



Dorothy Goodman School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th April 2021

Headteachers Comments:

Welcome back to school for the start of the Summer Term. It has been wonderful to see (almost) all of our students return to class.



It has been lovely to have such sunny weather on our return to school. We have had a good, busy week with lots of learning going on, interviews for new teachers to start next year and students at Barwell Lane able to access the field for the first time. Access to the field this week has been in a controlled way so that they can learn what the space is like and then after school today the fences are being removed so we are all looking forward to it being fully functional over time.

Have a good weekend.

Janet



Big Cat Collins e-library

During the Easter break we sent out an email to you introducing a new reading scheme that will be used across the whole of Dorothy Goodman. This will enable the students to access a library of e-books, from early phonic development to fluent reading. Part of this programme will enable us to track the students progress, to do this we are seeking your consent as Parent/Guardian to share your child's name and date of birth with Harper Collins, this information will only be used for academic purposes.

You can read Harper Collins Privacy Policy here: <https://corporate.harpercollins.co.uk/privacy-policy/>

For more information about the reading scheme please visit <https://collins.co.uk/pages/collins-big-cat>

If you have not completed the consent form, please can we ask that you do so using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBkiCdajc7zIfGfA8cGU2UuOxmSYvR-OxIRyZ2DI1siH7Oiw/viewform?usp=sf_link

COVID GUIDANCE

National Guidance	Dorothy Goodman School & Cleveland House response
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	INFORMATION
Monday 3rd May 2021	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021	Half Term	School Closed to students
Friday 9th July 2021	Last day of school	End of Academic year
Thursday 25th August 2021	Return to School	1st day of Autumn Term



USEFUL RESOURCES



[Downs Syndrome Association - Wellbeing](#)



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 19th April 2021

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Week 2 Menu

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>



Thank you to all those who contributed to 'wear a hat day' before Easter.

To help Brain Tumour Research, we managed to raise:



£148.85



And also had a lot of fun wearing some wacky hats.

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.



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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Step 3
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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

KS1

Lemurs: all of the children being so nurturing towards each other during our tac-pac session.

Leopards: Jack sitting in the hall and eating all of his school dinner on Thursday!

Lions: Seeing all of our pupils coming back into class after their holiday happy and enthusiastic!

Llamas: Great engagement from everyone during our new story- The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Tigers: The class working together to build a outside minibeast garden

Jupiter: All pupils have settled back in after the Easter break well. Eager to learn and fantastic engagement with their work

Mars: Amazing engagement for all students in PE in both the hall and the sparkle room.

Mercury: The children have been engaging on activities more independently.

Saturn/ Neptune: How Finlay chose to decorate his house in English.

Venus: The class have loved coming back to nicer weather and making the most of the outdoor space.

KS2

Apollo: The class accessing the freedom and the space that the field offered and loved finding all the clues, well done Max for finding all 10!

KS3

Athena: Exploring the playing field

Kite: Students have really enjoyed our new topic in English. We have done lots of horror writing and students have loved it!

Owl: Making a "horror" word bank in English

Poseidon: The highlight of this week was having our PE Lesson on the playing field..

Atlas: Seeing everyone back after easter

Cleveland House: Settling back into routine quickly after the Easter break.

Hercules: Orienteering

Iris/Zeus: The creativity in Art of using silhouettes to show movement and rhythm.

Janus: Gym session all about climbing and muscle groups

KS4

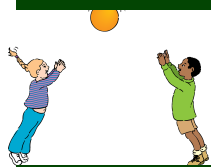
KS5

Demeter: Seeing Kirsty in her stander using both arms to move around.

Hera: On Tuesday we went out onto the field at Secondary for the first time. The kids absolutely loved it! The space is amazing and I can see some fun and exciting times to come.

Nike: Ellie and Aimee returning to school.

6th Form: Very pleased with how the students have settled straight back into their learning and job roles. Also how professional and mature the students have been when listening to Sue and Diane around careers.



EYFS / KS 1



Lemurs: We have started our new topic "minibeasts". The children have had lots of fun, we went on a spring scavenger hunt and found lots of exciting things such as a birds nest, ladybird and flowers. The children showed great independence during cooking, with some amazing sharing and waiting for their turn. In Art the children liked doing finger painting and looking at the different minibeasts.

