



Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

From our headteacher:

Well we did it – our first session back at the leisure centre for swimming went really well and the pupils engaged with the lessons and really enjoyed being in the water. With all of the warm weather it has been a very wet week in school with pupils really appreciating the opportunity to play in the water. Emre in Leopards really enjoyed chasing everyone with the water but was really patient and waited for staff to finish supporting others before he drenched them. Tigers and Turtles have been using the lego to help them build relationships by working together.

Reon has been working hard taking small steps towards accessing the classroom and this week he managed to join Atlas class to complete some of his work – a real personal achievement.

Maths has been a key focus across the school and Owls and Kites have been working hard on using manipulatives (concrete objects) to solve problems including counting beads and double sided counters. At HAJC the pupils were using dice and base 10 (hundreds, tens and ones) to develop their understanding of number and sequencing.

At the Vocational 6th Form Aimee and Rosie were getting creative with paints that were made out of natural materials: turmeric, paprika, blackberries and elderberries. Cleveland House pupils have settled into their lessons well and it was positive to hear about the A Levels and GCSEs that have been chosen for options and the learning that pupils are doing to support this.

Please can we ask that you continue to support us at school by completing lateral flow tests with your child and recording the results [here](#). This is helping us to make sure that everyone in school stays safe.



Kelly



Friday 10th September 2021

Date	Event	Location
Mon 13th September	Leavers Parent information	Secondary – details below
Wed 22nd September	Routes to Resilience – Parent event	Details to follow
Mon 18th – Fri 22nd October	Autumn Half Term	School Closed



LUNCHES



w/c 13th September 2021

Week 1 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.





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>

MOVING ON FAIR

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

4.00 TO 6.00 PM

BARWELL LANE SITE

What are your next steps after leaving Dorothy Goodman?

Save some time and energy – come and explore the possibilities **UNDER ONE ROOF**

Special call out to our **2022 LEAVERS** – decisions need to be made very soon so join us to ease the pressure on what can be an overwhelming process

2023 LEAVERS – join us now and start exploring your options to make the transition process as relaxed as possible

Everyone: it is never too early to start finding out about your children's' futures

Medication

Please can you ensure that any medication that is sent into school for your child is in its original packaging and shows the expiry date. You will also need to complete the necessary medication forms, which are on our website.



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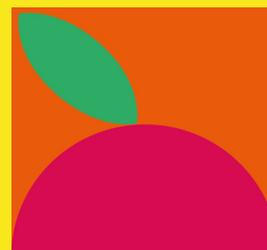
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Highlights of the week

KS1

- Lemurs:** Our whole class sensory room session where every child was happy and engaged together, it was lovely to see
- Leopards:** On Tuesday the whole key stage had waterplay outside, Leopards loved wetting each other and the staff!
- Lions:** Fantastic engagement in Write Dance
- Llamas:** Lots of interaction and communication during our key stage water play
- Tigers:** All the children were really excited to go swimming after not swimming for such a long time.
- Turtles:** The children enjoying their swimming session and following the new routine.

KS4

- Atlas:** Seeing how confident Danish has become in the water
- Cleveland House:** Our KS5 College transitions which were very successful.
- Hera:** In RE the pupils got so engrossed in their work on the Ten Commandments that they didn't notice when break time came.
- Hercules:** Making our heart models! Ethan even told us that earthworms have 5 hearts!
- Iris / Zeus:** Starting to think about our Unit play of Narnia.
- Janus:** Lots of positive work in science looking at cells and the body.

KS2

- Earth:** There has been fantastic teamwork and collaboration when creating there 3D Viking ships and dragons - Well Done
- Jupiter:** Some lovely independent play and sharing in class
- Mars:** A baking sensory massage
- Mercury:** We went swimming and a couple of our students coped well with transition from school to the leisure centre.
- Neptune:** Oscar winning the Boat race in maths.
- Saturn:** During a write dance session Ashton was recalling facts about Richard III which was the topic he investigated last term.
- Venus:** Children enjoyed interacting with each other during waterplay on the hottest day of the week.

KS5

- Demeter:** Emily coming into class within 5 minutes in the morning
- Nike:** Kairiah has shown increased independence this week during transitions and following a timetable. Well done, Kairiah!
- 6th Form:** The PE sessions have been great, students who wouldn't usually participate have been! We had a really good boxing session that brought out students from their shells.

KS3

- Apollo:** It was lovely to see how independent the students were in their cooking lesson where they made pitta pizzas.
- Athena:** Doing our yoga session as a whole class. Everyone was engaged and enjoyed the whole session.
- Kite:** Being superstars on Monday when we went swimming.
- Owls:** Making a giant superhero in class
- Poseidon:** Exploring the musical instrument copy different beats.

