



# Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter



Friday 15th October 2021

**From our headteacher:** Well it has been a very busy end to a successful first half term back in school where we are all very proud of what the pupils have achieved.

Thomas R in Neptune shared with me his story about launching rockets into space and warring planets. His choice of vocabulary was excellent ‘the rocket was burning up in the atmosphere’ and although the warring planets were a concern he worked hard to find a solution and in the end the planets were sorry. Thomas has received a Head Teacher’s Award for his writing. Well done! The wider leadership team completed learning walks this week across the school and we thought it would be good to share what they have seen....

It was lovely to see the progress Athena had made this term – Ethan had communicated he wanted to work with his friends and Lucas, Omar and Elliot were sharing an activity beautifully. Poseidon were really engaged in learning about endangered animals, linking it to their own experiences of visiting the zoo. John could recall what they had previously learnt and was very enthusiastically contributing to the discussion. Aidan was practising putting his hand up to contribute with staff support and shared that his favourite animal that he had seen was a meerkat. It was lovely to see Key Stage 4 developing communication in English and there was some focused written work being achieved.

Play across the school has been working well Simon B got an assistant head aware for initiating play with peers and adults. The communication and engagement during Jupiter’s sensory story was phenomenal! There were lots of requests for more and the anticipation for the next part of the story was super.

The Duke of Edinburgh group volunteering at secondary on the allotment were working hard. Kailon and Will were preparing the ground for laying slabs and explained that they were repositioning the slabs so that everyone could access the allotment because we have to be fair to all pupils. Spencer explained about the compost heap and how this was being developed, he was turning it over to support the composting process and ensuring that it was level.

Have a lovely half term. Please continue to support the school to keep pupils safe by completing your lateral flow test on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October or Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October before your secondary aged child returns to school. The results 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 - New menu

w/c 25th October 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.

## 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



## OPEN EVENT

- **Date:** Sat, 27 November 2021
  - **Time:** 10:00 - 14:00
  - **Venue:** All Campuses

[Leicester College Open Event](#)



## Brooksby Melton College

### College Taster & Open Day – Melton Campus

- **Date:** Sat, 30 October 2021
- **Time:** 09:00/10:00 - 13:00
- **Venue:** Melton Campus
  - LE13 0HJ

[Brooksby Melton College Open Day](#)



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>

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](#)

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# Highlights of the week

## KS 1

### Lemurs:

The children were really engaged in P.E and soft play this week, it's great to see them so active!

### Leopards:

Class using lots of signing and verbal communication during the exploration of a pumpkin during Autumn topic week, while trying to open and scoop it out.

### Lions:

Watching our pupils digging carrots out of the soil, lots of fantastic counting and working together.

### Llamas:

Fantastic participation and engagement from all in our weekly key stage 1 assembly.

### Tigers:

This half term the children have engaged and interacted positively with their peers.

### Turtles:

Super waiting and turn taking to use the foot during our sensory exploration

## KS 2

### Earth:

There has been fantastic determination in PE this week and pupils supporting and helping each other

### Jupiter:

Some fantastic engagement and communication skills. They have also been working hard at building friendships and being respectful of one another.

### Mars:

Luke and Oscar being very nurturing towards their peers.

### Mercury:

It was great to see all the children back in school this week.

### Neptune & Saturn:

The Dragon Sensory Story.

### Venus:

The capacity lesson - learning how to measure.

## KS 3

### Apollo:

Emma leading the class in a drama activity, which also included a few phrases that she had learnt from me!

### Athena:

Working as part of a team during PSHE.

### Kites:

Pupils working together to earn class tokens.

### Owls:

Trying Chinese food

### Poseidon:

Super engagement in PSHE exploring endangered animals.

## KS 4

### Hera:

In RSE lesson all the pupils had a hand massage, some gave each other foot or hand massages. All were respectful of personal space and asked each other if they were happy. It was a lovely relaxing personal awareness session.

### Hercules:

Looking after our local community by doing a litter picking walk.

### Iris & Zeus:

Learning about the digestive system and making poo!

### Janus:

Hard work throughout the time

### Cleveland House:

Amelia attending HAJC after school netball club.

## KS 5

### 6th Form:

Adam for working with his peers. Gardening group for working together to overcome difficulties. AR achieving his level 2 food hygiene certificate

### Demeter:

PE dodgeball

### Nike:

Chloe being extremely brave and transitioning back to school!

