



Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

From our headteacher:

School has been really busy this week and the fantastic buzz has continued as we all get back into the swing of learning. Mars class enjoyed a dragon in the sensory room which created a lot of excitement. Poseidon were exploring endangered species moving like the animals (the slithering snakes were my favourite) and in PE Tigers and Turtles were exploring different movements using climbing apparatus. Bentley enjoyed the challenges that were set jumping off the apparatus and managing a full 360° turn. The pupils at the Vocational Sixth Form have been cooking their own lunch all week – the sausage and mash dinner was very popular and Josh and Joe did a fantastic job of serving everyone and checking that the orders were correct. It is fantastic to see everyone engaging in their learning and building relationships. The new pupils in Leopards are settling in well – enjoying the classroom and the outdoor environment.

Thank you to all the secondary pupils who have taken part in the lateral flow testing at school. Please continue to support us in keeping everyone safe by completing your lateral flow tests at home on Sunday evening/Monday morning and Wednesday evening/Thursday morning, Your results can be reported to school [here](#).

Opening times for all school sites have returned to normal and can be found on the school website [here](#).



Kelly



Friday 3rd September 2021

Date	Event	Location
Mon 13th September	Leavers Parent information	Secondary – details to follow
Wed 22nd September	Routes to Resilience – Parent event	Details to follow
Mon 18th – Fri 22nd October	Autumn Half Term	School Closed
Tue 2nd November	Parents Evening	Details to follow
Fri 18th December	Last Day of Term	School Closed After this date



LUNCHES



w/c 6th September 2021

Week 3 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

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.



DOROTHY GOODMAN SCHOOL

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHERS

Hello all, it has been a pleasure to welcome all of our students back to all of our sites. We would like to reintroduce ourselves to returning pupils and parents and introduce ourselves to those new to school. We are the group of Assistant Heads who are here to facilitate the outstanding teaching and learning in school and although we all have specific areas we oversee, we are working together to make sure the children are happy and learning.

It has been a very positive start and we have seen some great engagement and learning already. We understand that structure and routine are important and it will take some of the Children and Young People time to get to know these routines. We are also aware that the teachers and staff are working hard to ensure all pupils have what they need and are setting up those routines. With that in mind we would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the timings of our school days.

Cleveland House 8.30 – 3.05
Hinckley Academy Base 8.45 – 3.05
Vocational 6th Form 9.00 – 3.20
Primary 9:10 – 3:10
Redmoor Base 9:10 – 3:10
Richmond Base 9:20 – 2:50
Secondary 9:00 – 3:20

If you have any questions or queries you would like to direct to us please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to working with you over the coming year to support you and your young person.



Luke Pegley



Katie Noon



Julie Rawlings



Louise Leeson





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>

Return to the Leisure Centre

From Monday 6th September we will be resuming our swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre. If your child's class is participating, please can you ensure they bring their swimming kit. Thank you.



Voluntary Contributions

We ask parents to kindly give their continued support by sending voluntary contributions, helping us to ensure the best educational benefits for all pupils in the school. By making a voluntary contribution of £35 per half term this works out as approximately £5 per week/£1 per day and payments can be made via Arbor. The school makes every effort to keep the costs of cooking ingredients/snacks/outings low and affordable. No pupil is ever omitted from activities if a parent is unable to pay; however, without continued commitment by parents to help with funding these costs, the school budget may not cover all of the expenditure.



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Please can we remind you to make sure your child's belongings have their name written on them. Including uniform, PE kit, lunchbox, water bottle etc.

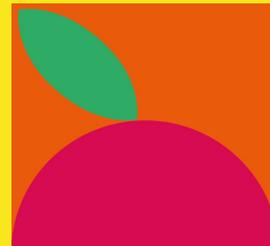


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Highlights of the week

KS 1

Lemurs:	Our music session, where all the children engaged fantastically and we saw some great drumming skills
Leopards:	Everyone had a brilliant time playing with the parachute during our write dance session.
Lions:	Settling into lions class and getting to know each other
Llamas:	Fantastic communication from all pupils
Tigers:	The children have become to develop positive relationships with their peers.
Turtles:	excellent engagement and turn taking in PE with simon

KS 2

Earth:	Lovely turn taking and sharing with our new friends!
Jupiter:	Amazing engagement levels and communication skills
Mars:	Going on a dragon adventure in the sensory room!
Mercury:	We have been watching a dragon egg hatch. We are very excited to see it when it fully hatches.
Saturn & Neptune:	Saturn: Oliver making new friends. Neptune: The whole class enjoying litter picking.
Venus:	

KS 3

Apollo:	Pupils creating their own masks in drama and becoming different characters.
Athena:	
Kites:	Finding out the location of where endangered animals live on a map.
Owls:	Going on a scavenger hunt to find endangered animals
Poseidon:	The communication cafe, was the highlight of the week. All pupils used their personal communication aids to help them choose what items they wanted.

