



# Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter



Friday 8th October 2021

**From our headteacher:** It has been another busy week at school. The pupils were proud to showcase their work when we had visitors who spent time at each of the sites on Monday. There was a range of learning on display with pupils at the HAJC base exploring first aid and how to assess a situation to ensure that it was safe before helping someone. Kailon was more than happy to take on the role of the person who was unwell but contributed at the same time to the discussions about what needed to happen. The visitors had a roast chicken dinner at the Vocational Sixth Form where the pupils shared with them the experiences that they had of school. Tahlia shared that she was preparing to leave school and move on to college, hoping to go to the same college as her friend. Ruby shared how she had been at the different satellite bases and that she was enjoying being at the sixth form learning life skills such as taking part in shopping and cooking. Chloe talked about her work experience at Forever Savvy, the new skills that she has learnt and how some of the designs she has completed there could be used to make clothes. She also talked about her aspirations for the future and wanting increased independence.

The focused learning continued throughout the week with Tigers and Turtles engaging really well with free flow choosing from a range of learning opportunities which included work on phonics, mark making and reading. They also enjoyed their session in soft play on Thursday when Olivia, Aurora and Mia encouraged me to join in – the ball pool was a big hit although there were not many balls left in it by the end of the session! Tiffany-Mae really enjoyed the PE session where she was confident in climbing on to the equipment, balancing and jumping off. She listened well to instructions and waited until it was her turn to go. Tarell was working with Key Stage 1 as part of his Sports Leader qualification and he did a fantastic job of making sure that the equipment was safe and more importantly of encouraging and praising the pupils that he was working with.

Keeping the school community safe remains a key priority. Please continue to support us by completing lateral flow tests twice a week (Sunday evening/Monday morning and Wednesday evening/Thursday morning). The results from the tests can be recorded [here](#).



Kelly



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

Thank you.



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
Tue 2nd Nov	Parents Eve	Details to follow

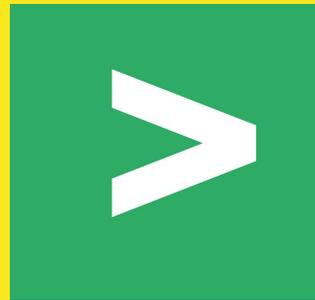


# School Notices

## TOYS WANTED for play therapy

Board games, jigsaws, pretend play e.g dolls, pushchair, medical toys, kitchen toys, musical instruments, books, lego/mega blocks, cd player, cd's, puppets, wooden/plastic figures (see picture below), including any types of animals, people (including soldiers), shells, stones etc.

Many thanks.



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.



## LUNCHES



w/c 11th October 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.

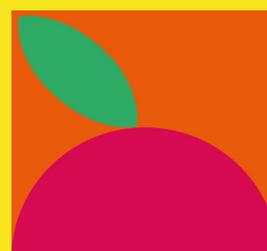
Information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals is available through County Hall:

[LCC - Free School Meals](#) or contact School Food Support Service. Tel: 0116 305 5770.

## School Times

Site	Start	Finish
Primary	9:10am	3:10pm
Secondary	9am	3:20pm
Richmond	9:10am	2:50pm
Redmoor	9:10am	3:10pm
HAJC	8:45am	3:05pm
Cleveland House	8:30am	3pm
6th Form	8:50pm	3pm

Wherever possible we ask that you keep to the above times, to avoid disrupting our students lessons. If you need to discuss these times please contact the office.



# Other Notices

## **NHS** Get your Covid jab in Hinckley!

Drop in session available at  
Hinckley Leisure Centre  
this **Saturday 9 October**  
from **10am to 12noon**

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**

# **LATEST SESSION!**



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>

[www.gascoigneclothing.com](http://www.gascoigneclothing.com) Password : DGS2001

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Dorothy Goodman School**

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**Saturday 30  
October  
2021**



## **Sense College Loughborough**



### **Virtual Open Day**

Start with a virtual tour of the College and an overview of what we can offer, followed by dedicated sessions on each of our curriculum pathways, a range of activities for your young person to take part in, and a chance to meet our team.

