



Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

Friday 24th September 2021

From our headteacher: We have had a fabulous week in school where we have focused on seeing the learning that is happening in the classes. Seeing the pupils hard at work is always lots of fun and I have chosen a few highlights to share that have come from the wider leadership team.

Jupiter class were engaging with a sensory story about a dragon where the pupils were making choices and showing their preferences. At the Richmond base, pupils were investigating electricity and using their understanding to build circuits. Molly in Llamas was working hard on identifying and counting different shapes and Bowie who is new to school was joining in positively with circle time. Reuben really enjoyed joining in with Write Dance and engaged positively, smiling throughout the session. Mercury class did some excellent work using free flow to support pupils engaging in choice making in Science. They were choosing between building a circuit, exploring remote controlled cars and using lights. Walter was straight into learning after some sensory input and Rosie who is new to school was engaged and focused when using the remote controlled cars.

Ellie G in Key Stage 5 used her AAC device to talk about the story that the class are exploring 'The Beach'. She explained how the people had been poisoned by the squid that had been cooked and it was lovely to see the class engaging in the sensory aspects of the learning with Sharney and Adam H dancing together at the party. Pimmada also showed excellent communication in PE where she kept asking to burst the balloons that had been used as part of the parachute game. She tried really hard to burst them but unfortunately they were a bit flat so she didn't have any success. Tyler who has joined Apollo class corrected me when I asked him what he was doing in his cooking session, explaining to me that he was actually taking part in a communication session where he and Seb had been working together. Josh Ba in Hercules class explained about the fossils that he was making, talking about how the salt dough had been made and more importantly the learning that had started the previous week where they had looked at what fossils were and how they were created. Over in Art Flow, Janus talked about the patterns that they had created and shared their favourite ones, some looked like the turrets on castles. Tarell was exploring the patterns on different wallpapers but was clear that painting walls was easier and better.

Reading has been a key focus of the learning taking place at Redmoor with guided reading groups and HAJC where questioning was being used to explore the meaning of the text. Cleveland House and HAJC pupils started their mock exams this week, with changes to usual routines and structures the pupils have worked really hard to stay calm and focused on their learning (there are still some exams to go) and we wish them the best of luck with these.



Kelly

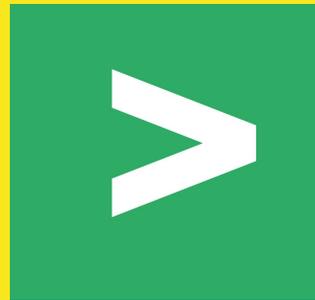


It is lovely to be able to focus on learning and for all of us to be able to visit pupils across the school. Thank you once again to everyone who is supporting with the weekly lateral flow testing which is supporting in keeping us all safe. Please continue to record your results [here](#).



School Notices

Date	Event	Location
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Oct	Autumn Half Term	School Closed
Wed 27th - Fri 29th Oct	Kingswood Residential	Kingswood
Thu 28th Oct	School photo	Primary
Fri 29th Oct	School photo	Secondary



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LUNCHES



w/c 27th 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.

Attendance

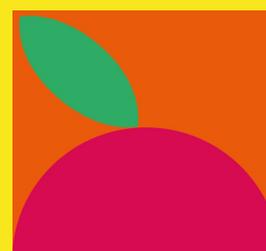
Please remember to let us know if your child is not going to be in school. **You can call but you can also email or send an in-app message via Arbor.**

This can also be used to make the office aware of future appointments that your child may have.



Arbor

Thank you.



Other Notices

NHS
Get your Covid jab in Hinckley!

Drop in session available at
Hinckley Leisure Centre
this **Saturday 25 September**
from **9am to 11:30am**

This is for the **Pfizer** vaccine only.

No appointment is necessary, **now available** to anyone **aged 16** or older who has not yet been vaccinated or who received their first vaccination at least eight weeks ago is eligible to drop in and get vaccinated.

If this weekend isn't convenient then dates for further drop-in clinics across the county are updated on the Leicestershire NHS website search for **#GetVaxxedLLR**

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Highlights of the week

KS 1

Lemurs:

The children have really enjoyed exploring the new adventure playground! They love their new swings!

Leopards:

All the children really enjoyed exploring shaving foam in write dance this week, Leopards class looked like it had snowed!