# This week in pictures



# Key Stage 1

**Leopards:** This week we have been exploring all things Autumn: using conkers to paint pictures, having fun with leaves, exploring pumpkins and squash and choosing lots of warm clothes to dress ourselves up in. The Leopards ended a very busy week having fun in soft play. We hope you all have a lovely half term and return ready for more fun after the half term break.

Laura

**Lions:** Our final week of the half term has seen us consolidating our learning. We have finished off our sensory story of "Peace at Last" and done some fantastic artwork showing what we have been covering in the story. Within class a more autumnal scene has appeared with leaf and vegetable prints and the introduction of Harvest.

Reuben

**Turtles:** We have learned about Harvest and enjoyed listening to the story 'The Enormous Turnip'. There has been some great engagement from children following a recipe to chop vegetables and put them in a bag to take home to cook. Well done to Jacob K and Kenzie for remembering this activity and repeating it in their choice time. There has been some great progress and increased confidence in PE which we observed this week in our last session using the balancing and climbing apparatus. Wishing you all a safe and happy half term holiday.

Ellis  
Harry

**Lemurs:** The Lemurs children are starting to recognize different parts of the body and can point them out whilst singing, "heads, shoulders knees an toes, knees and toes". Well done Lemurs!

Phoebe

**Llamas:** This week we have been thinking about Harvest and our topic story was The little red hen. We used props to retell the story and particularly enjoyed exploring the flour! In cooking we followed symbol instructions to make a jam sandwich and in topic role played being farmers digging up their vegetables for harvest.

Rocco

**Tigers:** This half term the children have transitioned really well too and from swimming. Their engagement and enthusiasm to learning has been so wonderful to see. They have built up really positive relationships with their adults and peers. Well done Tigers!

Whole  
Class

# Key Stage 2

**Earth:** What a fantastic half term all the children have tried really hard working on their personal targets and have engaged really well with learning activities. In English we have been working on following instructions and creating their own instructions to make sandwiches. There has been some fantastic discussion and reflection on what they created. In maths we have worked on number the children have had fun playing number games, going on number hunt and working on their addition. Well done for a brilliant half term and have a well earned rest.

Whole Class

**Jupiter:** We have been going on a dragon adventure in English, exploring our emotions in PSHE, working on our number anticipation in Maths and we have been building our own circuits in Science and making viking rock cakes in cooking

Helena

**Mercury:** This week we loved our last swimming session for a while. All of the children in the class have made a lot of progress with swimming especially Rosie and Lacey who have become more independent in the water! In cooking we made apple crumble. It was a hard cutting up apples but the children really shown great determination to make sure the job was done. We have been doing some positioning work in Maths using cuddly toys as props and placing them on, in, under and beside other objects. Well done Mercury for a great half term!

Elliot  
Rosie

**Mars:** This week in mars we have been finishing our Viking topic we have made Viking shields, the children turned their photos into Viking warriors and we have explored the Viking sensory story. The children enjoyed a sherbourne session where we seem some amazing peer on peer interactions and in cooking we have made some cakes.

Charlie

**Neptune:** The students investigated different sentence structures, especially instructions to enable them to make a list of instructions of how to make a Viking ship. Maths the students explored how to equally share their pot of hoarded treasure amongst themselves, equally!. In Science the students learnt what it's really like to be scientist... in particular understanding experiments do fail!!

Freya

**Saturn:** In English the students have taken part in a Dragon Sensory Story. They put their cloaks on and entered the cave (the think pod) and spotted the treasure. The students collected wood for a fire and made potions to put the dragon to sleep so they could get the treasure. In science the students took apart broken electrical items to investigate what was inside. They had "strict instructions not to do this at home!" Thank you all the amazing donations to our treasure chest.

Lacey-  
Mae

**Venus:** The Children really enjoyed engaging in all activities this week and showed a great interest in all lessons including science, reading, and maths. The whole class are really looking forward to half term! Enjoy!

George  
Ty

# Key Stage 3

**Athena:** This week we have been exploring shape and number in Maths, In Art we have looked at the work of Salvador Dali and created our own surrealism images. We have enjoyed working on developing our writing skills in English and Non verbal drama has led to lots of laughs and positive engagement.

Kacper

**Apollo:** Wow, where has that first half term gone? I am extremely proud of all the pupils in Apollo on how they have settled back into their routines and the amount of high quality work they have produced. The team and I hope that you all have a lovely half term!

