Friday 28th May 2021

#### **Headteachers Comments:**

As we approach half term lots of things have been happening ...Saturn entered a competition to design a lucky mascat for the Paralympian Nathan Maguire helping him prepare for the Tokyo



Paralympic Games. He sent them a video to thank everyone for their contributions and a certificate to be printed for each entry. Saturn have also been working hard on capacity, they had an exercise to sort each other in a line in order of increasing capacity, there was some amazing language, organisation and problem solving from all the pupils and I believe this starter activity lasted rather longer than planned - but they worked it out in the end and supported each other extremely well. In Key Stage 1 we have all been impressed with the progress made by our youngest pupils when playing - we see lots of super interactions and staff have a great understanding of each pupil's needs. Our older students have been completing various assessments and I am sure they will be glad these are now finished. We are all looking forward to what I hope will be a sunny half term and then welcoming your children back for the last half term of this academic year.

Please can you make sure you email the school on <a href="mailto:office@dorothygoodman.leics.sch.uk">office@dorothygoodman.leics.sch.uk</a> if your child, who attends our school, develops Covid symptoms on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> or Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - as a school we are still responsible for track and trace during these days and I will be checking the email each day.

#### **Lateral Flow tests**

Please do these on Sunday night or Monday morning; Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

Follow the leaflet stages to take the test (separate leaflet **NOT** the one in the box Remember if they (or you helping them) cannot swab their throat, you can swab both nostrils instead.

Record results on this link <u>test result for NHS</u> **and** <u>test result for school</u> (right click on links)

#### What to do once you have a result:

Negative:

Pupil can still come to school (Same arrangements of protection with Hands, Face, Space)

<u>Positive</u>: Your child MUST NOT come into school. You need to book your child for a PCR test or isolate for 10 days

<u>Void</u>: Please do the test again with a new kit

Thank you once again for your help with this.



### **CALENDAR**



DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021	Half Term	School Closed to students
Weds 23rd / Thur 24th June 2021	Parents evening	Details to follow
Friday 9th July 2021	Last day of School before Summer holidays	

### **LUNCHES**



w/c 24th May 2021 Week 1 Menu



Our up to date lunch menus for Primary and Secondary can be found by clicking this link: <u>Lunch Menus</u>
School Meal Primary meals: £2.20 per day School Meal Senior meals: £2.45 per day

We would like to remind you that we have a no-debt procedure for our school meal service.

If your child is not entitled to free school meals, they MUST be in credit if they wish to have a school dinner.

Thank you for your understanding.

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.

#### Parents Evening - 23rd and 24th June, 3:30pm - 7:30pm

A chance to meet your child's new teacher.

The parents evening appointments will available to be booked via Arbor after half term.

Appointments will be for 15 minutes and we are asking for your help in keeping to this.

If your child is remaining with the same teacher you are under no obligation to attend.

We are offering face to face appointments, whilst adhering to social distancing guidelines.

Prior to your appointment you will need to wait in your car and your child's teacher will come and collect you at the appropriate time.

If you would prefer a virtual meeting, please can you indicate this when booking your appointment.

Location: Primary, Stoke Road
Date: Wednesday 23rd June
For: Richmond & Redmoor

Location: Primary, Stoke Road
Date: Thursday 24th June
For: Primary Key Stage 1&
Primary Key Stage 2

Location: Secondary, Barwell Lane
Date: Wednesday 23rd June
For: Secondary Key Stage 3,
Secondary Key Stage 4 &
Secondary Key Stage 5

Location: 6th Form, Middlefield Lane
Date: Thursday 24th June
For: HAJC & 6th Form

### **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 our secondary parents for your continued support in keeping everyone safer by using the lateral flow tests. If you have been testing please continue to do so testing twice-weekly over half-term and test before returning to school after the holiday.

Thank you!















#### Lunch Menu after Half Term

On the week beginning 7th June the menu item for Thursday will change from meatloaf to meatballs in a tomato & basil pasta sauce. A new menu will be sent out in due course



# **THIS WEEK IN PICTURES**









### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



<u>Lemurs:</u> All the children turn taking during our maths games session.
<u>Leopards:</u> Seeing so many children feel brave enough to taste honey!