Olly

Leopards: We have begun the story of 'the very hungry caterpillar' seeing the children become fully immersed and engaged in thinking about, pretending to be and stamping different caterpillar images in maths and write dance. Let's hope we are all ready to transform into butterflies next week!

Jack

Lions: A busy start to the week, lots of fantastic work. We have begun our Minibeast topic in earnest; we have made ladybird biscuits, begun learning how to make the sounds of insects, begun reading our story of The Hungry Caterpillar and lots of fun acting as minibeasts during PE.

Reuben

Llamas: We have introduced our new topic- Mini beasts. We have listened to the sensory story- The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We explored the different fruits in cooked spaghetti and matched them with the days of the week. In art we got very creative and made some paper plate caterpillar faces. In PSHE and topic explored the outdoor environment looking for signs of spring.

Mollie

Tigers: The lovely weather has meant the children have enjoyed playing and working outside together. As our topic is New Life and Minibeasts we have spent a lot of time in the woods looking for signs of Spring and collecting logs, twigs and leaves to add to our raised bed minibeast home. There was great excitement when they found a spider, slugs and a millipede that Lacey was happy to hold in her hand. We have also started to create Spring Pictures for our class display.

James
&
Olivia



KS 2



Jupiter: The children have enjoyed exploring our new topic Habitats. They have had lots of fun sorting grouping and finding out where different animals live. They children have really got stuck in exploring the new sensory story creature comforts and there was some lovely communication. In maths we have been working on data and finding out our friends favourite pets and food. There has been lots of good communication and independent working - well done.

Ty

Mars: In Art the children made fantastic sloths to go onto the display! Lewis was particularly proud of his parrot placement on the tree branch. In PE on Wednesday both the children focusing on Sherborne and physio goals in the sparkle room and the children focusing on ball skills in the hall were absolutely fantastic. In science we recalled names of sea creatures we knew and investigated them in the tuff tray.

Laith



Values Champion of the week: Zachary

Mercury: Mercury have settled well back into the school routine. The children have enjoyed circus games in PE and different dance moves. In English, we have been exploring animals and focused on dogs this week where the children did some good describing. The children engaged really well with a peer in sherborne.

Tomorrow we are looking forward to making ocean bottles.

Alfie



Values Champion of the week: Lacey

Saturn & Neptune: In English Neptune have been making fact files about different pets, working well with a partner and finding the information on a chromebook .In maths they have been working hard on subtraction. In English in Saturn they have started watching the DVD 'Esio Trot' and have been working on reading and spelling CVC words and finding the correct picture to match. In maths they have been working on measuring and have been trying to solve problems. They also had a long jump competition. Both classes have started their new topic of maps in geography and explored different theme park maps, working out to get to different rides and areas of the parks. In science they have started their new topic about sea life and sorted out animals that lived in the sea and animals that lived on the land.

Omella
&
Ethan

Venus: The pupils have been learning about different pets and watching clips from creature comforts in English. Our speaking and listening session focused on cats and dogs. We then did research on how to care for them as pets. In Maths we recapped our number problem solving skills and then learnt about shapes. In PSHE we have began to learn about sleepovers. Some pupil's practised writing an invitation and playing sharing games. Other pupils practised bedtime and morning routines.

Jamie
&
George



KS 3



Apollo: A wonderful first week back with lots of learning and exploring our new topic.

In Science this week we started to look at waves. We experimented with slinkys, skipping ropes, water and ribbons to create different waves. The pupils have loved learning outside with the nice weather this week which has automatically put everyone in a good mode. Friendships have truly formed in Apollo class and it has been lovely to observe these friendships grow within the class and outside in the playground.

Tobyn

Athena: We have been really busy this week, we practiced ball and racquet games in PE and learned all about measuring waves in Science. In Humanities we looked at the different inventions around our homes and we made cheese scones in Cooking. In PSHE we are looking at camping and we even managed to put up a tent on our own! We all went to explore the playing field so we know what it looks like before it opens on Monday, it's such a great space for us to use we can't wait.

