



Dorothy Goodman School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th July 2021

Headteachers Comments:

Well it is the end of a truly wonderful 8 years for me as headteacher at Dorothy Goodman School. The school has grown and developed so much over that time but what has stayed the same is that the children and young people have truly memorable experiences, learn lots and have lots of fun. None of this is able to happen without a truly magnificent team of staff who put children and young people first. Even over the last 16 months or so when the world has been truly challenging, our staff have ensured our pupils are able to learn, have great experiences and have fun! No challenging or difficult situation is without its silver lining and many staff have spoken about how much they have appreciated building better relationships with you (parents and families) talking more on the phone and making sure we can help if we can. This is a great partnership that we hope as a whole school to build upon even more over the next year when we will be sharing more of your children's work or photos and videos of them in school using our new system known as Earwig (watch out for this next term) and thank you to those families who have been piloting this for us. This week has been very strange as I have had to isolate myself due to a positive contact (not related to school) and so I have been saying goodbye in an unusual way via the computer screen! I would like to thank everyone for making this possible. It was wonderful to see all the pupils even if it was via a screen. I would also like to give extra special thanks to The Saturn & Neptune lunchtime drama club supported by Ben. They gave me a 'computer screen - Royal Box' to watch their performance of The Revenge of the Witch – this was a truly wonderful performance by Connor, Olivia, Lilia, Angel, Macie, Ashton and Oscar. They showed great expression and spoke very clearly – I can't wait to see what more they can produce! As I have said before I will still be connected with the school but not as the headteacher and I wish your children all the best for the future knowing they are in excellent hands with Kelly and her team. I hope you all have a good summer.



Janet



A huge well done to Alfie for getting 85% on his Year 6 Maths SATS.

Special thank you to Eddy for tutoring him and supporting his revision and work, in a time when inclusion wasn't accessible.

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

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.

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>



We'd love to invite you to our **FREE** summer lunch clubs at Holy Trinity Church!

Every Wednesday during the school holidays.

Free, nutritious hot meal and activities for the whole family, plus a small food parcel with ingredients to make a meal at home.

Holy Trinity Church on Trinity Vicarage Road, Hinckley
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4th August, 11th August, 18th August


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Karen Squibbs
Head of NSPCC Schools Service
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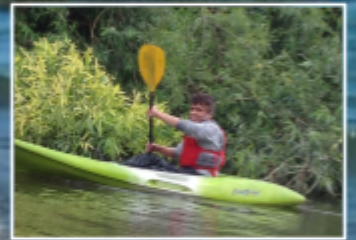



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*Making happy
memories with our
Leavers*





Euan,
Kyle F &
Kyle W

Cleveland House: What a fantastic week we have had at Cleveland House. Sports day on Wednesday was brilliant and all the students competed in events in their house teams working with different students and staff. Ping pong, darts, football, pool, beanbags, quizzes and basketball! Everyone did so well and the team work was lovely to see. It was a close competition with the overall winners being the Leopards! Yesterday was our reward trips day and the students enjoyed a mixture of activities - a picnic for year 7, bowling, trips into town and the cinema. Everyone did well and the students did the school proud. To top off a wonderful day George hosted a 'Summer time ball' with a disco and a game of bingo! Students and staff enjoyed a good old dance and we ended up doing the conga! And air guitars! The pool tournament is in full swing with the semi-finals and final today. We are looking forward to our achievement assemblies today. Well done everyone!! All the staff would like to wish everyone a safe and restful summer.

Sports Day 2021: Over the past few weeks, we have hosted this year's annual sports days across all of our sites. Due to COVID restrictions, we weren't all able to get together as we usually do, but that didn't stop our students from getting involved in lots of active challenges. We all took part in a variety of activities that tested our coordination and movement skills and the engagement and enthusiasm that we saw was inspiring. Well done to the following classes who got the best points totals for their key stages:

National Disability Athletics Championships

On Saturday 3rd July, we were invited to attend the national championships for disability athletics by Activity Alliance. This is an opportunity for athletes to come together from all over the country and compete in various athletic events in track and field. This year we were lucky enough to be able to take a team of 5 athletes to compete in 800m and 100m and another athlete in precision events designed for power chair users. The students involved all did a wonderful job representing the school and East Midlands as a region, despite this being a new experience for all of them. Not only did they show fine athletic skills but also great team work, encouragement and sportsmanship. At the end of the games, we finished with 3 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals as well as a trophy for Kirsty for 'Athlete of the Games' voted for by the volunteers for her constant enthusiasm and effort.