KS<sub>1</sub>

Lions: Watching pupils play together in the Sun during PE

<u>Llamas:</u> Lots of engagement and positive interactions in our outdoor learning environment when the sun finally came out!

<u>Tigers:</u> A very messy afternoon making snail slime. There was some very sticky and messy children.

Jupiter: Some fantastic work working on our physical skills, overcoming challenges and achieving our goals - well done

Mars: Laith's creativity and engagement during English - designing his own creature!

<u>KS2</u>

Mercury: Identifying animals and where they live more independently.

Saturn/ Neptune: Class making a huge hammerhead shark out of collected plastic whilst learning about plastic pollution.

Venus: The children loved continuing to film their stop motion lego movies in ICT.

Apollo: Teamwork when playing board games in Maths

Athena: Junk Modelling Inventions

KS3 Kite: Students really enjoying making their 'wanted' posters for the scary characters that they'd created.

Owl: Using boomwhackers in Science looking at pitch and sound

Poseidon: Everyone is really enjoying learning how different textured paints effects a picture in Art.

<u>Atlas:</u> During attention bucket session, all the pupils found it very funny when the helicopter fell down behind the cupboard.

<u>Cleveland House:</u> Students receiving their end of term rewards for all their hard work and achievements this term.

<u>Hercules:</u> Come Dine with Me SRE session and leaving party on Friday.

KS4

Iris/Zeus: Website presentations

Janus: Students interacting with all their class peers

6th Form: The Gardening group learned how to harvest for the first time.

<u>KS5</u> <u>Demeter:</u> Kirsty going the whole length of the corridor in her rabbit walker in a straight line.

Hera: Jack persevering on the slide and the zipline at Fosse Meadows and overcoming his fears after a lot of persuasion.

He was so proud of himself and we were so proud of him too.

Nike: Mollie has done a great job using her PECs symbols to make choices this week.

# EYFS / KS 1



Lemurs: On Monday we had our free flow play activities, the children enjoyed playing on the bouncy castle and making dens in the hall. We have also used spaghetti to create a wiggly painting. In PE we spent time in the ball court playing lots of fun games, such as climbing frames, hoops, football and tig. We are finishing our week having a bougie bug ball. So lots of dancing, singing and having fun.

Trofim

Leopards: We have been thinking all about bumble bee's seeing the children get very sticky! We have been fully immersed in tasting, feeling and smelling honey both on it's own and in cake and sandwiches. Frankie surprised us all by taking the honey drizzler during the sensory story session and Yuvraj and Charlie really enjoyed having cartoon bee's used in intensive interaction sessions before independently putting them on top of the hive pictures! I hope you all have a fantastic half term and I cannot wait to see what our last half term brings.

Jax

<u>Lions:</u> Busy week before the holiday, we have taken our last look at minibeasts, exploring some worms and beetles in class, making models of worms and other insects. We have worked hard in our PHSE understanding what creatures need to live and made lots of noise during our music session.

Vinnie

Llamas: We have concluded our minibeast topic by thinking about spiders. In Art we made some handprint paper plate spiders and wove our own webs. In numbers we counted the legs on the spider and in cooking we made different minibeasts with coloured icing. Everyone has engaged really well in our music sessions-exploring and playing percussion instruments in a variety of ways.

Colton

Tigers: This week we have finished our topic on 'Minibeasts' by learning about snails.

The children were able to find snails after the rain and we kept them in class for a short while to observe them. There were some super snail drawings and spiral mark making and some super descriptive words used. We wish you all a Happy Half Term and look forward to coming back to school and learning about our new topic, 'Under the Sea'

Whole Class

# KS<sub>2</sub>





Jupiter: In Math's we have have been focusing on measuring and creating animal houses to measure their height and length. We have also been exploring volume and enjoyed filling and emptying a variety of different materials in and out of containers. In English we have enjoyed creature comforts and had a lot of fun creating speech bubbles express what we thought the animals may be saying. In Science we have explored the effects of plastic pollution and created our own Recycling posters. We have continued to engage with the Abyss sensory story with fantastic communication and interaction. In cookery the children have done really well following instructions to create rocky road and some other pupils have engaged well with the cookery massage story exploring and tasting a range of different foods.