Key Stage 1

Leopards: On Tuesday we explored red through our senses: sight, hearing, touch and smell. We have been making the most of the last few days of summer with lots of water play, using fans and exploring frozen fruit.

Emre

Llamas: This week we have been thinking about our senses. We have been exploring a variety of activities and thinking about which senses we have been using. In maths we have been investigating the properties of shapes and in PSHE learning about how we look after our pets. We have enjoyed some late summer sunshine with lots of water play activities.

Rocco

Turtles: This week we have started to learn about the 5 senses and explored a carousel of activities linked to each sense. The children then remembered what they had explored and created a simple poem 'My Five senses'. In maths the children have gone on a shape hunt in the forest and used shapes to make shape monsters in playdough and shape monster pictures.

Jacob
and
Kenzie

Lemurs: This week we have done some number work, matching and recognising numbers to 10, we have embraced the hot weather by doing water balloon rounders as well as water painting and lots of water exploration and play, we have continued trying different foods including garlic, hot sauce and dry pasta (which was a favourite) Our music session was a lot of noisy fun using the large drum and being as loud as possible. It was another fun and busy week in Lemurs class!

Kevin

Lions: After a hot beginning of the week we enjoyed using water as a learning tool to not only cool down with but also to learn with on Tuesday and Wednesday. In our art session we used water to mark make and in our logic session we focused on exploring capacity. Whilst trying to keep cool! In our cookery session the pupils very much enjoyed decorating a pancake with facial features. We had lots of independent choice making of the fruit they wanted to use.

Vinnie

Tigers: Tigers have really enjoyed exploring in the forest this week. We used sticks and logs to make music. The children then initiated this activity after science where we were exploring the sense of sight of what we could see in the forest. Tigers have engaged really well during PE at primary today and it has been lovely to see friendships continue to grow. Today we are looking forward to Write Dance exploring different textures and digit disco in numeracy.

Values Champion: Ralph

Bentley

Key Stage 2

Earth: This week in Earth we have worked hard on our independence skills in PSHE looking at how we care for ourselves and how we care for the animals and creatures around us. In Art we have created some fantastic watercolor scenes and made a whole class dragon. The children have worked well in PE exploring the gymnastics topic recreating a range of balances and poses.

Bethany

Jupiter: This week in science we looked at how to build circuits and what different components were needed. We then explored what would happen when we added in extra components to our circuits. In History we continue to look at Vikings and Viking life style. We created our own Viking homes and took part in some different role play

Gianna

Mars: There has been lots of messy fun in Mars class this week! We have been painting our salt dough Viking coins with metallic paints, painting our own multi-coloured dragon eggs and dressing up as vikings. We have really enjoyed exploring the dragons in the classroom and learning lots about our favourite dragon- Toothless. Our baking sensory massage was wonderful- lots of flour sprinkled everywhere!

Carlene
and
Joshua

Mercury: In Maths we have been looking at number. Some children have been working out one more and one less while other have been working on number formation. In English we have been creating sentences using colourful semantics and this was a big success. We made toast in cooking thinking about the shape of it and how long we thought it would take to turn brown. We then put butter and jam on it.

Walter
and
Jack

Neptune: In English we have investigated adjectives and used our senses to create an adjective word mat. This mat enabled the students to create an Acrostic Poem about Dragons, In maths the students have been investigating 2D shapes, which enabled them to build paper boats and time how long the boats staid afloat for and measure whos boat floated the furthest. In history the students re-enacted a Viking invasion, the students all thoroughly enjoyed displaying their Viking knowledge in an invasion on the beach.

Lilia

Saturn: In English the students have continued watching "How To Train Your Dragon". They made stick puppets and acted out scenes from the film. They have also worked on comprehension, answering questions about what they have watched. In maths they have been working on number bonds. In history and art they have been learning about Viking Sailing boats. They worked in teams to make oars and sails and then sat on upturned tables and had a Viking boat race.

Omella

Isabelle
& Laith

Venus: This week the children have enjoyed learning about 'How to train your dragon' in English. The pupils sequenced key images from the opening scenes. Some pupils also designed their own dragon and used adjectives to describe them. They then used colorful semantics to create a sentence. In PSHE we have learnt about endangered species around the world and created a poster. In history we learnt about the Vikings and long boats. Pupils were tasked with sorting 'old' and 'new' before designing their own Viking boat.

Key Stage 3

Athena: This week Athena class have been very busy doing lots of different things, we have been swimming which everyone loved! We have done lots of hard work in our English and Math's groups. Athena class loved doing music and yoga on Thursday afternoon!

