also seen some fantastic progress with children's approaches to their personal care following on from our conversations at parents evening! Have a super holiday all!

Rocco

Lions: Class have enjoyed focusing on Easter in celebrations week, this week. All our sessions have focused on the traditions of Easter. In Maths we explored counting plastic eggs and little chicks. We also decorated our own Easter egg outline using shape printing. The pupils enjoyed decorating their Easter cards in Creative. The feathers were a firm favourite to explore. This afternoon we will be making chocolate nest cakes and I know this will go down very well! Have a wonderful break everyone. Happy Easter from team Lions.

Tommy

Llamas: This week our focus has been Easter. Everyone engaged really well with our sensory story- Henny Penny and her chick. Everyone did really well in cooking, following instructions to make chocolate nests. We have had lots of great engagement in our outdoor learning environment and had great fun finding matching patterned Easter eggs. Hope you all have a lovely break.

Rene

Tigers: We have been learning about Easter customs and Palm Sunday. The children have taken part in Easter activities and made some super predictions when wrapping an egg to test what would protect it when it was dropped from a height. There was some very good reasoning why other eggs would break, Jacob thought one would break because it was in a smaller package. The winners of the competition were Lacey and Jacob. Wishing you all a Happy Easter and hopefully some sunshine to enjoy the outdoors.

Nellie
&
Leo



KS 2




Jupiter: The pupils have been working hard in Maths on position and direction. They have enjoyed playing position games and had great fun on the Easter egg hunt. There has been lovely engagement in the Battle of Britain sensory story and good exploration of the artefacts. In Cookery the children have enjoyed creating Easter nests and in art creating Easter crafts and exploring the Easter tuff trays. The finale was all the pupils enjoying the VE Day celebrations at the Jupiter VE party. Well done all for a super term, have a well rested break and enjoy the Easter goodies!

Bethany

Mars: The children really enjoyed their Easter party this week, with fantastic communication to ask for more cake! In English they learned about Douglas Bader who flew a plane with prosthetic legs. The children made fact files and we saw great writing skills from many, using their own phonics knowledge. In maths we were exchanging money and adding together coins. In ICT we played a game of Battleships and invented our own grid, practising our copy & paste skills. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break, from everyone in the Mars Class team.

Lewis

 Values Champion of the week: Oliver

Mercury: Mercury have worked so hard this half term. The children's engagement to learning has been incredibly positive and it is lovely to see friendships developing.

This week, the children have been initiating more interactions with their peers and turn taking in Art, PE and PSHE lessons. We are excited to go on an Easter egg hunt and make Easter chocolate cakes.

 Values Champion of the week: Kylan

Alfie

Saturn & Neptune: In Neptune they have been learning about Douglas Bader in English and learned how determined he was to fly again after losing both of his legs in a crash. The students work on perseverance skills by having their hands tied behind their backs and trying to complete tasks. In Science they were exploring colour and how we see it and made rainbows. In History they had a VE day celebration. In Saturn Science they were learning about how shadows are made and made their own puppets and then tested them outside and in the think pod with torches to make the shadows bigger and smaller. In Art they learned about air raid shelters and then used recycling products to make their own air raid shelter. In History they made an evacuation box and a jam sandwich to put in it. They then had to pass a medical test to make sure they were fit and healthy before evacuating to the countryside (Richmond field)

Oscar
&
Levi

Aaryan
&
Karl

Spring Term Stars

Just to remind Saturn parents to ensure they send the permission slips for their child's story to be published in 'A wonder in the woods'. The deadline is 25th April.

Venus: In English the children worked together to acrostic poems about the war. In PSHE we continued to learn about the emergency services and role played calling 999 and memorising important information. In science we explored how mirrors work to reflect light and attempted to make a periscope. In PE we continued to work on our batting skills for rounders. Have a lovely break!

Alex
&
Abi



KS 3



Apollo: Well, what a strange but rewarding Spring Term. I just want to take this time to say a huge thank you to the constant support from you all, we couldn't of had such a successful online learning classroom without your help! When we come to the end of each term it's lovely to sit and reflect on how well everyone has done throughout the term. In Apollo class we also select a pupil that has shined the brightest across the term and for this Spring term it is Max. Max has continued to display a positive attitude to his learning throughout all the changes.