Thank you to all of the parents that supported us with making this happen and Miss Holder for giving up her Saturday and helping us out on the day



KS1 Tigers
KS2 Neptune
KS3 Owls
KS4 Atlas
KS5 Zeus

More information about our events and selected media can be found here:
<https://sites.google.com/dorothygoodman.org/2021otpsportsday/home>

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

KS1

Lemurs: The children enjoying our end of year celebrations.

Leopards: End of year beach party!

Lions: We really enjoyed our visit to Burbage Common for Forest Schools

Llamas: Our tea party

Tigers: Sharing a tea party with the school for Mrs Thompson.

KS2

Jupiter: The children having a great time working together to creating some lovely end of term art pieces.

Mars: Everyone enjoying Forest Schools on Monday, they were fantastic and they loved exploring the woods!

Mercury: It's been wonderful to see the students grow in engagement, independence and their friendships.

Saturn/ Neptune: Watching the drama production and the annual rounders match between Saturn and Neptune.

Venus: The children loved playing role play restaurants!

Apollo: Goodstock festival where everyone embraced the glitter and fun of our own DG festival

Athena: The celebrations at the Goodstock festival. The whole class loved jamming out to the band!

KS3 Kite: A fantastic afternoon at the park. It was so great to see everyone being sensible and having a lovely time.

Owl: An afternoon at the park for our class reward

Poseidon: Goodstock

Atlas: Atlas enjoying Goodstock on Thursday especially all partaking with the band

Cleveland House: Students of the term for the final term of the year are Amelia, Jack and Bradley

Hercules: Goodstock Festival

Iris/Zeus: Enjoying our tea party!

Janus: GoodStock Festival

KS4

KS5

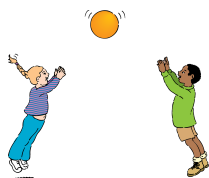
6th Form: Everyone did a fantastic job at performing in their concert that we hosted

Demeter: All the successful leavers trips and Goodstock in school.

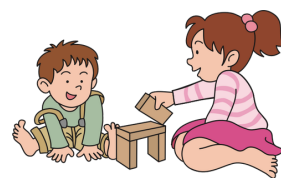
Hera: Goodstock Festival

Leavers: The Staycation

Nike: Ellie has been communicating with her peers and members of staff a lot more clearly and frequently this week.



EYFS / KS 1



Lemurs: We have done some amazing creations of jellyfish and starfish in art. we had a good Sherborne session, all the children were really engaged. we have done some music and movement and finished the week off by having our end of year party and games day.

Whole Class

Leopards: We have had a lovely last week together with many special achievements and memories! We have gone on virtual holidays to the beach and to fields to camp as well as see our role play ice cream shop turn into the real thing; it has been magical! I am so so proud of each and every one of the children and I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Whole Class

Lions: We had a lovely time going to Burbage Common for Forest Schools on Tuesday. Our Lions loved exploring, especially jumping in muddy puddles! The children enjoyed the tea party celebration for Mrs Thompson on Thursday. They made their own sandwiches for the celebration. I am sure our last day will be very much enjoyed as we are having a 'summer holiday' themed day. Sand, water play and ice creams always go down well in Lions class! What a fabulous year we have had in Lions class. We are saying goodbye to Ralph and Charlie. You will be missed greatly but we wish you all the best in your new classes.

Whole Class

Llamas: We have finished our topic- Under the sea. We have been thinking about holidays and made our own beach having lots of fun splashing in the water and making sandcastles. In Music we have been playing parachute games creating different sized waves to music. Layton has done some amazing art work this week painting a tree on a canvas that the rest of the key stage one pupils added to their fingerprints to. Layton then presented this to Janet at our tea party.

Whole Class

Tigers: There have been lots of planned play activities and visits to Richmond Park. The children enjoyed making a piece of art work for Mrs Thompson and making placemats and sandwiches for the virtual tea party. We have looked back at some photographs of Sports Day and Visits to the park and we will be celebrating the class achievements in our end of year class party on Friday afternoon. All the staff in Tigers would like to wish the children and their families a Happy and Safe Summer Holiday.

Whole Class



KS 2



Jupiter: We have continued with the myths and legends story and enjoyed acting out the different mythical creatures. In science we had a lovely sound walk exploring the did de tbt sounds we could hear in our environment and exploring the nature around us. We all had great fun preparing for the England match creating sensory flags singing and dancing.