**Book now  
to 'virtually'  
visit us!**



### **Homefield Open Days**

## **October Open Day (Warwickshire)**

Look around our Warwickshire site at this in-person day event on Saturday 30th October 2021, 10am – 3pm. Meet staff, talk to students and experience life at Homefield.

**[Book Here](#)**

# Highlights of the week

## KS 1

**Lemurs:** Fantastic engagement in the sensory room this week and great movement in write dance.

**Leopards:** It is wonderful to see all the Leopards joining in with music to movement in P.E this week, lots of children joining in with actions to the songs.

**Lions:** Super engagement in Maths

**Llamas:** Very positive engagement and communication during circle time

**Tigers:** The children have been identifying more independently different aspects of crossing a road safely.

**Turtles:** Great engagement from all during phonics.

## KS 2

**Earth:** Great independence and communication during cookery!

**Mars:** All the children engaging and joining in the circle song time

**Mercury:** We made cup cakes! Everyone followed the instructions really well.

**Neptune:** the erection of our Bayeux tapestry.

**Saturn:** Olivia tidying up in class and tiding the fruit away in one of the lockers!! Luckily when asked she was able to lead the adult to it.



**Venus:** The whole class 'Dragon Treasure' sensory story.

## KS 3

**Apollo:** Independent cooking, making their own fruit salad

**Athena:** Exploring the work of Pablo Picasso in art and getting messy re creating his work.

**Kites:** Compliment circle in PSHE.

**Owls:** Cooking pasta and pizza.

**Poseidon:** Excellent engagement in Maths and English streaming.

**Atlas:** Tegan putting a helmet and riding a horse.

## KS 4

**Hera:** Kaydon did some lovely cooking and biscuit decorating and was really happy and engaged.

**Hercules:** Hercules bake off!

**Iris & Zeus:** Going to the allotment

**Janus:** Testing if chewing a cracker turns from savoury to sweet during science

**Cleveland House:** George achieving a distinction in his English speaking assessment.

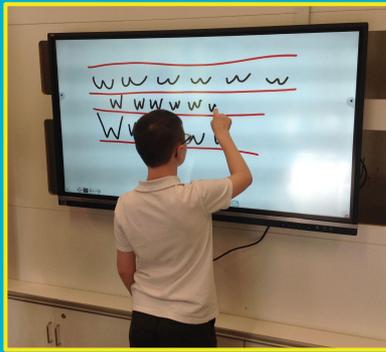
## KS 5

**6th Form:** Kyle, Kristian , Leo and Harry attending NWHC open evenings and exploring college course options.

**Demeter:** PE group games

**Nike:** Jack using his voice more frequently and more clearly!

# This week in pictures



# Key Stage 1

**Leopards:** We have explored all things that are orange, the Leopards enjoyed trying oranges and carrots as well as dressing up in orange scarves. At lunch time we have been encouraging children across the key stage to play together, Ring-a-ring of roses seems to be a favourite among everyone.

Arthur

**Lions:** We have had a busy week this week with lots of engagement in all areas. We very much enjoyed the free flow activities in Maths. One such activity was counting and 'splatting' hand prints to 5. We had lots of giggles and verbalisation of the numbers.

Our sensory umbrella in topic is a firm favorite all the pupils show an interest in different items hanging from the broly.

Matty

**Turtles:** We have listened to the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and explored with flour and water to make dough. The children have followed symbol instructions to make a jam sandwich and tried very hard to collect the resources and use the tools independently. They have then been able to sequence the order of making a sandwich using the vocabulary 'First, next, then, finally'.

Jax

**Lemurs:** The children have enjoyed making their own tasty sandwiches and using their senses to taste and smell a variety of new and exciting foods.

Frankie

**Llamas:** We have been thinking about our sense of sight. We have explored lights and shiny materials and in art used coloured tissue paper to make sun catchers. Everyone loved exploring rainbow colours and working together using the parachute. In maths we have been thinking about sorting and matching colours.

Rene

**Tigers:** Class have worked well choosing what activities they would like to engage in. The children have developed really positive relationships with peers and adults. Children have been exploring more tasty foods across the week. Well done Tigers!

