

Friday 2nd July 2021

Headteachers Comments:

We have had a busy and wonderful week...More trips to Twycross zoo for Key stages 1 and 2 and a super transition day. During the transition day the pupils visited their new classes with the pupils



and teachers from other schools starting with us next term all joining us. Our current pupils all did us proud welcoming new people and making sure they knew their way around. (The pupils new to school coming into reception have their starters day in the holidays). At secondary our leavers group had a staycation with days out yesterday and today and then on Monday and Tuesday as well. This has included a sleep over at school. Yesterday went extremely well. The students were very excited last night and told me this morning they had some sleep! A massive thank you to the all staff who stayed with them or supported at both ends of the stay - apparently once Kelly and I left late in the evening there was a great cheer as they could now race around the school! When I arrived this morning at 7am the girls were all just waking up and the boys were still asleep.. thankfully the cleaners were creeping around and left the vacuuming until last!

Next week is our last week of term and we are looking forward to hearing the results of all the sports days and I would like to pass on a huge thank you to Sheena, Tarell's Mum who made everyone - staff and pupils - a delicious fruity ice lolly.

On Monday we will be sending out more lateral flow tests for secondary age pupils, as you are probably running low now. The government has explained that tests do not need to be carried out throughout the holidays but we would request that if your secondary aged child is attending a holiday club they do the tests prior to coming in. Staff will be doing the same. It will then only be necessary to test on 24th August before we all return to school – this is as things stand currently but if anything changes we will let you know!

Janet



CALENDAR



DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
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 5th July 2021 Week 3 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 test result for NHS and test result for school (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









THIS WEEK IN PICTURES







GIVING OUR LEAVERS A GOOD SEND OFF





HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Lemurs: all the children having lots of fun at the zoo

Leopards: Seeing how far all the Leopards have come on with transitions

Lions: The zoo trip was fantastic as was our transition day!

KS1

Llamas: Without a doubt - Our trip to Twycross Zoo

Tigers: A very happy visit to Richmond park where the children all played fairly and enjoyed their time together.

Mars: The zoo trip!

Mercury: The children were all SUPER at the zoo and loved their day out.

KS2

Saturn/ Neptune: Successful transition for all the students

Venus: The pupils loved taking part in Year 6 Leavers' assembly.

Apollo: Transition day: there were lots of nerves before 10am on Thursday but everyone had a positive transition day and had lots to communicate on their return to class.

KS3

Owl: Transition day in new classes

Poseidon: Meeting their new class teachers

Atlas: Meeting our new classes

Cleveland House: Year 7 students making and beautifully presenting egg salad in food technology.

Hercules: Transitions Day

Iris/Zeus: Transition Day - meeting lots of new pupils.

<u>Janus:</u> Doing a video call to a student who has been off.

<u>KS4</u>

6th Form: The maths class took it upon themselves to begin the lesson with maths Bingo when staff were busy.

<u>KS5</u>

Demeter: Seeing all the students cope so well with transition day

Nike: Robert has had a great week! He has been transitioning more independently around the school and within the classroom.

EYFS / KS 1



Lemurs: We have had lots of fun, we have played lots of team games. We have been to Tywcross zoo and seen lots of different animals. We had our transition day so the children met their new teachers and peers and had lots of fun settling in. we have also done work around our topic story "The snale and the whale."

Whole Class

Leopards: It has been a very busy week in class with our trip to the zoo, visiting new classes and competing in sports day events! Everyone has been super the whole week and have coped well with so many changes. Harry, Yuvraj and Rayyan loved the ducks at the zoo, Jack and Leni had some lovely vocal communications whilst out saying "be bye" and "more" and Ellis and Jax we very excited to go and visit Turtle class!

Rocco & Hashim

Lions: Two big moments in class, our zoo trip and our transition day!

We were all very proud to see how sensible our pupils were during the trip to the zoo. They really enjoyed it and showed how much they had come along over the year. After the Zoo on Tuesday we had our transition day on Thursday. Yet again our pupils showed us just what they can achieve through their ability to adapt, either to their new class or to the new pupils and staff joining Lions class. Well done to all pupils what a fantastic week!

Whole Class

Llamas: The week got off to an exciting start with our trip to Twycross Zoo. All the children had a great day looking at the different animals and playing in the playground. Watching the penguins being fed and visiting the giraffes seemed to be the highlight. In Literacy we looked at the photos taken at the zoo and chose pictures of our favourite animals. In Topic everyone was highly engaged in exploring the properties of materials in water and beginning to sort which would sink and which would float. Everyone did really well transitioning to the new classes and the children who were moving were very excited to tell us about their day when they returned to class.

Whole Class

<u>Tigers:</u> It has been a busy week with many changes to our routines and the children have coped fairly well with this. We had a great day at Twycross Zoo looking at the animals, enjoying a picnic and playing on the playground. Tuesday we visited the lower site and had lunch there when a new door was fitted in our classroom. Everyone walked sensibly to Richmond Park for a fun playtime on Wednesday and on Thursday everyone was very excited to share their news about their transition day to their new class. On Friday we will be taking part in our KS1 Sports Day in the morning so we will be enjoying some Golden time in the afternoon.