Kacper

Owls: This week we have looked at superheros more in English , creating sentences about them and also watching clips from superhero trailers and making our own comic strips, in maths some of us have been working with 6 digit numbers while looking at place value. In science we went on a walk looking for opaque and transparent items and In art we created our own pop art posters we have also began to make a life size superhero for the class! In humanities we looked at inspirational people and gave each other trophies for what we like and admire about one another

Levi

Apollo: Another busy week, full of lots of independent work, where pupils are very happy to show their work off to whoever walked in the classroom. In Maths, they have been looking at column method addition and working out tricky word addition problems by drawing a picture to help work out their answers. In PSHE, pupils started to explore what endangered means and sorted different animals into endangered and safe categories.

Lilibeth

Kites: This week in Maths the children have been practising using concrete equipment to support them with their number understanding. In English we have carried on with our superhero theme and focused on writing captions relating to the picture and learning about when to use speech marks/speech bubbles in our writing. Humanities focused on thinking about what inspirational means, and we spoke about the people in our life's that inspire us, including our classmates/staff. In PSHE we all designed our own zoos, including endangered animals in to them. Have a great weekend!

Oliver

Poseidon: We have been continuing to explore abs research light and dark in science, we have been learning and recapping money knowledge in maths and we busted the leisure centre for swimming.

Rohaam

Key Stage 4

Atlas: We have had a fantastic Science lesson, where we conducted an experiment feeling hands, the young people really enjoyed this. Some of our students have been over to the hydrotherapy pool and have loved being able to do this again. In Pathways we have been learning how to cook a Jacket Potato and the animal care group have accessed the stables. Another brilliant week.

Danish

Hera: Pupils have had a busy week of learning. In English they have loved the activities around Lord of the Flies, in Maths we have moved from Number to Money and have been buying and selling Lego among other things, getting change from amounts and thinking about the value of money. In PSHE we are working on the idea of being a Marine Biologist and we had great time making blue playdough, placing marine animals in it and excavating them with toothbrushes. Some pupils used a chrome book to research the marine animals they 'dug up' In RSE we have been learning about Respect, Nurture and Independence. The pupils are forming friendships and bonding as a class - showing us adults how to work as a team, we are very proud of our Hera pupils.

Amy

Janus: Janus have had a good week this week starting off the week doing some circuit work in P.E. In science we have been looking at cells and their function, In history we continued to work on the suffragettes and the sort of protests they did. In art we looked at tessellation patterns and then created our own with various shapes.

Kaydone

Cleveland House: KS3- Our students in textiles began working towards making tech pillows whilst in PE they really enjoyed netball and football. KS4-Our 11 students continued their GCSE mock revision which begin in 2 weeks time.KS5-Students went shopping to but ingredients for their culinary masterpiece Chilli Con Carne!!!

KS3
Evan

KS4
George

KS5
Harry

Hercules: This week started with our first swimming lesson of the year! In Art we have studied the structure in our classroom and noticed that a triangle is the strongest shape. In humanities we have continued to delve into what this rights for women were like pre war and post war. we have continued to on building our football skills in PE, this week we played a game and focused on our dribbling skills. Charley is our star of the week, He has been very keen on writing this week. He has independently chosen to do writing where he has sat for a considerable amount of time, using his own phonics knowledge to spell words. Well done Charley, keep it up!

Charley

Iris/Zeus: A lovely full week back and all our students are just settling in so well. As so many were new to the Unit, it has been lovely to see new friendships forming and lots of examples of showing respect and kindness to one another. We have decided to try to perform a play based on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe story. All of our young people will be involved and have shown great enthusiasm for taking part; whether that be as actual performers or making props, thinking about the scenery, costumes or make up. If you have anything that you think may be useful please do chat to us about it.

Nathan
Jack
Lola

Key Stage 5

Demeter: This week has seen Demeter experiencing a sensory story on Kayaking, working on identifying sounds found at the beach and engaging with Sherbourne. We have also continued our work on self-portraits in art and have undertaken successful yoga, MATP and sensory circuits sessions over the week. Overall, another great week!



6th Form: Forest Schools- Communication games, exploring the woods, great teamwork and socialising between peers.

Hospitality- Groups are developing independence and increasing confidence with cooking tasks.

PE- Loads of different sessions, students especially liked the boxing session.

We have 3 achievers this week, Stephen showed great participation in PE, Joseph showed good leadership and independence during cooking and Harry for his ever increasing confidence and independence during cooking.



Nike: Students continued their work on 'The Beach' in English and number sense in Maths. In Pathways, students worked on daily living skills; some students in cooking made a burger and chips. Students in the animal care pathway got to give the horses a bath on a super hot day. The horses loved it. In art we learned about Pablo Picasso and recreated some of his work. Some students continued their community work by going to Asda and gathering ingredients to cook. Other students learned about first aid in anticipation for National First Aid Day on Saturday. Have a great weekend!