Oliver

## Key Stage 2

**Earth:** We have really enjoyed creating our Dragon profiles in English and constructing these using recycled materials. In ICT we have been exploring a range of electronic equipment and completing research about the Vikings. There was fantastic mouse skills and keyboard skills when making Viking shields using the drawing app. In Art the children really engaged with the mindfulness session exploring how we can use different techniques approach to help us express ourselves and remain calm.

Elsa

**Mercury:** During registration time, children have taken it in turns to do the feelings board. It has given them a fantastic opportunity to interact with their peers and to build on their communication skills! In maths, we have been looking a shapes and sorting them into different categories. It's been amazing to see the children's confidence grow with this. Swimming was a success this week too! We loved seeing children becoming more independent while in the water using floating aids to help them. The children's smiles beamed from ear to ear!

Walter  
Ryley

**Mars:** We have been doing some Math positioning work, using teddy bears as props and placing them "on the table" and "under the table" ect. We have also continued with our sensory story on the Vikings and the children are starting to relay key things from the story as well as displaying their likes and dislikes to certain parts of the story. Most of the children particularly like the tinsel we use to represent the fire.

Harry

**Saturn:** In English we have been listening to a Viking chant and then trying to identify words that sound the same. In Maths we have been measuring. The students took their learning further and made a tower out of cubes that was taller than Ben!! The tower fell down numerous times, but they kept persevering to rebuild it.

Ashton  
Ralph

**Neptune:** In English the children planned a story and then wrote it so it included a start, a build up, a problem, a solution and an ending. In Maths we have learnt to use a rule, which enabled us to answer logic questions. In Science we investigated why lights get hot and what materials conduct electricity. In History we became archaeologists and unearthed Viking artefacts and in Art we painted our Viking sail.

Thomas

**Venus:** This week pupils have worked really hard in all lessons! Well done Venus. Everyone particularly enjoyed Viking battle role play with the junk modelled swords and shields. In PSHE pupils have looked at what it takes to be a good friend and what a positive friendship looks like. In English pupils took part in a Dragon Treasure sensory story which involved completing tasks such as searching for gold and acting. Have a great weekend!.

Mitchel  
Sarah

# Key Stage 3

**Athena:** The children have been continuing their superhero themed English and Maths work. In Art we have looked at Pablo Picasso and enjoyed a sherborne story in RE. We have also enjoyed our weekly swim on Monday.

Jamie

**Apollo:** In Maths, Apollo class have been collecting data on a variety of topics from shoe size to favourite fruit. Pupils then answered questions on the data they had collected. In PSHE the class made leaflets on endangered animals, ready to photo copy and share across the key stage to raise awareness.

Max

**Poseidon:** Class have been working on what makes a good friend in RSE and what we can do to be a good friend, Daisy said a good friend is someone who makes you laugh which was lovely!

The students had a super swimming session at the start of the week and are really starting to build water confidence, which is great to see. In Maths we have been exploring shapes and their properties, Zayan and Anton have been using their communication devices to answer questions in group discussions. In English we have been building sentences using colorful semantics, John has been able to include conjunctions in his sentences and Ethan has been practicing his incredibly neat handwriting! In Science we have made shadow puppets and also explored light sources. In Music we have been practicing our own rhythm using our bodies. Brandon, Aidan, Rohaan, Anton, Daisy and John could practice teaching the class their own beat using their bodies. The children have been working super hard this week keep up the good work!

Anton

**Kites:** It has been fantastic to see the progress made in swimming this term. To see how far the children have come, in confidence particularly, is clear to see! Just a reminder that it's our last swim next week until after Christmas. In Maths the children have been working hard on recognising amounts (up to thousands), bigger, smaller and equal to, as well as how to represent them. In English they made their own success criteria to create their superhero comic strips. It was great to see how much everyone had remembered from what we have learnt so far this term. Our PSHE lesson was focused on team building. It was lovely to hear the children complimenting each other and listening to others while they were sharing their compliments.

Louis

**Owls:** Owls have been investigating different methods of addition in maths and in English have been writing their own Superhero stories.

