



# Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021

### From our headteacher:

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and young people to the Moving On event on Monday. This was an opportunity to find out about providers who support young people as they transition to adulthood. For all those parents who will be completing an annual review for a young person leaving school this year please can I remind you that the review meeting is where you and your child will share what you would like in the future so please spend time exploring the information and thinking about this. The pupils in Zeus had a positive experience visiting the event before the end of the day and spoke with the professionals about their aspirations for the future.

Teachers Miss Holder and Mr Wilson have successfully supported the training for mentors who will support teachers entering the profession. The focus has been on making the training relevant to those staff working with pupils with SEN and they received very positive feedback on Twitter and have started to build connections with other schools.

Of course there was one young person this week who really stole the show when they joined members of Loose Women at Fosse Park. Olivia went along to learn the dance but was front and centre when the show streamed live to the studio. Olivia was so excited as Loose Women are her idols and she has been telling everyone in school about it. The episode aired on Wednesday and can be found on the ITV hub if you would like to see it

Problem solving is a key part of developing pupil understanding and this week Saturn and Neptune have been working hard to apply these skills in their maths lessons using the manipulatives (concrete objects) to help them calculate answers to questions. At the Vocational 6<sup>th</sup> Form there has been lots of independent sewing taking place with pupils using templates to ensure that their patterns are accurate. The pupils completing pathways at the secondary site have really engaged with their learning. Manav showed a focused approach to using knife skills to chop vegetables for his gratin, which looked beautiful once it had been baked (and it smelt really good too)! In Computing PJ and Ziyaad were checking the accuracy of written work and developing their understanding of what can go wrong when using predictive text. The Animal Care Pathway were spending some time with Salt and Pepper the guinea pigs, making sure that they were cleaned out and then just enjoying time with them.

Please continue to record your lateral flow results [here](#) as this is helping us to keep the school community safe.



Kelly



Date	Event	Location
Wed 22nd Sep	Routes to Resilience - Parent event	Secondary
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Oct	Autumn Half Term	School Closed



# 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>

## LUNCHES

w/c 20th September 2021      Week 2 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.



1. Visit [www.myschoolfund.org](http://www.myschoolfund.org) to register for free.
2. Link to your child's school
3. Spend at participating retailers
4. Start receiving your eGift cards.



Sainsbury's

It is the first live Soundabout Choir session on the **25<sup>th</sup> of September** and we would love to encourage some more families to get involved with the choir.

Soundabout is great fun and is totally inclusive. To find out more about the choir, please click [here](#).

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# Highlights of the week

## KS 1

- Lemurs:** The children enjoying the sensory room, they were all engaged and interacted well with the environment!
- Leopards:** Exploring sensory circuits.
- Lions:** Pupils moving to the circle independently whilst listening to the musical cue.
- Llamas:** Welcoming our new pupil Bowie into class..
- Tigers:** The children playing structured games together and more positive friendships have developed which has been great to see.
- Turtles:** The excitement and joy of the children exploring and playing in the rain

## KS 2

- Earth:** Great engagement and creativity when making their electricity pictures. - Fab work
- Jupiter:** Students nurturing their friendships and learning to be inclusive of all peers
- Mars:** A very messy write dance morning
- Mercury:** In English we did a write dance lesson. All children engaged really well! We had fun while learning!
- Neptune:** Building amazing Long boats.
- Saturn:** Mrs Smith seeing Olivia in a farm shop at the weekend, with the class bear
- Venus:** The pupils really enjoyed swimming this week and they keep saying how excited they are for next week.

## KS 3

- Apollo:** Pupils independently re-creating Monet's waterlilies in Art.
- Athena:** Developing confidence in swimming
- Kites:** Great teamwork and communication during RE when playing games.
- Owls:** Building dens , helping one another and working as a big team
- Poseidon:** The arrival of our new interactive whiteboard

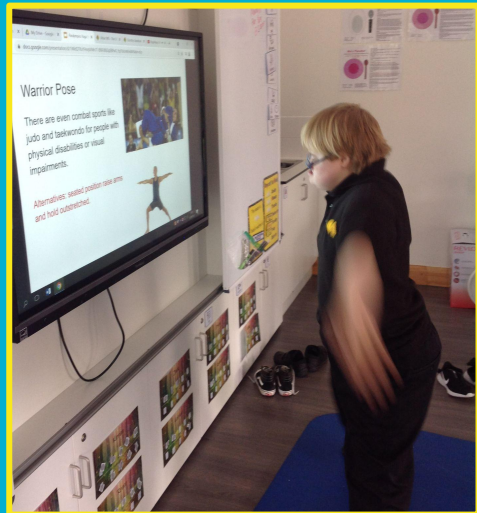
## KS 4

- Atlas:** Mollie's positive engagement throughout the week
- Hera:** Seeing Olivia on 'Loose Women'
- Hercules:** Our role play as MP's in the Houses of Parliament
- Iris & Zeus:** The Moving On Fair for many and seeing old classmates
- Janus:** Some really good reading as a class in our short afternoon reading sessions

## KS 5

- 6th Form:** The moving on Event
- Demeter:** P.E - parachute games
- Nike:** Andie has been using her talker more and more with different/new people and in different situations. Way to go, Andie!
- Cleveland House:** KS5 organised a 3 a side football game with Harry scoring the winning goal.