Joseph

Athena: In Music we showed Simon our amazing boomwhacker talents, in Art we have carried on exploring advertising and creating posters to entice buyers, in History we made lemonade for our lesson about VE day and why it was important, in PE we had an obstacle circuit helping us to practice our balancing, in PSHE we played in a space landing pad, built rockets and played swing ball with a meteor, in science we did more experiments on food and set fire to cheese balls. We've also done some great work in English and Maths so we are all very ready for our Easter holiday.

Danish

Kite: Students have created some great storyboards this week in English about the Tollund Man. On Thursday students watched a short film called 'Pigeon Impossible' and recounted events. Some even chose to create a sequel story, 'Pigeon Impossible 2.' Students have continued to work on their time skills in Maths and apply their learning to games. In Art students created space travel adverts and space art.

Keerthana

Owl: In class we have finished our Tollund man topic, we did this by writing a newspaper report of what we knew ,including looking at headlines and creating drama around what the story could be, Ryan ,Callum,Dylan and Hoi Wing created a great story about a magic cat that could fly! In Maths we recapped what we had learnt this term either in school or at home ,this included a shape easter egg hunt and symmetrical patterns on eggs. In Science we looked at how the toilet works and even invented our own. In Art we created our own space adverts to holiday in space, could Owls class sell you a trip to the moon?

Whole Class

Poseidon: In Cooking everyone has been able to independently show their new skills and made delicious chips. The work in Science was brilliant, lots of predictions and alterations to the experiments. In English everyone has worked hard on their communication, either in the Class Restaurant or reading their written News Paper Reports. In Maths we have focused on time, so we have traveled in time to the past in our time machine, and we have learnt how to tell the time both digitally and with an analogue clock. In humanities we have finished our WW2 topic learning about VE Day, and designed medals for the soldiers in the war.

Daisy



KS 4



Atlas: We started off our week with PE, working well to compete all the activities practising our hand eye coordination. In Drama we took part in a story about King Cnut. In Art we used different vegetables to create a different patterned artwork. On Tuesday in animal care Erin and Kaydone enjoyed having a ride at the stables, while Kieran enjoyed making a milkshake in hospitality and catering. In PE everyone enjoyed taking part in their different groups, Andie and Tegan played a great game of skittles together.

Kaydone

Cleveland House: Lots of end of term activities have been keeping us busy this week, making chocolate Easter nests, decorating jars to make chick and rabbit vases and 6th form have also decorated boiled eggs as a traditional Eastern European celebration. With all these activities I'm not sure how we have managed to fit any work in but there have been assessments all week in core subjects for year 10 and our science A level students have completed assessments too. Also Mia and Henry have completed a Health and Safety exam for their painting and decorating college course passing with flying colours. After such a busy week students deserve a well earned break and we wish you all a happy and restful Easter.

Ruby, Kyle
& Harry

Hercules: In Geography, the class enjoyed looking at maps and coordinates. In PSHE we finished off our wind turbines which we worked in teams to make. In RE we looked at Easter.

Erlend

Iris & Zeus: In English we have been working on script writing and this culminated in an excellent news story presented by Kailon, Chris and Aaron. In Science, students made a solar oven - all independently - and are very pleased with their end results! They are looking forward to trying them out next week. Fingers crossed for good weather! In ICT learners enjoyed using Microsoft Publisher to recreate the stories they had already written in English and PSHE of The Tempest or a news story they had created for Comic Relief.

Chris
&
Chloe

Jonus: We explored playing handball and worked on hand eye coordination and teamwork. We made some bridges in communication. We made some cool art by stamping fruits and vegetables. We looked at hydropower energy in Science and made a hydropower machine

Jake



KS 5



Hero: This week we have been finishing off our topic about the royal family. We finished the week with a royal banquet and a royal variety performance. The pupils enjoyed showcasing their talents which including circus skills, karaoke and dancing.

Lewis

Nike: The students in Nike had another busy week. In PSHE, students explored more career development activities. Some students made lovely "dream" posters outlining what they want their future to look like. In wellbeing, we had a beauty spa session. It was wonderful to see the students who identified 'beautician' as a career choice engage in some beauty activities with their classmates. Students also worked quite a bit on sorting, identifying, and counting money.

Krystal

6th Form: In BTEC the student's shared some of what they have learnt about CVs, interviews and applying for jobs by making display boards. They shared their knowledge with other students in a Careers session. A group of students went to Richmond Park to do some road safety.

Thalia

From all of us at Dorothy Goodman School, Have a restful break and a fantastic Easter. We look forward to seeing you on:

Monday 12th April

for the start of the Summer Term.