Italy was our culinary destination and we worked together to make a variety of Italian dishes and we discovered that olives are like marmite - you either love them or hate them! We have also been considering different ways to resolve conflict and develop friendships.

Bethany

# Key Stage 4

**Atlas:** Another busy week with the young people taking part in their Pathways classes at the stables and cooking in school. We are immensely proud of Tegan, after a year of perseverance she willingly put on a helmet and rode a horse for the first time. In Maths we have been working with money and the students have thoroughly enjoyed their yoga sessions and visits to the hydrotherapy pool.

Tegan

**Hercules:** We have explored human tissue and made our own moving hands. We have continued to focus on our football skills in PE. We have been building on our team skills in both Art and RSE building structures with cocktail sticks and following instructions to make our own playdough.

Thomas

**Iris & Zeus:** Another week has flown by but the highlight of the week has been going to the allotment. As part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award some of our pupils have been making compost heaps. This week, through teamwork, persistence, problem solving and communicating with one another, the tasks were completed and even some herbs were planted. It was such a joy to see young people working together in this way to complete a common goal. Well done everyone!

Callum  
Joseph  
Princess

**Hera:** In Art Hera did patterns made of tessellations - they used stamps to make their own patterns after they had studied a variety of tessellated patterns last week. In PE Emily showed great ball skills passing and catching the ball. We talked about how we can make the world, especially the sea, a cleaner place for animals and sea creatures during PSHE. Olivia asked 'how can we help at school?' In Humanities we took to our soap boxes to shout about things we thought were unfair or to ask for certain 'rights' Every body had a go and made some great comments about things that are unfair: plastic pollution in the sea, boys 'hogging' the ball court at unstructured times, having to work hard at school (cheeky!!)

Lewis

**Janus:** We are doing some great work in Science where the students did a test on how long a cracker needs to be chewed to turn it to being sweet, the students were all very engaged and enthusiastically recorded their data. In Art the students continued pattern work by looking at patterns in bridges, and all tried building our own bridges, with some being more successful than others!

Manav

**Cleveland House: KS3** - In yr 8 they have been looking at speed/ distance and time in math's and in English yr9 have started Of mice and men.

**KS4** - In Life skills our students continued to discuss road safety and try and experience different ones.

**KS5** - Alex completed his chromatography for Applied science. A popular autumn soup, tomato is being prepared by our students. They have all really worked hard catching up on homework and assessments.

KS3  
Ellie

KS4  
Kyle

KS5  
Grant

## Key Stage 5

**6th Form:** Exploring future careers and aspirations has been the focus for students, with Leo, Kyle, Kristian and Harry attending NWHC open evenings on Monday and Tuesday, where they spoke to course tutors, considered options and some even applied for courses in preparation for their next steps. In careers we have also been looking at job roles and considering skills needed.

BTEC workskills students are exploring work related skills and behaviours.

On Monday Hospitality students catered for the School commissioners by preparing and cooking a roast chicken dinner. Feedback was all positive. Some students are also working towards their food hygiene certificates. Work experience is underway with Leo attending Mencap on Wednesday, assisting with stock replenishment and organisation. He travelled independently and impressed others with his smart appearance. The Mencap shop is located in Hill street Hinckley , open Monday to Friday 9.30- 1pm and sells a large variety of cards and gifts. Carla's equestrian work experience has also begun and on Mondays she travels independently to Witham Village centre where she Manages the yard, mucking out, cleaning tack and grooming horses.

Helios  
Kyle

Kratos  
Stephen

Triton  
Kristian

**Demeter:** There was lots of fun had at swimming, with students showing good progression. The class continues to enjoy our weekly TacPac session, doing rhythmic massage to music. The bungalow Pathways group have done very well, making hot snacks. In RE, the class helped to make a giant decorative Chinese dragon!

Aya

**Nike:** Students continued exploring 'The Beach' and money in English and Maths. There was lots of independent work whilst working on labelling and sorting notes/coins. In Art, students worked on using a mirror to to create self-portraits with a variety of different materials. In RSE, we explored different mindfulness/meditation activities to help us succeed at school.

Jack

# Have a great weekend.