# This week in pictures



# Key Stage 1

**Leopards:** Class have been exploring yellow using all our senses, we especially enjoyed tasting lots of yellow foods. We enjoyed making up and down movements in write dance, the parachute is always a favourite with all the class.

Logan

**Llamas:** We have been continuing to think about our senses. We have started our new sensory story- Peace at Last. There was lots of lovely engagement and participation from all pupils exploring the props and making the sounds from the story. In PSHE we looked at pictures of our pets and talked about how we look after them and in maths have continued our shape work- exploring , sorting and matching.

Colton

**Turtles:** We have listened and responded to the story 'Brown Bear, What do you See' and created simple story pictures to show a favourite coloured animal. In maths we have learned to count spots on dominoes and dice and begin to play simple dice games.

In topic we are learning about the sense of 'sight' and have explored coloured paints, coloured fish in the water tray and made colourful suncatchers.

Jacob  
Thomas

**Lemurs:** The children have been smelling and tasting lots of new smelly food! It has been great to see them communicate their likes and dislikes through their very expressive facial expressions.

Yuvraj

**Lions:** Class very much enjoyed using their sense of smell in our topic lesson on Tuesday. There was very clear choice making that no one liked the smell of tuna or onions but popcorn and salt and vinegar crisps were a firm favorite; so much so we then loved exploring our sense of taste when eating them!! We then continued with communicating 'more, more and more'!

Ruby  
Tommy  
Freddie

**Tigers:** Class have had a very active week. They have enjoyed swimming on Monday, Sherborne and PE in the primary hall. In Literacy the children have been more confident with their sentence building and working on blending their sounds together to form CVC words. In Numeracy, the children have been thinking about their numbers of one more up to 10 and exploring different measurements. Today, we are looking forward to our senses Write Dance and Digit disco.

Please send in swimming kit for Monday.

Values Champion: Mia

Olivia

## Key Stage 2

**Earth:** Some of the children visited the forest for forest school showing some brilliant communication and exploration. In Science we had fun creating circuits and making the bulb light up. Lovely problem solving and teamwork! In English we finished off How To Train A Dragon, we had some imaginative and creative inventions In PSHE we have created bird feeders and salt dough hedgehogs exploring endangered animals in our country

William

**Mars:** We have been going on a dragon hunt! Lots of sensory exploration to see if we could find the dragon. In Music, we had a great time using the drums and experimenting with drumming to the beat of the music. We then made our own musical shakers using a variety of dried natural foods. Yesterday, we were lucky enough to use the new cookery room. We made the dough for viking style bread and then took it through to the brand new ovens- very exciting!

Olly Emilia

**Neptune:** We have explored wiring of plugs in Science, continued with gymnastics in PE, entered the world of Anglo-Saxons in Humanities, worked on addition and subtraction in Maths and explored what life was like on a Long boat for the Vikings while they were out at sea, in English.

Connor

**Jupiter:** We have been going on an adventure to get the treasure from the dragon's cave, exploring numbers through a sensory story, exploring open and closed circuits in science, making Viking bread in cooking and exploring our emotions and self care in PSHE.

Edward

**Mercury:** In history we looked at Viking food and we got to taste some! There was some foods we like more than others. We explored electricity in science by making circuits and the we all had a go with a remote control car.

Ryley Lacey

**Saturn:** In English continuing with How to Train your Dragon, We created a drawing of our own dragon and ordered pictures from the film. In Maths we were working on 2- and 5-times tables. Science we explored battery operated toys and torches, all CYP were engaged and focuses using trial and error to get the objects to work.

Oliver

Keian Sarah

**Venus:** In English we continued to learn about 'How to train your dragon'. On Wednesday the pupils really enjoyed acting out different scenes from the story! There are some very talented actors and actresses in Venus class. In Maths we looked at weight and mass. Some pupils looked at weighing out objects using grams, whilst others used their counting skills to count out how many cubes it took to balance objects with balance scales. In Science pupils continued to build circuits and were pushed to identify the faults in broken circuits to fix them. Pupils seemed to really enjoy making Viking weapons in history.

## Key Stage 3

**Athena:** Class have been exploring stories through Sherborne. In PE we have been developing our engagement skills and our volleyball skills. In English we have been developing our independence and life skills as well as exploring numbers up to 10 in Maths.