Lions:

Beginning to see the progress of the class after the initial settling in period. It is great to see new friendships forming and increased attempts being made to communicate.

Llamas:

All pupils having great fun on the new swings.

Tigers:

The children building some really positive friendships.

Turtles:

Jax coming to circle time dressed in a Pikachu costume.

KS 2

Earth:

Amazing concentration and problem solving during cookery

Jupiter:

Our pupils have been working on their sharing and turn taking this week as well as using their communication aids more frequently

Mars:

Making a viking longship with our tables

Mercury:

We did a skittles experiment in science.

Neptune:

Discovering how the many kings from Northumbria, Mercia and Wessex would fight to take over each others land.

Saturn:

An impromptu disco lead by Romeo and twin love at swimming between Kara and Karl - although more love from Karl than Kara!

Venus:

The children loved math's and all took part in the 'teacher challenge' to win a prize.

KS 3

Apollo:

Working together in cooking. Lots of modelling from peers to help one another.

Athena:

Making playdough to develop our communication skills.

Kites:

Making playdough to develop our communication skills.

Owls:

cooking chips and roleplaying our own cafe

Poseidon:

Working with the artist painting stones for an art project

KS 4

Atlas:

It was great seeing Danish so animated, engaged and communicative during swimming.

Hera:

The pupils are beginning to understand the need to ask for permission before sharing photos of others online. Cassie-Jayne had the phone tucked under her ear and was 'typing' saying 'don't put photos on - ask your friend' very fiercely into the phone.

Hercules:

Our highlight of the week was using the microscope to see real human cells.

Iris & Zeus:

Sam and Bradley completing their Mock GCSE Exams - well done to both!

Janus:

A fantastic science lesson about viruses and a creative art lesson making wallpaper.

Cleveland House:

A delicious spaghetti bolognese cooked by our 6th form students.

KS 5

6th Form:

The hot dinners, are all winners

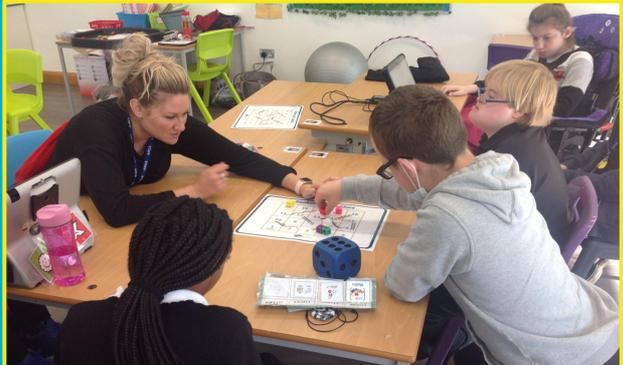
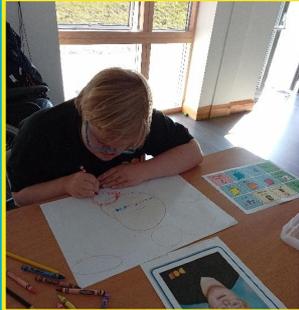
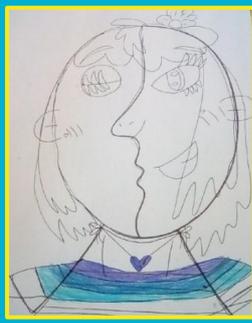
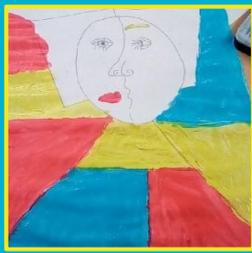
Demeter:

Peer interaction

Nike:

Kieran has been coming into class and staying for all of lesson. Kieran has also been accepting of working with many different staff members across the keystone.

This week in pictures



Key Stage 1

Leopards: It was really nice to see all the class engaging in Maths this week, we all loved using benches to make ourselves really big then jumping off to make ourselves really small. On Tuesday we explored all things green, lots of our children enjoyed trying lots of different green foods. The week was rounded off nicely in soft play.

Arthur

Lions: A busy week as usual, we have continued to learn about ourselves and had a big push to help develop our communication skills. Some lovely sessions centred around play, sharing, joint attention and communication. Some wonderful turn taking and sharing is beginning to take place. A fab time in PE practising balancing, climbing and jumping.