KS 4

Atlas:	seeing all students working together in a yoga session
Cleveland House:	A great week for all our existing and new students. They all settled in well both in the Unit and their inclusion lesson at HAJC.
Hera:	The whole class dancing with Hera staff, during social time.
Hercules:	The highlight of our week was our art experience. We explored interior patterns by analysing tiles and wallpaper patterns and observing building structures and shapes. We then built our own model houses, created our own patterns and then built our own shelters to fit inside!
Iris & Zeus:	Everyone settling in so well!
Janus:	

Demeter:	Class communication
Nike:	Reece has been engaged in all of his lessons and transitioning nicely throughout the school with little encouragement. Way to go, Reece!
6th Form: (Kratos/ Triton/ Helios)	Everyone has settled in well and are following the routines at school.

KS 5

This week in pictures



Key Stage 1

Lemurs: We have continued to think about our senses, exploring our sense of taste trying all sorts of different foods, the lemon was a surprising success, however the pickled onions remained untouched! The children had a fantastic and engaging Art session led by Charla where there were some beautiful and imaginative creations being made! We have had an energetic time in soft play and PE climbing and using the different apparatus as well as a trip to the school library which we enjoyed. A brilliant first week for the whole group in their new class, well done!

Whole
Class

Leopards: The whole class engaged wonderfully in write dance this week, everyone enjoyed using: paints, crayons and felt pens to make the backing paper for our classroom display. On Tuesday we explored the colour blue using our senses: taste, smell, touch, hearing and sight.

Whole
Class

Lions: We have enjoyed welcoming the pupils back into lions class, especially getting to know Ethan and Ruby who are new to the class. We have begun our new topic of 'Magical Me' focusing on our bodies and senses. We investigated the sense of hearing by exploring instruments and making our own instruments.

Ethan
&
Ruby

Llamas: This week we have been continuing our new topic "All about me" We have been thinking about our bodies and pointing to the different parts during action songs. In Maths we have been thinking about counting on our fingers and made finger puppets and in Art looked at our faces in the mirror and painted self portraits.

Oscar

Tigers: Tigers have had a busy week this week, they have been beginning to explore their environment where they have been working with a friend in the forest. They have also been exploring their senses in our sensory story in literacy. During numeracy, this week we have been recalling numbers, sorting objects into their size which they were very independent with. The engagement towards both choice and directed activities has been very positive. Friendships are already developing positively which is lovely to see.

Please send in swimming kit for Monday.

Aurora

Turtles: This week we have listened to the story 'Funny Bones' and made funny bones pictures. We have made skeleton collages and gone on a treasure hunt to find pictures of body parts.

Whole
Class

Key Stage 2

Earth: The children have really enjoyed getting to know each other. There has been fantastic engagement in PSHE playing games finding out about each other and great turn taking. In English we have begun to explore our new topic and created dragons eggs with fantastic description. In Maths we have been working on 2D shapes describing them, identifying their properties and making 2D shape shields. In Art we have painted beautiful watercolour backdrops for our 3D Viking long ships.

Nahla
&
Austin

Mercury: In English, we have been looking at 'How to train your dragon' and creating our own dragon and their eggs using a range of materials. In Maths, we have been looking at numbers and ordering them while some children have been finding 1 more and 1 less. We made chocolate rice crispy cakes in our cooking lesson. They were YUMMY! We also painted some Viking longboats and we got really messy with this!

Theo
&
Kylan

Jupiter: In Jupiter we have been exploring 'How to train your dragon' in english, practising our morning routine and self care in maths, electricity and how to stay safe using electrical items in science and even making bird feeders and learning about caring for animals in PSHE. Everyone has worked really hard in class this week so well done all.

Noah

Saturn & Neptune: Saturn news - In English we have started watching the DVD 'How to train your dragon' and have been matching descriptions to the different characters. In Maths they have been working on odd and even numbers. In History they have started their Viking topic and were learning about where the Vikings came from and traded some goods. In Science they were sorted items and pictures into whether they used electric or not. Neptune have enjoyed discovering about the Vikings and how their lives were different to ours. In Science we have been learning how to stay safe while using electrical items, and in Art we have been making Viking shields.

Finlay
&
Cameron

Mars: We have been busy getting creative for our Viking topic. We have been using our independence to help make salt dough to create our own historic Viking coins. In Art, we worked together as a team to paint a huge cardboard Viking longship! In our English lessons, we have had a wonderful time in the sensory room experiencing the dragon adventure.