Values Champion of the week: Elliot

Mars: In Science we made animals out of recycling and spoke about how not putting plastic in our seas would help save lives. In Maths the children were balancing scales and predicting which item was heaviest. George, Lewis and Zachary accepted the challenge to begin predicting how many grams an item weighed too. We saw great sentence making on Wednesday in English followed by designing our own creatures and making them using craft items. The children were fantastic at following the beat in music and exploring instruments in the music hut, with some hitting the notes written on the board to create a tune on the xylophone.

The Mars team wish you a very happy half term.

Sebastian

Mercury: We have been engaging PE activities where they have been exploring a sensory circuit and passing different movements around a circle. They really enjoyed working as a team to create a dance. During English, the children were super at recalling the Pets Poem through the different actions. The children enjoyed shouting 'Geronimo' and then going on the swing to complete the action. Today we are excited to make animal pizzas.

Jennifer

Values Champion of the week: Walter

Saturn & Neptune: In Neptune they have finished watching 'Esio Trot' and spoke about different feelings. In computing they were working on stop motion videos about tortoises. In Geography both classes have been working on following maps and directions, working as teams to get to different locations. In Saturn in maths they have been working on volume and capacity and problem solving. Some great team work and use of vocabulary on Thursday as they eat held a container without measurements on and trying to put themselves in order of least to most volume. Hope everyone has a lovely half term, it looks like the sun is going to finally be here.

Jacob & Alfie

Venus: This week we finished our English topic, Esio Trot. Some pupils helped write a poem from Mr Hoppy to Mrs Silver about tortoise. Some pupils went to the sensory room to take part in a pet shop sensory story. In Maths we learnt about capacity and volume by counting out how many cups it took to fill different containers. In Science we did a hunt around the school to scan QR codes that displayed moving images of sea creatures before taking part in a sea sensory story.





Apollo: We have focused on board games in Maths, from playing them with peers to creating their own. We had a variety of topics when it came to creating their own: loose women; truth or dare; billboards; ACDC and a racing track. In cooking this week, we continued to explore dishes that we could make on a camping trip (which links in with our PSHE topic) and pupils loved creating their own banana boats. They didn't stay around for long! I hope you all have a lovely half term, fingers crossed for some sunny weather.

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Athena: We have enjoyed write-dance and tricky words for English, explored Numicon and sensory numbers in Maths. In Humanities we continued looking at inventions over the years and tried our hand at making our own inventions that we designed last week. In PE we've had a fab MATP session and carried on trying our hand at cricket followed by some great yoga - Lillibeth is especially good at the pigeon pose! In PSHE we've enjoyed a Sherbourne all about camping and in cooking we sent home apple crumbles.

Kaydon

<u>Kite</u>: Class have really enjoyed creating lots of spooky writing this half term. They are looking forward to the story, 'Hound of the Baskervilles' after half term. In Mathes students have worked on addition and subtraction using the column method. There's been a great sense of independence in these lessons, as students have self resourced to work out what they need to complete the tasks. In Science students explored sound waves with the boomwhackers. Students created some lovely artwork as they experimented with water colour paints.

Ethan, Harrison & Alfie

Owl: In Maths we have continued to solve multiplication puzzles, looking at repeated addition also, some of the students have been able to independently gather the right resources to help them complete their work! In English we have continued our horror theme with the class writing 'a day in the life of a monster' stories- scary stuff!! In Art we used anything but a paintbrush - we used bananas, sticks, oranges and grapes to make some colourful artwork . in Science we continued to look at sound waves, we did this by doing a class performance on the boomwhackers.