Whole
Class

There was great excitement for Janet's tea party celebrations the children all enjoyed celebrating and wishing Mrs Thompson all the best in her new job. They all had fun creating a beautiful memory tree to present her with - well done Jupiter for a fabulous year and hope you all have a lovely summer holiday !

Mars: Wow it is the final week! What a huge change we have seen in all the children in Mars Class over the last year. We are very proud of them all! On Monday we had a forest school morning, with Helena, Zachary and Laith enjoying a climb in the tree and Lewis and Mitchel finding the deepest puddle to stand in! The play park was a hit with all. Everyone listened really well and were very sensible. We had a party with games and balloons on Tuesday.

Jack

There was lots of laughter on the swing in the Sensory room on Wednesday as well as soft play. We have been looking at capacity in Maths and were filling various containers with different coloured liquids to make potions. Some shaving foam on top really made them look spooky! For the final day we have some tops to decorate and sign to remember all the amazing times we have had together in Mars Class. We are also having some time in the music hut and a disco in the classroom. All the Mars Class team wish you a fantastic summer holiday. Well done all of Mars for their hard work this year.

Mercury: We have had a super year engaging on different activities and interacting with each other. The children have been exploring different sensory stories, sherborne and cookery activities over the year. They have particularly liked the circus PE activities. It has been so wonderful to watch the children develop their independence in a range of topics along with interacting with their peers. They have been communicating their wants, likes and dislikes more clearly.

Whole
Class

Saturn/Neptune: The students enjoyed taking part in their sports day events last Friday. In science both classes made ear defenders, there was some lovely creations. In History Saturn were digging for Richard III's bones and Neptune they recalled the facts about the Battle of Bosworth. Both classes have been baking cakes this week and Saturn took their homemade dog biscuits to the park for their meet and greet. We have had a very successful year despite being in the current climate. The students have engaged well in their learning and have enjoyed learning about all the different topics.

Freya,
Connor,
Angel &
Brandon

We wish all the students moving onto Redmoor good luck and look forward to welcoming the new students from Tigers. We hope you all have a very good summer.

Venus: The pupils have enjoyed a variety of fun activities. Some pupils really enjoyed role play restaurants and others really enjoyed painting England flags for Wednesday's game. On Friday we had a fun afternoon watching films with treats! Overall, I am so happy with how amazingly the children have progressed! They have grown in confidence and let their personalities shine every day! Well done Venus, have a great summer break and best of luck for your new class!

Whole
Class



KS 3



Apollo: What a lovely week to end the term. The pupils have dealt with all the changes to this weeks routine so well and have enjoyed the different experiences: from our camping day on Wednesday where they put up tents and ate marshmallows to the Goodstock festival where they danced the afternoon away in the sun. A huge thank you to all the parents and guardians for your ongoing support this year, especially with the online learning! And thank you for all of your lovely words and kind gifts that you have sent in. We hope you have an amazing summer!

Emma

STAR OF THE TERM = Seb A STAR OF THE YEAR = Joseph A

Athena: It's been a very fun week in Athena this week! In Science, we made lava lamps and had a fun camping day on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we had a lesson on temptation involving chocolate which some of us were better at than others! And of course, we loved the Goodstock festival and the band and all the outdoor games.

Overall, Athena class have had an amazing year.

Whole Class

Kites: Students have been busy finishing their horror stories in English and doing different fun activities to do with measuring in Maths. It's been great to see the class enjoying different games and activities throughout the week. There's been lots of independence and cooperation.

Whole Class

Owls: Class have began to prepare for the summer holidays by doing arts and crafts to reflect on the year they have had. In Maths, we made dough and played division games , in English we finished writing our horror story, this week we have done lots of fun activities such as going to the park, having a tea party and having a mini festival in our dens! Have a fantastic summer holiday!!

Whole Class

Poseidon: The final week of term has been amazing. All the YP in Poseidon have coped with all the changes of the week brilliantly. We have laughed, played, danced, sang, played music, and enjoyed cake.

Whole Class



A huge thank you to Griffins Motor Services, Brindley Road, Hinckley who have paid for our students in Owls and Kites at the Redmoor base to have a special last day treat of ice cream from the ice cream van. A lovely way to end our school year.