Bertie

Turtles: Our focus has been on the sense of sound. The children have engaged well with our story 'Peace at last' and played a new phonics sound game. They have made their own listening ears and shakers to go outside and play a listening game. In Maths the children have been using numicon for counting and making a number line.

Leo

Lemurs: The children enjoyed exploring new sounds and instruments in the music hut and communicating their likes and dislikes to create their own delicious mini chocolates.

Sammy

Llamas: We have been continuing with our "senses" topic. All pupils were highly engaged in our sensory story- Peace at last and re-enacting the various sounds from the story. We have explored different environmental sounds and musical sounds and then had a go at making our own musical instruments. In Maths we have continued our work with exploring, matching and identifying shapes.

Bowie

Tigers: Tigers enjoyed their swim on Monday, it was lovely to see some really positive interactions and confidence in the water. The children have been working together and turn taking on different activities focusing on their senses. The engagement for this was fantastic! Well done Tigers! Today, we are excited for Digit disco.

Lacey
-May

Key Stage 2

Earth: In English we had great fun doing our Viking Chants, there was fab movement to the music and singing along. In Maths we have really enjoyed measuring different liquids when creating Viking brew and milkshakes. Really good checking what we had measured and editing and correcting these. In cookery we have worked hard on our cutting skills when making our apple crumbles we especially enjoyed trying the ingredients and describing what they tasted like and which ones we liked.

Kaspar

Mars: We have had lots of practical fun. We turned our classroom tables upside down to create our own Viking longship and used sweeping brushes as oars! We listened to the sound of waves crashing and the staff sprayed us with water! Then, we made our own longships from recycled materials which we added to the water tray to see if they would sink or float.

Luke

Neptune: In maths we have used our weights and measurements knowledge to create cakes to sell at the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday. In English we have created our own Viking who could be a new character in How To Train Your Dragon. In science we have used our electrical knowledge to create a wiring system for a Viking ship and in Cultural Studies we have discovered how Viking food was soooo different to our food.

Dominic

Laith
Isabelle

Jupiter: Our pupils loved making bread and butter pudding this week in cooking. They have been going on various adventures to save the treasure from dragons and to save an endangered whale from reception where they had to work as a team to make a safe environment together. Other pupils went on a sensory journey to explore various endangered animals movements and textures. We have also been working on our anticipation and interaction skills throughout the week. In science we continued to explore electricity with some pupils engaging in cause and effect and others exploring the safety element as well as circuit building.

Tye

Mercury: We did a dragon write dance and the children loved it. Swimming was a success and some children walked sensibly there. We enjoyed some time on the computers working on our mouse control skills.

Rosie
Elliot

Saturn: In maths we have been measuring - making cakes for our coffee morning. In English we have written a dragon fact files and created our own dragon using junk modelling. In science we have made electrical circuits.

Karl

Venus: In Maths we looked at measuring in length. They all practiced using a ruler to measure in cm, they then used toy cars on ramps to measure how far they travelled. In English we baked scones by written and symbolised following instructions. In Science we looked at creating parallel circuits and that having 2 bulbs in a circuit makes them dimmer.

Key Stage 3

Athena: We have explored number in Maths and continued to develop our independence skills through English. In Art we have recreated the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and explored a variety of colours and our preferences when painting. We have continued to develop our computing skills learning how to create a powerpoint.

Omar

Owls: We have continued looking at superheroes in English, creating own own villains and heroes and describing them, we have also began to plan our own superhero story. In Maths we have continued looking at place value and number lines, working out the scales and ordering larger numbers. in humanities we looked at inspirational people focusing on Mary Seacole, after watching a video all about her, we turned our class into a hospital. We had doctors, nurses, paramedics and surgeons bandaging each other up, making medicines and driving the ambulance. in Cooking we turned our classroom into a cafe we had some helpful waiters and waitresses taking orders for the class and making drinks and snacks.

in PSHE we created a zoo, some of the class were the zookeepers who explained how they looked after their endangered animals. In art we continued working with bright colours and patterns like famous artists, Craig and Callum enjoyed filling balloons with paint and popping them over their books!

Libby

Apollo: In English we have started to look at speech and how it is used in comics to help tell a story. Emma and Lillibeth have taken it upon themselves to create their own comic strip, with plenty of speech bubbles to carry the story. In Drama, pupils created freeze frames based on famous superheroes and created a short piece which we then took into the sensory theatre to perform.