Oliver & Arya

KS 2





Mars: In Maths we measured the height, length and width of 3D shapes. George has been very determined to learn how to use a ruler and name the faces on each shape. In English we designed unicorn horns and huge clothing for a giant to match the poems we were reading. The children also did very well in our phonics session. In Cooking we made pitta bread monsters, well done especially to Mitchel for reading a symbolised sentence. The children were amazing at the zoo on Wednesday. We are very proud of how they represented the school - well done! They loved seeing the animals and the play park was a big hit too! In the music hut the children enjoyed playing the piano, playing the notes that matched those on the card in front of them. We are looking forward to sports 'day'



<u>Mercury</u>: Mercury have had a busy week this week. They absolutely loved going to the zoo and were incredibly sensible which was lovely to see. The children enjoyed transition day which was very positive for all. We are excited for Cookery and sports afternoon.





Values Champion of the week: Lacey

Saturn & Neptune: In Neptune the students have finished watching the Water Horse DVD and designed their own lunch. In Maths they have been working on division and sharing items out equally. In Saturn they had the Loch Ness story and they used the chromebooks to research facts about the Loch Ness Monster and Scotland. In Maths they were working on their money skills and made sandwiches and cut up fruit to sell to each other. In History both classes have continued to learn about Richard III and the Battle of Bosworth. Neptune had a virtual tour of the Battlefield and Saturn were lucky enough to visit the Battlefield. In science both classes were using instruments to make loud and quiet sounds.

Cameron & Jacob

Venus: In English pupils continued to work on their communication targets and engaged really well with turn taking games. In Maths some pupils continued with their number focus work and other continued to learn about telling the time. On Thursday the children did so well transition to their new classes for next year. They all coped with the changes very well and were very excited to tell us about their new class!On Friday everyone loved taking part in Sports afternoon with a full range of activities for all abilities. Well done Venus!









Apollo: As we come to the end of the Summer term, the pupils are still engaged in their learning and this week independently put a tent up in the classroom. It was fantastic to see the team work and the communication used to listen to each other's ideas. The first group then shared their thoughts with the second group putting the tent up. It was just amazing to observe and to reflect on how far everyone has come this year, especially when working as a team. And as Max says, "Team work makes the dream work!".



Owl: We have written horror themed stories for a big write, in Maths we have looked at division by sharing toppings on pizzas! In Science we studied light waves by answering clues to crack a code, owls and kites have done lots of team buildings activities this week and worked together to problem solve. On Thursday we had transition day where the class went in their new classes - everyone was very excited and happy with the days activities



<u>Poseidon</u>: Class have enjoyed all of their lessons. In English they have consolidated their knowledge of Sherlock Holmes and The Hound of the Baskervilles, by describing and creating their own scary characters. In Maths they have continued to investigate potions and created their own potions. In Humanities we continued to work as a team and pass the equipment to each other to break the apples out of the ice and to make our own Garden of Eden.



KS 4





Atlas: Monday we had PE and played Boccia Golf and a couple of students managed a hole in one. Tuesday we went to our different pathways and attempted making rockets in Science. On Wednesday we did teamwork in RE, helping and encouraging each other to climb the hill then slide it lots fun for all. Thursday was transition day so we got to meet our new teachers and peers



Cleveland House: All students have taken part in World of Work Week and Jack and George showed great maturity going on work experience with their parents.

Students in school have been able to access careers talks from the Police, NHS, a Lawyer and the company Caterpillar which our year 7's particularly enjoyed. We have also completed tasks on budgeting and a presentation on what career they would be interested in. Our 6th formers have enjoyed travel training this week taking the 158 bus from Hinckley Town to Barwell Lane, reading the timetable and paying for their own ticket, and the transition students have joined in with cooking this week, enjoying tasting different types of cheese.

Ellie, Jack & Tristan

Hercules: The class enjoyed making lanyard/necklaces in Creative, ready for Goodstock festival. We had lots of fun playing tennis in P.E. In History, we looked at World War 2 and the history of the England vs Germany in football! In Citizenship, we are looking at the Environment. We looked at butterfly habitat & saw how many we could spot, on the field.

Whole Class

Iris & Zeus: In English we have been practicing speaking and listening skills and we have had some very lively debates. In art we have been finishing our theme of food and making art with food like spaghetti, pasta pieces and rice which everyone had great fun with. Chris, who has been doing volunteering at MIND, has gained a great deal from this experience - even going in to do extra hours. Well done Chris!

Alexis & James

Janus: We have learnt about equality and equity to understand why students are offered different support. All students participated in an activity to demonstrate this. In PE, some students did yoga and the others did indoor football; working positively as a team. Students researched gluten free and dairy free alternatives for our Come Dine with me activity. Thursday we had a good transition day. Today we are building model planes and making Buddhist lanterns for RE.

Mia



<u>KS 5</u>



6th Form: On Friday last week we had a visit from North Warwickshire and South Leicester College (NWSLC) in relation to moving on week, what to expect and how to apply for a college placement. New students joined us on Thursday for transition day whilst our leavers enjoyed some staycation trips with an outing to Sherwood pines on Thursday and Ryton pool on Friday.



<u>Demeter:</u> We have engaged in lots of really fun activities. Some students that don't really go to forest schools had an opportunity to join in and it's was so nice to see them enjoying the outside space. We have also had transition day into our new classes. Our young people coped and dealt with all the changes so well which made it a very successful day. We have enjoyed pathways and cooking pizza wheels and visiting the stables. Some of our leavers from Demeter enjoyed visiting sherwood pines yesterday for a day trip and then staying overnight at school. Another fabulous week in Demeter



Nike: Students had a lovely time during Transition Day in their new classrooms.

All students came back to Nike with huge smiles on their faces despite some of the anxiety earlier on in the day.