THANK YOU



KS 4



Atlas: On Monday we had PE and drama in the morning then in the afternoon we cooked nachos for the starter of KS4 Come Dine With Me. On Tuesday everyone went to their pathways, Andie and Kieran help to prepare a cream tea as part of hospitality and catering. Charley, Matthew, Tegan went to the stables in animal care. On Wednesday during PE we worked in teams to play dodgeball. On Thursday everyone had a fab day at Goodstock, Tegan loved all the bubble and music, Erin sang in front of the Key stage, Matthew, Alfi enjoyed making mocktails. Kieran, Andie, Ellie loved dancing and singing with the live band. Noah and Kaydone create their own ribbon stick. We hope Atlas class and their families have a great summer.

Whole
Class

Hercules: On Monday W had our Come Dine With Me day- shopping, cooking & sampling each others food. We had a lovely time at the Goodstock Festival day- listening to music, playing music, playing games, blowing bubbles and enjoying the sunshine.

Josh B

Iris & Zeus: A week full of emotions and smiles. As many of our young people move on to the sixth form, we are sad to see them go but know they are ready to move on. We also wish other students well as they move on to college to take up courses like motor vehicle, sports and carpentry. A number of staff are also moving to pastures new and we wish them every success. We have had a very different year and we would like to thank all our parents for supporting all of us as we tried to do our best to keep learning alive and students motivated. Have a lovely summer break!

Whole
Class

Janus: We made model planes in Science. We played dodgeball for PE as a key stage. Students enjoyed the Goodstock festival, dancing to the band and joining in playing the instruments. They made some mocktails and got creative the mixing. Jake went on a horse this week for the first time. Our key stage did a Come Dine with Me activity where each class made a different course. Our last day we are going to enjoy our last day as a class.

Jake



KS 5



6th Form: Well well well, here we are at the end of the school term, It's so so sad to say goodbye to our students who are leaving us this year and moving on to pastures new but we would like to wish them all the best of luck in their new futures ahead. This past week has been so fun: On Monday we had students going to Skegness for a day and they had fish and chips. How lucky are they!!!! and Tuesday was the final trip out to the outdoor Leicester pursuits centre.

Archie is our achiever this week for always giving his 100% effort in Gardening pathways. We all hope you have a fabulous summer

Archie

Demeter: The last week of term has been a great way to end the year especially for the leavers who have had some fantastic experiences over the to make memories that will hopefully last a lifetime. In school everyone has been continuing to work hard as we wind down for the summer, we've also had some fun along the way. We've enjoyed films a tea party and the Goodstock festival. All the pupils have worked hard this year and deserve a break after a very strange difficult and long year! Enjoy the summer all! Good luck to those moving on and to the rest we can't wait to hear all about your holidays!

Whole
Class

Hera: Wow, what a fantastic but extremely busy week! The highlight was Goodstock Festival at Secondary. We had ribbon stick making, a mocktail masterclass, RSE festival education, bubbles, busking from Sally-Ann and Rhia and volleyball. In amongst this we had tea and cakes with Janet and the whole school virtually. Soft touch arts did a rotation of workshops where the pupils joined the band and played instruments, sang and danced. Then in the afternoon, they put on a final performance. Everyone joined in throughout the day and all looked like they were having an amazing time. Hera class would like to wish everyone a fantastic summer holidays.

Whole
Class

Nike: Goodstock was the highlight of our week! Our class had fun making mocktails, ribbons, and music. Students are played instruments and spent some time outside playing games with their peers.

Ellie G

And a final word about our Leavers: On Thursday-Friday, Monday-Tuesday the leavers had their final residential with DG. Not being able to do a normal residential due to the COVID, we opted for a staycation. 4 days out and 2 nights sleeping in school (Hogwarts style). Thursday was Sherwood Pines where the group took a stroll through the woods, Friday was Ryton Pools where we printed off an orienteering map and followed the route around the country park. Monday was a longer day with a trip to Skegness. We had fish and chips, went on the rides, visited the beach and had ice cream or Slushies. Tuesday was an action packed day at Leicester Outdoor Pursuits. The pupils took part in either fencing or rock climbing/abseiling and then we all took to the river on boats (obviously it was Jenkin who went for a 'swim' as well!) On Thursday night and Monday night the group slept over in the school. They all found this very exciting. So exciting that not much sleeping went on. Thank you to all of the helpers who volunteered their time to make these 4 days possible and a huge thank you to the pupils for embracing the activities, I am so happy we were able to mark the end of their DG life.

From all of us at Dorothy Goodman School, have a fantastic break and we look forward to seeing all our returning and new students on Wednesday 25th August.



School's Out!