

Friday 25th June 2021

Headteachers Comments:

I hope you all enjoyed meeting your child's new class teacher and second for next year during parents' evening. As we move to the end of the school year we will be saying goodbye to some staff



and welcoming others. It is an exciting prospect looking forward to the new academic year when Kelly will become Headteacher of Dorothy Goodman School. We will also be welcoming a number of new teachers partly as some are leaving or going on maternity leave but also because we have increased the number of classes in school again so that we can keep them smaller. We look forward to working with Katie Brown, Sarah Carten, Charlotte Davey, Marie Pearson and Ami Glover who are new to or returning to our school. Sarah Annan and Brittany Brown will also be staying at DGS being employed as teachers – Sarah has successfully completed her training and Brittany is already a qualified teacher from another country and after a year with us successfully applied for a teaching role as she feels ready to work as a teacher in an English school. We say goodbye to Esther Cullen, Mitchell Hubbard and Sarah-Jayne Findley who are all moving on in their careers in other schools and we wish them well for the future. We also say good bye to some of our support staff Rebekah and Simran who are going train for a teaching career, Julie Mc who is moving to life skills adult support and to Tracy T who is finishing after working at DGS for over 13 years. Again we wish them all well in their various ventures.

It is with a twinge of sadness that I move away from being Headteacher of DGS and fully into the Executive Headteacher and CEO role for the multi academy trust Open Thinking Partnership (OTP) but I am reassured that Dorothy Goodman School is in exceptionally good hands as Kelly looks to continuing to improve our provision into the future. I will still have very strong links with the school within OTP and look forward to seeing you when I regularly visit the school.

In case anyone did not catch our 6th Form student Tom on the BBC news, here is a link to watch the report.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2sFyj9DmyA

Have a fantastic weekend

Janet



CALENDAR



DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Thursday 1st July 2021	Transition Day for Students to attend new classes.	Details to follow
Friday 9th July 2021	Last day of School before Summer holidays	
Wednesday 25th August 2021	First day back for the new academic year	

LUNCHES



w/c 28th June 2021 Week 2 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.

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)

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

Void: Please do the test again with a new kit

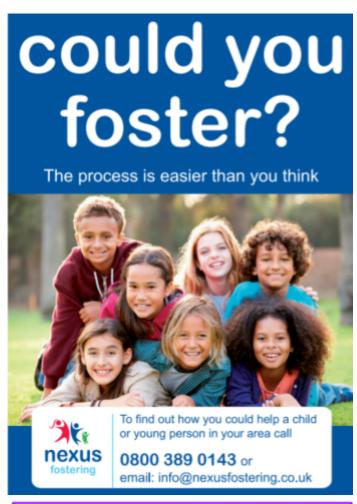
Thank you once again for your help with this.

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









Wow! What an amazing response to our Summer Holiday Clubs. Please be aware that all places are now full. Please inform the office if you do want to be put on a waiting list for the following days at a cost of £25 per day – this will be on a first come, first served basis:



27th - 29th July 2021

3rd – 5th August 2021

17th – 19th August 2021



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES







AND BECAUSE IT'S BEEN SUCH A BUSY WEEK, HERE'S SOME MORE.





HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



<u>Lemurs:</u> Children practising and performing for our talent show, an amazing dance performance to the song 'Waka Waka'

<u>Leopards:</u> Having Yuvraj use his destination photographs to tell us when he would like to go to the swing

KS1

KS₃

KS₅

Lions: We had super engagement in Logic this week when exploring capacity

Llamas: All working together to make big and small waves with the parachute.

Tigers: The excitement and engagement of the students during Forest School

<u>Jupiter:</u> Seeing the children helping each other and there has been some lovely communication and turn taking.

Mars: All the children's faces light up as the steam train started moving!

<u>KS2</u>

Mercury: The steam train ride was fantastic! Mercury LOVED it!

<u>Saturn/ Neptune:</u> Re-enacting the Battle of Bosworth on Richmond field and King Richard III being very upset about losing his crown

Venus: Pupils loved the 'There & Back Light Railway' visit.

<u>Apollo:</u> The different activities as part of moving on week

<u>Athena:</u> The Athena Beauty Parlour

Owl: going on the train!

<u>Poseidon:</u> Finding out lots of amazing facts about insects and bugs.

Atlas: Reon transitioning to a new room really well and helping to make decorations for it.

<u>Cleveland House:</u> Hugh showing great progression in his English lessons.

Hercules: Seeing lots of different animals, in and out of school- Alpacas, goats, chickens, horses, cows, goats etc!

Iris/Zeus: Visit to Sixth Form Festival

KS4

Janus: Accessing different activities in Moving On week

6th Form: Students working together preparing the site and hosting the Skills and progress festival.

Demeter: Kinjal for going to the stables and engaging with the horses

Hera: 6th form fair at Middlefield Lane.