Emma

**Poseidon:** This week has been a super week in Poseidon class. Students have worked really hard on engagement and independence. In maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, we have made shapes out of recycled materials we have identified properties of 2d shapes and we have been on a shape walk outside of school. In English this week John has been working super hard on his independence writing superhero sentences and Ethan has worked really hard with Sian to practice extending his sentences. Rohaan has also been practicing his sentences and letter formation. In RSE this week we have been working on what makes a good friend and Poseidon class played games outside with the parachute and was able to share and say who their friend was in the class and why. In Science we have been looking at light sources to our superhero sensory story with disco lights and music. Have a great half term Poseidon class, what a super start to the term!

Daisy

**Kites:** Pupils in Kites have been superstars this week and really shown our school values in abundance. Whether it be during lesson time or break and lunch, pupils have been showing respect, independence and nurture throughout. Pupils have also been challenging themselves in maths, taking on tricky challenges and growing in confidence. In PE we have had great fun playing Volleyball and in PSHE we have continued to have some interesting discussions around endangered animals.

Oliver

**Owls:** We have been working hard in maths applying what we already know to word problems and trying new ways of working. In English we have been rounding off our Superhero topic with some descriptive writing about an "Underdog". China was this week's culinary destination and everyone tried a bit of everything - noodles were a favourite! We also investigated what our names would look and sound like in the Chinese language (both traditional and simple).

Aryan



# Key Stage 4

**Hercules:** This week in Hercules we finished our term off with our last swimming lesson, we focused on patterns and completed some glass painting. We have completed a messy experiment by making a model of the human digestive system and finished our topic on the suffragettes by acting out the movement.

Theo

**Iris & Zeus:** In Science this week we have been learning all about the digestive system and finding out where the stomach and intestines are in our bodies. The Operation Ouch video helped pupils see how food is digested and then they were able to conduct an experiment making 'poo'. There was lots of fun and laughter but also a lot of learning about these important organs of our bodies. In English we finished our text, Lord of the Flies. Many pupils had made predictions about the ending of the story and some were very accurate! Last Friday afternoon there was a fun staff vs pupils football game and although the staff tried very hard, they lost 2-0. Let's hope that when we do football again we can have a rematch. Hope you all have a lovely half term break!

Kailon  
Spencer

**Hera:** In Art the pupils went hunting for tessellated patterns and they did 'brass rubbing' to take back to class and study. In computing we talked about personal information, what is safe to share online and what is not? We shared facts about ourselves like favourite colour, favourite food, whether we have pets and what they are. Then we did a quiz to see who had learned how to be safe in terms of personal information and what to do when we are scared or worried. Hera pupils were awesome in their responses. In last lesson of Maths stream we had loads of fun playing monopoly, uno and Go Fishing - each pupil caught 2 fish then added or subtracted the numbers on the bottom.

PJ

**Janus:** A positive week to end the term with the students settled and working hard, in science we finished up our topic looking at what we had learnt throughout the term. in Art we finished the topic making some towers with various different resources. Flo and Jareth managed to building a large K'nex tower! I think we are all looking forward to a well earned break.

Harley

**Cleveland House: KS3** - yr 7 were having autism awareness lessons and in PE our students were doing basketball.

**KS 4** - most of our students were completing end of term tests and Tom completed a fantastic piece of work on MacBeth.

**KS5** - Our sixth form students have been completing UCAS forms and looking at different university courses. In A level science student have been dissecting pigs.

KS3  
Amelia

KS4  
Jack

KS5  
Bradley

## Key Stage 5

**6th Form:** In swimming students engaged and participated in the lesson. During PE, students learnt and practiced different yoga poses.

In BTEC workskills the focus was on researching Job role suited to own skills, interests and abilities and assessing skills needed. The RSE lesson was really positive with students discussing what makes them angry and highlighting strategies to help. The Duke of Edinburgh group learnt some first aid skills and how to recognise and manage risks they might encounter on their expedition.

Helios  
Finn

Kratos  
Jack

Triton  
Kieran

**Demeter:** We have had a good week, we have continued with The Beach Sherborne lesson, Sea Kayaking MATP, and virtually all of KS5 students joined in with a great dodgeball lesson. We hope everyone enjoys half-term and we are looking forward to lots of new themed lessons for next term.

Charli

**Nike:** Students this week continued working on self portraits in art using different mediums including salt dough, collages (tissue paper), drawing, and painting. We also continued working hard on emotions and mindfulness during PHSE and RSE. In English and Maths, we stuck to our topics of 'The Beach' and money. Some students went to Asda today to gather ingredients for cooking while the others hung back and had a lovely coffee morning to go with the theme we've been working on while reading 'The Beach'. Have a lovely half term!.

Chloe

# Have a great Half-Term break.