Oliver
&
Hayden

Key Stage 3

Apollo: Such a wonderful two weeks back in school, where everyone has returned high spirited and ready to learn. We have been focusing on getting to know each other and learning to share resources. Lego has been a huge hit and we have seen pupils asking new peers to build and create different pieces. A quick reminder that PE is on a Monday and a Tuesday, where students are encouraged to come to school in their PE clothes.

Tyler

Kites: In English we have been focusing on our new topic of superheros. The children have been creating character profiles for known superhero characters. In Science we did a light and dark quiz with the 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' music in the background.

Hoi
&
Amelia

Owls: We have began Maths and English streaming where the class have had the opportunity to work with new friends! In maths we have been focusing on place value in a range of sensory ways and games along side the lessons, in English we have looked at superheros describing what they look like and how they might be feeling, in PSHE we researched endangered animals and had to find the ones hidden around the class! In science we started our topic on light, finding transparent and opaque items in class and doing a class quiz about light sources, the class were fantastic at remembering all the scientific terms - in RE we looked at the Good Samaritan answering questions about how to be a good friend and "what would you do?" Questions answered very maturely in our groups! Owls have had a great week settling into their new class!

Brandon

Poseidon: In science we have been looking at light and dark, in PSHE we've been researching and learning about different animals. We've also been settling in and adjusting very well to our new class and to our new timetable.

Aidan

Key Stage 4

Atlas: The students have all enjoyed getting to know and work alongside their new peers. We have looked at our new topic this term " Lord of the Flies " in English and Maths and explored lots of activities that match the topic. We have enjoyed yoga sessions , being able to get the students out of their chairs and moving around the floor. we have also enjoyed using the sensory room to explore different sensory activities using sounds lights and materials. we have had a great week in atlas.

Noah

Cleveland House: In year 7 the boys had an excellent start in PE Inclusion showing great engagement and teamwork. In year 8 we had some good discussions around the gothic theme in preparation for Woman In Black. The year 10 and 11 went for a historical walk of Hinckley's famous blue plaques and were all surprised how many famous people have come from the area. In key stage 5 they have been preparing for the resumption of lessons and have enjoyed working together forming new friendships.

Amelia,
Kyle &
Rubi

Hercules: We have continued to delve into our new topics through exploring patterns and structures in Art, creating lung models in Science and focusing on our passing and coordination football skills in P.E. Additionally we have continued to strengthen our number skills, with some of us recognising and organising coins and some of us have been focusing on rounding numbers to the nearest 10.

Thomas

Hera: In our Art stream with Lisa, pupils did a mix of activities including, messy play, building shelters using teamwork, painting and exploring textures. In PE we had more teamwork, developing new football skills like dribbling. In PSHE we looked at the wonderful world that exists under the seas and oceans and talked about the problem of plastic pollution. Humanities this half term is History, The Suffragettes, Emily Pankhurst and their fight for votes for women, we watched a video, did role play with placards and rosettes and discussed the unfairness of inequality. In our Maths stream we are working on Properties of Number, number bonds to 5, 10, 20 and above, counting in increments of 1,2,3 and 5. Rote counting and counting objects. On Thursday afternoon we had a 'dance extravaganza' during afternoon registration and relaxation time, all the pupils and staff got involved.

Kaydon

Iris & Zeus: We have been so proud of how all of our students have settled back into the new academic year. In English, our learning will be based on the novel 'Lord of the Flies' and so far we have been thinking about how we might survive on a desert island; how we might try to send out a help message and what we could salvage from the plane wreckage to help us. In PSHE our focus is on extinct and endangered sea animals. While in science students were having a lot of fun finding out about animal cells. We have quite a few pupils new to the HAJC unit but it has been great to see them settling in so well and watching new friendships form.

Will &
Naomi

Key Stage 5

Demeter: Demeter have all done extremely well settling in to their new class and working with new members of staff. The book which we are working on this term is *The Beach*– so we are doing lots of work based on beaches & different nationalities. The cooking pathway made Thai chicken noodle soup. In PE we have done parachute games and yoga. We are looking forward to some of our pupils swimming next week, either in the Hydropool or at the Leisure Centre (If any students are not swimming this term, then they will next term.)

Adam

Nike: Students worked on the story 'The Beach' in English and number sense in Maths. Some students went to Asda to gather ingredients for our cooking lessons. Students this week cooked chicken noodle soup (pathways) and flapjacks (cooking group). Students also did curling in PE and played communication games. Nike had a great first week back!

Reece

Vocational 6th Form (Kratos, Helios & Triton):

Students in the hospitality groups have all worked really well in a team cooking for the school all week.

English– Students have been learning about *Jekyll & Hyde*.

Maths– Students are looking at money and problem solving.

Pathways– In textiles the group have been learning about health & safety and have been preparing for the sewing driving test.

Finn,
Lucas &
Rosie



Hope you have
a terrific
weekend !!!!!