Nike: Aimee Wayne has had a lovely week. She has been very sensible and has completed all of her work!

EYFS / KS 1



Lemurs: We have continued working on the story of the Snail and the Whale, including a frantic game of Whale Whale Shark in PE, enjoying Sherborne and music and movement songs. In Cooking we made salmon and salad sandwiches. In Art we have been making and decorating our class whale. The children are all very excited for their trip to the zoo next week!

Oliver B & Luke

Leopards: We have looked at the end of the Snail and the Whale story seeing some children feeling a little braver about putting their feet into the sand; Charlie and Harry have been super! We are all geared up ready for next week when we have our zoo trip, transition day into our new classes and sports day. We are preparing the children for this with lots of stories and photographs of what they can expect.

Harry

<u>Lions</u>: Class enjoyed focusing on capacity in Logic. We explored filling and emptying using sand and water. The pupils showed lots of independence, and worked well sharing the space and the resources. In Write Dance the pupils focused on creating a circle signifying the shell of a turtle. We had lots of independent mark making in shaving foam whilst others in the class were writing words related to our topic.

Matty

Llamas: We have continued our journey with our sensory story, The Snail and the Whale. We have visited cold and hot lands and made big and small waves with the parachute. We have been very creative in making a variety of under the sea creatures and in Maths have been naming and matching shapes to create under the sea pictures. Looking forward to our trip to Twycross Zoo on Monday.

Oscar

<u>Tigers:</u> We have continued to listen and respond to our sensory story 'The Whale and The Snail'. They have enjoyed using musical instruments to accompany music to the story to create a storm and then create sand pictures and a bubble printed whale to retell part of the story. We have been focussing on team games and scoring goals in our maths lessons. The children all enjoyed looking at their photographs from their Forest School Visit and writing about their favourite activity. Next week we look forward to our Twycross Zoo visit.

Whole Class

KS₂





<u>Jupiter</u>: We have finished of our shape work in Math's, the children have been looking at different shapes, going on shape hunts, creating shape shields and grouping these. There has been great problem solving matching shapes, sorting shapes and fantastic communication in shape massage. In Science the children have been completing experiments exploring how sound travels and challenging each other to name what sound in the blindfolded game. In PE we have been working together to negotiate obstacles and travel in different ways and balancing over a range of equipment developing balance and strength.



Mars: Mars have been focusing on measuring using a ruler in Maths. Some were supported in writing the numbers onto a giant ruler whilst others were measuring chocolate bar wrappers and checking that they were the "correct" length of 10cm. In English we have been spotting rhyming words, looking closely at letter patterns to help us. The children were fantastic at Simon Says in PE, listening very closely to instructions. We really enjoyed the steam train visit on Thursday morning, with some very good questions being asked by Zachary and George about how fast the train could go and what the black rocks were (coal). In PSHE we looked at our wake up routine and what we need to do to get ready in the morning.



Mercury: The children have thoroughly enjoyed being creative this week. They have explored different materials in write dance mark making as well as answering open and closed questions during sensory stories. In Art, this week they absolutely loved getting all dressed up as different characters. We are excited to make mermaid cakes and explore sleepover activities in PSHE.

Keian

Values Champion of the week: Alfie

Saturn & Neptune: Both classes have been watching the 'Water Horse' DVD. In Neptune they designed their own mythical creatures and undertaking work based tasks. In Saturn they have been ordering photographs from the film and drew pictures of their favourite part. In History both classes have re-enacted the Battle of Bosworth. In Science they have all been working on different experiments exploring sound waves and vibrations. The students are looking forward to their visit to the zoo- fingers crossed for dry weather. Last Friday Saturn and Neptune had a workshop all about 'Carbon Monoxide'. It was a very informative session and all the students were very engaged.

Danielle & Aaryan

Venus: Pupils have had lots of fun experiences. On Thursday we were visited by the There & Back Light Railway and enjoyed riding on the train. On Friday we visited Twycross Zoo to see lots of amazing animals! In English we began our new story 'Water Horse' and sequenced images of the opening scenes of the film. In Maths we have learnt about reading time, with some pupils learning about day and night and others reading o'clock and half past times. Well done Venus!





KS 3

Apollo: A busy week but a very enjoyable one! The week started with a Shakespeare workshop where pupils re-created Romeo and Juliet within 45 minutes. On Wednesday we had an arts and craft morning where we made ladybirds and bees. All pupils engaged and independently made their creatures. There has been many visits from different animals which the class have been able to enjoy at their break time. Many of the pupils now want to own a farm when they are older.