John
C

Kites: Kites have had a brilliant week with lots of positive work across the curriculum. In English pupils have made stop motion figures that they will use to act of superhero scenes next week and they have also made superhero snacks and written instructions. In PE we have focussed on volleyball and improving our teamwork and working on new rules, which was great fun. We have also been working hard on our communication, with listening and turn taking a focus this week when playing games.

Keerthana

Poseidon: We have had a fun week, with lots of dancing exercising with lots of hard work too. We have created Vincent van Gogh inspired sunflowers, been superheroes and practiced our writing skills in write dance.

Lennon

Key Stage 4

Atlas: This week in Atlas the class have been exploring the story of Abraham and Sarah in RE, exploring the key aspects through a sensory story. We have continued to explore patterns and shapes in Art and the class has demonstrated how creative we are as a group. It was great to see the young people exploring multisensory pattern making activities, using coloured bubble mixtures, coloured cereals, stamps, rollers and hot/cold Glittery gloves!

Matthew

Hercules: We have continued to explore the human body in Science. We have been discussing our own resilience and why it is important. On Thursday we created our own fossils and further explored global warming through an experiment using ice and a hairdryer!

Madison is our achiever of the week as she has been using her talker more.

Madison

Hera: In Art Hera did 'right and wrong' patterns - identifying errors and noticing the effect on the whole pattern. In Computing we are working on being safe online and coping with bullying online. In PSHE we are looking at the ocean and the problem of plastic pollution, we had some 'sea life yoga' and began preparations for making our story umbrellas next week. The pupils have been very engaged in their RE lessons on right and wrong within Judaism and Katrina has been delighted with how much they remember from week to week. In RSE we are using physical activities to promote self awareness and gross motor skills after 3 weeks of looking at the school values, Respect, Nurture and Independence.

Emily

Janus: We started the week with some leg specific exercises in P.E which I'm pretty sure left everyone feeling sore! In Science we looked at Viruses and how our body fights them which Harvey C showed a really good understanding of, for our Art lesson we did some work on the history of wallpaper and the patterns surrounding it, with the students making some interesting patterns themselves!

Jareth

Iris & Zeus: Another week that flies by! In Art we have been learning about another style of art called Cubism and the pupils produced some great pictures. In the Duke of Edinburgh lesson, students went to the allotment and dug up at least 40 onions - they were a bit smelly! Jack was able to tell the rest of his peers how to make a compost heap as he had done it before at home. His information was so useful and he was able to describe each step in great detail. A big well done to Sam and Bradley for trying so hard in the mock GCSE exams.

**Alfie
Spencer**

Cleveland House: KS5; A successful P.E session playing football and practicing shuttle runs and shooting drills. KS4; A busy week with a lot of timetable changes due to mock exams, incorporating revision lessons and some much needed downtime to support students well being. Our students have coped really well. KS3; Year 8 have begun work on the gothic novel The woman in black and year 9's have completed assessments in English. whilst year 7 have worked hard on monster calls and are doing map work in Geography.

Key Stage 5

KS3
George
V

KS4
Jack

KS5
Grant

6th Form: In sewing we have been gathering resources from recycled items, Chloe has started to make an apron for a member of staff at her new work experience placement and Tahlia has been working with a new peer to successfully make her bunting.

Joe and Kyle have been using cards and dice to help them understand probability and we have been looking at the minimum wage and earning money in maths.

Everyone is showing real progress in hospitality and catering especially with following instructions and problem solving when shopping.

The gardening group prepared the raised beds ready for planting cabbages and persevered with weeding, lots of independent learning and teamwork.

Cole
Rosie
Ed

Demeter: There have been lots of good peer interactions happening in Demeter this week- students dancing together, helping and greeting each other and playing games together. The students who went swimming enjoyed it, as did the students who went to the stables. We have continued to look at The Beach in English, and our Sea Kayaking sensory story.

Kinjal

Nike: This week, students continued to explore 'The Beach' and number sense in English in Maths. In Art, students worked on self-portraits and continued to learn about Frida Kahlo and Pablo Picasso. In RSE, students played a game in which they had to guess the scent. Students especially like the 'biscuit scent'. In pathways, students continued to work on daily living skills. For wellness, we did a body scan and played 'Simon Says'.

Kieran

Have a great weekend