Ethan

**Owls:** We have continued looking at superheroes including drama and writing scripts and using adjectives to describe them, in maths we have continued using the maths equipment to help us solve problems and one group have been playing six figure number snap! In science we made sunglasses for our class skeleton looking at what materials were transparent and opaque - the class have also enjoyed building hotels in MFL and designing their own endangered animal zoo in PSHE, researching which animals they should have and what they need to eat.

Libby

**Apollo:** We continued to think about different superheroes linked to our poem, 'Kid' in English this week by choosing adjectives that would describe a bad or good superhero. In Drama this week, the class explored the sensory theatre and enjoyed performing on the stage and under stage lighting.

Abigail

**Kites:** What a positive week, with pupils working hard across the curriculum. In maths there were some real challenges based around place values, and whilst pupils found these challenging they persevered and worked well. In art we explored self portraits and created images in our own chosen style. There were some excellent pieces of work.

Alfie

**Poseidon:** We have continued to explore light and dark in science, we have been superheroes in drama, we have created self portraits and have enjoyed another trip to the leisure centre.

Ishan

## Key Stage 4

**Atlas:** We have been looking at under the sea and all different animals that we might find. some students have been exploring the water and sand that you would find under the sea. we have also enjoyed our pathway session, some have been to the stables and some have looked after the guinea pigs.

we have also enjoyed our Science experiment this week testing hot and cold water and how it makes our hands and body feel. We have had a great week in Atlas.

Mollie

**Hercules:** We have created strong structures. We discussed our own strengths and resilience and how it is important to keep trying. We followed instructions and created our own playdough. We also made our own version of the 10 commandments to follow in our classroom.

Harley

**Hera:** In Science, the pupils made lungs using straws and food bags - each pupil had their own set of lungs so they were able to breath into the straw and make the bags inflate - fantastic. When Enda came into the class on Wednesday Cassie-Jayne was showing her where her lungs are inside her ribcage with lots of speaking, signing and pointing. In PSHE we were marine archeologists, finding sea creatures in the bottom of the ocean (salt dough) the sea creatures were named by saying and signing each one, some pupils looked up extinct marine animals and Lewis found a Megalodon Shark to learn about and tell us about. In Humanities we are still looking at the fight for votes for women, this week the lesson was all about fair and unfair scenarios. As usual the pupils in Hera have been working hard and socialising beautifully with each other. Have a lovely weekend everybody. The Hera team

Missy

**Iris & Zeus:** We must say a big thank you to Callum for making some fabulous shields and swords over the weekend for the Narnia play. Everyone is itching to try them out! In English lessons we are getting to know the characters a bit better in Lord of the Flies and slowly making our way through the story. We had some great fun with some short scripts role playing Piggy and Ralph. In maths there has been lots of games and practical activities outside - whilst we have the good weather. Toby was particularly proud of winning his games! In RE, there were some really good ideas about what the ideal 10 commandments would be for teenagers - no bed times and eat whenever you like.....

Chloe  
Charlotte  
Spencer

Flo

**Janus:** We have been doing various activities throughout, In Science we continued looking at the body this week pretending to be a heart pumping around and receiving oxygenated/deoxygenated blood, in computing we looked further at online safety on what aspects of online bullying could be present on social media.



# Key Stage 5

**6th Form:** The world of work has been our focus this week – The Moving On event helped us to think about what we might do in the future. We have developed this work by looking at the different wages that people get paid in the workplace and how our ages impact on this having a go at some different jobs at school and talking about equality in pay being important.

Every one

**Nike:** Students continued studying 'The Beach' in English and number sense in maths. On Monday, our class went to the moving on fair to look at different colleges. Some students also went to Leisure Center or the hydropool for swimming lessons. In wellbeing, we had a spa session and video chatted a classmate! In cooking students made French Onion Soup. Some students continued community instruction and went to Asda to gather ingredients for cooking lesson.

Andie

**Demeter:** In RE, we looked at Hinduism- listened to Indian music, smelled jos sticks, tasted Indian Snacks & looked at/tried on an Indian Sari. We have also continued our sensory story about kayaking. We are focussing a lot, on well-being, this term- so we have been doing lots of relaxation & self-care routines. In the cooking pathway, we made French food- Onion Soup & garlic bread- it was very tasty!

Oliver

**Cleveland House:** KS3- YR 7 have completed sequences in math's and YR8 have studied Henry 8th in their History lessons and gradients of a line in math's, whilst year 9 have worked hard completing CAT testing.

KS4 YR 10's are beginning Macbeth in English and YR 11's are busy revising for mocks next week.

KS5 college courses are now in full swing and students in the unit are cooking up sausage and bacon cobs for their lunch.

KS3  
Mackenzie

KS4  
Tom

KS5  
Kyle

***Have a good weekend!***