Well done Athena

John

Kite: This week we have done our horror writing as our new topic is Hound of the Baskervilles. In Maths students have enjoyed playing Maths games based on addition and working on place value. In Science students created a Captain's log as they looked at waves and weather. Art involved looking at mixing colours using acrylic paint, watercolours and poster paints. I think the most fun was had in PSHE when students created dens as part of our camping topic.

Benji B

Owl: In English we have started to look at the theme of 'horror' describing scenes/characters and extending sentences- some of them super spooky! In Maths we have began problem solving activities which include working as a team. In Science we looked at waves and earthquakes they caused making informative fact files independently and in Art the class enjoyed mixing colours to create new colours and creating pictures.

Theo

Poseidon: We have started to explore the horror genre, which is really exciting. In Maths we have used our knowledge and applied it to different situations, so have learnt some new maths games and shared them with our peers. In Art we are learning to use different media to create different art work, and for this we are staying on the spooky theme which is brilliant. In our cooking lesson we have learnt how to cut vegetables into slices and Julienne. Our Humanities topic this term is inventors so we have all become inventors and we are going to create new games we can all play together.

Rohaam



KS 4



Atlas: We started a new story in drama this week which was rain and sun, we created tornadoes in a jar for the story which all the children really enjoyed. In pathways this week Kaydone, Alfi and Charley lead horses over wood laid out as a course. In RE we started to learn about Buddhism

Charley

Cleveland House: We are pleased to welcome new student Tianna to Cleveland House who is beginning her transition this week. New topics have begun in many subjects. In English year 7's are doing debate work while year 9 are beginning An Inspector Calls and in Science new topics are energy and learning how to identify variables. 6th formers are having fun completing memory game activities and creating pasta dishes in cooking. Students are also beginning to receive results back from assessments completed before Easter with some fantastic grades being achieved, it's great to see students efforts paying off. Well done!

James,
Danni
& Toby

Hercules: The class have enjoyed coming back after the break. We all had fun orienteering on the playing field and are looking forward to it opening properly, next week!

Madison

Iris & Zeus: Great to be back with all young people happy to get stuck into our new topics. In English we have started our new text, 'Of Mice and Men'. In History we are learning about how the USA developed and expanded; in Geography, our topic is Tropical Rainforests. In Science the theme is about the moon and the solar system; so this week learners have been creating a model of the the moon orbiting Earth and Earth orbiting the sun. While in ICT we have been learning about website design and what makes a good website.

Ashley
&
Jack

Jonus: We have been learning about Victorian slums in History. We were given the opportunity to explore the school field and join in some PE activities that the sports leaders had led. In PSHE we looked at climbing and what muscle groups we would use and went into the gym to explore the equipment. In Science, we are learning about the solar system and meditation in RE

Leighton



KS 5



Demeter: We have been looking at our new topic in English. All the students have learning about musicals and what they are. We have named lots of musicals and they all enjoyed a quiz to see how many they knew. In Maths we have started looking at shapes, the students have been naming lots of different shapes and counting the corners and sides. Alongside all that we have also planted some seed to grow some fruit and veg, some students have accessed the bungalow and enjoyed going for a walk . A good week back .

Kirsty

Hera: It has been a good start back to the new Summer term. The sun has been shining, the field is beginning to open up and we can start to plan things we can do in the Summer term (hopefully). We have begun looking at a new story in English, The King and I. In Art we will be looking at Asia to link in with this.

Callum
&
Reece

Nike: This week has seen Nike get back into the swing of things with a full class which has been brilliant to see. English has seen pupils begin to look at the King and I in a variety of formats and Maths has seen pupils learning about shapes.

Nike have also explored the back field before it opens this week and have continued their work on the body in PE, money and communication. Overall a great first week back!

Ellie
&
Aimee

6th Form: We really hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break. It is certainly starting to look like normality in the world, we are very pleased with how the students settled back into their learning and job roles. On Monday Tom D lead us in paying our respects with a minutes silence to reflect on the life and work of HRH the Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh who sadly passed away last Friday.
Have a fab weekend

Josh W