Dylan

<u>Poseidon:</u> In English we have continued to look at Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles, with a focus on spooky atmospheres. In Maths we have been making potions and finding out how much the potion costs and in PSHE we have investigated making a den and what resources we need. In Science we started to look at light waves and how they travel in straight lines and in Humanities we have been making telephones and role playing with telephones.

Whole

# <u>KS 4</u>



Atlas: Monday we enjoyed target practice in PE and our drama story about tornados. Tuesday we went to our pathway groups, cooking jacket potatoes in catering and taking care of the guinea pigs in animal care. Wednesday Kieran worked really hard in maths with his adding and subtracting. We played tennis in the afternoon. Thursday afternoon half the class enjoyed a sensology session while the rest worked as a team to build with lego

Kieran

Cleveland House: We've had a very busy final week before half term with students continuing to work hard in the lead up to their week off. Year 7's have made chicken/cheese goujons in food technology and keyrings in engineering while year 8's have made hedgehogs out of MDF. Year 9 English has moved onto Othello in English and year 10 have learnt how to wire a plug. In the unit PSHE lessons are continuing with relationships and Autism awareness have discussed the sensory world. Our GCSE and 6th form students have also completed all their assessments and are now making flower pots out of clay. We hope you all have a lovely week off with better weather and look forward to seeing you after half term.

Hugh, Jack, Alex & Bradley

<u>Hercules:</u> Some of our students had great gym sessions, on Tuesday. We have all been doing well in Non-Verbal Drama and we had a good lesson learning about 'grounding' techniques for when our emotions are getting on top of us.

Madison

Iris & Zeus: In ICT both classes have finished making their Websites - which look amazing!.

Zeus chose to present what they had created, as part of their Arts Award 'Share' section, They all took it in turns to tell their peers about the tools and features of the software's they had used to create their websites, difficulties they had encountered and how they solved them, in addition to explaining how their websites could be improved. In Science, Iris enjoyed testing Newton's 3rd Law of Gravity (for every action there is an opposite and equal reaction) by making Alka-Seltzer Rockets. In English we completed out text 'Of Mice and Men' which everyone has enjoyed immensely.

<u>Janus:</u> Students wrote compliments to each to other and one thing they learnt about their peers. We cooked a chicken pasta bake in SRE. In Citizenship, we explored goals we want to achieve in life and how we can reach these. Students have been doing team building activities in Forest Schools. We learnt about the war in History.

Amy



# **KS** 5



6th Form: Our gardening group learned how to harvest for the first time, they have also been growing potatoes, Thursday and Friday of last week the DofE group worked so tirelessly on Thursday they went shopping for food when they had returned back to the school they set up their tents on the bungalow garden and on Friday they walked 5 miles from Hinckley to Barwell I cannot believe how they managed it in the cold, wet rain.



<u>Demeter:</u> This week in demeter we have been focusing on getting our end of term Thai party ready, writing invitations to our friends, going shopping for ingredients, to make our food, creating authentic decorations and learning the language. In maths we have been looking at symmetry and coordinates. A group of the English students went to asda this week and used all their skills to find what they were looking for, being able to scan the items through and using the card to pay for everything. We have also been enjoying our bungalow trips to learn different life skills and to make their lunch.

Pial

Hera: In Animal Care the pupils coped extremely well with a last minute change, when we have an email from the stables 5 minutes before leaving, that one of the horses was poorly and they were calling the vet out. Instead we dropped the guinea pigs off for their half term holiday and went to Fosse Meadows to see if we could spot some wildlife on their nature reserve. We have taken advantage of the weather being nicer in the second half of the week and have been planting in the allotment. \*Please be advised that Bertie the horse is on the mend now.

Jack

Nike: Students continued working on meditation and mindfulness in wellbeing. We used playdough to recreate objects from nature scenes and practiced deep breathing. In Maths and English, students across the key stage continued their work on "The King and I" and shapes. In pathways, students in cooking made a lovely chocolate cake. Students in horticulture went to the bungalow to work in the garden and students in animal care went to Fosse Meadows to look for different animals in the park.

Mollie

Have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 7th June.