Emma

Athena: We have been enjoying activities to help us think about what we might like to do in the future. We opened up our own beauty parlour and the students all tried their hand at hairdressing, nail painting, barbering and massage - John has received star of the week for painting everyone's nails neatly and with enthusiasm, we all had a fab day. We've also met a lot of animals this week, Sarah brought her puppies in to see us for a cuddle, we had a visit from some Alpacas (we thought they were very funny looking and felt very strange) and our playground turned into a mini farm and we saw a donkey, a dog, guinea pigs and some baby goats! We've also turned out some fantastic work in Maths and English and really enjoyed practicing for today's sports day! Go Athena

John

Owl: Children have looked at hound of the Baskervilles and presented their reports answering questions as newsreaders. In Maths we have looked at division and times tables, looking at inverse and sharing out items. In Science we had a go at making a periscope, looking at light waves- kites and owls worked together to make these and showed great teamwork. on Thursday we got a chance to go on the mini steam train, the class loved asking questions and having a go at blowing the whistle!

Ryan

<u>Poseidon:</u> It's been Moving on Week and Poseidon have learnt how to sell objects in a Garden Centre. We have meet Alpacas and we have learnt lots of amazing facts about insects and bugs.

John







Atlas: It's been moving on week so we had people from shakespeare workshop visiting to do a drama session with us. We've had animals visiting school... Alpaca's Donkey, Goats, Guinea Pigs and a Dog. We also had a trip to the farm and forest schools and the girls had a nice pamper session massage and foot spa



Cleveland House: Students in year 7 have had a great Dance session this week learning the male and female version of the Haka dance. Year 8 have been studying Journeys End in their English lessons while year 10 are completing assessments for An Inspector Calls as well as assessments in Science and Math. 6th formers are having a Chinese food theme this week cooking spring rolls and stir fry and have also completed their Autism Awareness module in their PSHE lessons.



<u>Hercules:</u> During Moving On Week, we have all tried different activities that have helped us prepare for and appreciate that new things and how change can be exciting and fun. Some students have been to a farm, some have done woodwork, some have been to forest schools, and we hope to have a fun time at sports day.

Anvith

Iris & Zeus: Our young people have really enjoyed taking part in the Moving On events that did happen throughout the week, particularly the Sixth Form Festival and the NWSLC presentation. We also took part in some employability team tasks including Lego building which was great fun for everyone! A couple of our older pupils have been able to access work experience placements and both are really enjoying working with others and learning new skills. We ended the week with a sports afternoon - so we have had a super week!

Jasmine & Spencer

<u>Janus:</u> We took part in a Shakespeare workshop looking at Romeo and Juliet. We created a big jenga set in a woodwork workshop, focusing on health and safety and being sensible around tools. Some students went to the farm while others created graffiti art for Sports Day. We took part in Sports Day and have done some communication and social games. Harley is our star this week for his determination in DIY.





KS 5



6th Form: We have been focusing on careers and future aspirations as part of moving on week. On Tuesday we had a visit from Hannah who led a careers session on CVs and how to write them. On Thursday we held our 6th form students skills and progress festival which involved showcasing Gardening, Hospitality and Sewing pathways. We welcomed students and staff that were moving up in the new academic year. The students here at 6th form have been really busy tidying the site ready for the busy festival and in preparation for end of term. Also we now have a famous student Tom D who was featured in this week's BBC East Midlands Today being interviewed about his 12 week placement at Geosynthetics (Link to this is in the Headteacher comments).

Emma

<u>Demeter:</u> We have experienced lots of new and exciting things within and out of school. We have had visits from lucky tails farm, meeting the goats, alpacas, donkeys and lots more, we have also been on visits to the farm with lots of students who haven't yet accessed it. It was really nice to see them all engage with the horses, brushing and feeding them. We have made home made pizzas in cooking pathways, all the students really enjoyed chopping up the different topping and putting them on our pizzas. We are all looking forward to sports day to finish the week.

Kinjal

Lewis

Hera: What a fantastic week. We started with the Shakespeare Schools company coming in to do a workshop. The pupils really enjoyed this and engaged in the drama of Romeo and Juliet. A number of the Key Stage 5 pupils remembered the story from this Autumn Term when we studied it in English. We've seen lots of animals, we had 3 alpacas, a donkey, a couple of goats and ducklings come to visit, the pupils absolutely loved these (and so did the staff) they we so gentle and soft. Some of the pupils designed and made their own t-shirts. We also enjoyed the fantastic 6th form fair, the pupils who are going to Middlefield Lane next year attended the fair put on by the current 6th form students. They had presented their work from over the year; the sewing group, the DIY group, the gardening group and the hospitality and catering group. It was fantastic to see all of their hard work and lovely to see friends getting together safely. The morning was finished by some rawcus Karaoke which saw 6th formers both current and new joining together for some fun. Thank you to everyone at Middlefield Lane for making us feel welcome. Today we finish the week with sports day, always one of my favourite days of the year!

Nike: Students took part in loads of fun activities including getting to see different animals such as donkeys, dogs, and alpacas brought in, sports day, cooking, and Shakespeare theatre. Some students got to visit their new classes for next year and enjoyed taking part in activities with their new peers and members of staff.

Have a great weekend.

Aimee