



Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter



Friday 29th October 2021

From our headteacher: It has been a busy first week back at school with lots of different things happening. Tarell and Will have been involved in the Move Like Me Project where they filmed sessions explaining training drills for rugby and boxing. It is all about inspiring other young people with SEND and being their role models to get moving. Tarell and Will did so well that they have been asked to help with a future project and we can't wait to see all of their hard work. Once available we will share the links for the video with you.

The pupils on residential have been very busy and I am sure that they (and the staff) will be exhausted when they return. They started with a bit of housekeeping (making the beds) with some unique strategies and refuelling ready for the activities ahead. Everyone has attempted the climbing wall with some pupils using specialist attachments and although they were a little anxious they gave it a go. Two groups went out canoeing whilst one group managed to remain dry the other group came back a little bit wet. It is fantastic that we are able to get back to providing wider opportunities for the pupils.

Pupils have been engaging well with the lunch clubs at Secondary. Cassie-Jayne showed excellent concentration, focusing on her balloon art and problem solving to make sure that it turned out just how she wanted it. Harley and Euan were two of the pupils who were engrossed in Lego Club working past lunchtime to create their models.

Leopards had a fantastic time when parents joined them for a stay and play session. It was a lovely opportunity for parents to see learning journeys, new AAC devices and for videos of pupils to be shared. It helped the class to learn even more about the friendships that are developing between pupils who had met over the half term break and played for hours. And one parent shared their view with the team "phenomenal"!

Thank you for continuing to support us in keeping the school safe. Please continue to complete your lateral flow tests Sunday night/Monday morning and Wednesday night/Thursday morning recording the results [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
Tue 2nd Nov	Parents Eve	Booking is live
Fri 19th Nov	Children in Need day	KS2 - Richmond, details below
Fri 17th Dec	Last day of term	



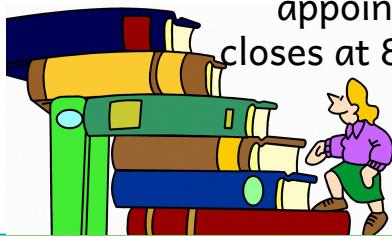
School Notices

PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 2nd November.

Appointments are available in-person or as a virtual meet.

Please go to the Arbor app to book an appointment. Booking closes at 8am on Monday 1st November. Thank you.



LUNCHES



w/c 1st November 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.

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2. Link to your child's school
3. Spend at participating retailers
4. Start receiving your eGift cards.



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.

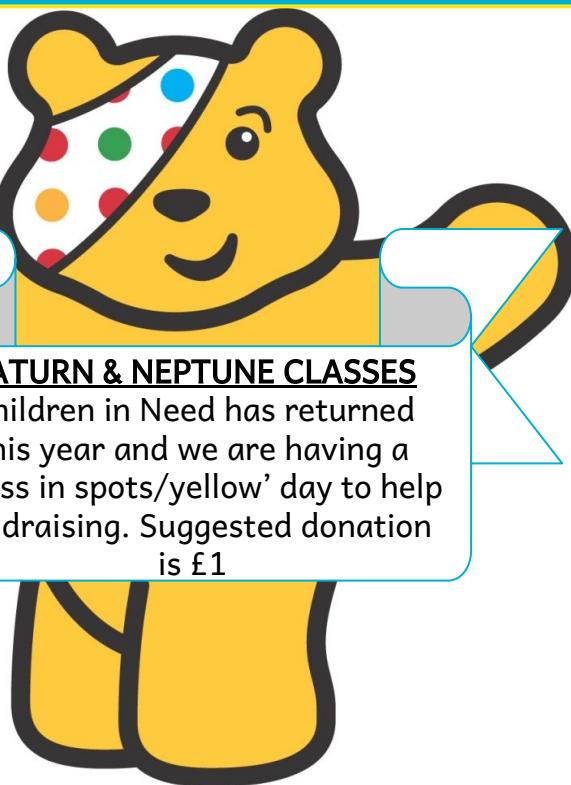
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Other Notices



SATURN & NEPTUNE CLASSES

Children in Need has returned this year and we are having a 'dress in spots/yellow' day to help fundraising. Suggested donation is £1

Saturday 30
October
2021



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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!**



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>



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.

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Highlights of the week

KS 1

Lemurs:

Our amazing Thursday afternoon where the children enjoyed playing with modern toys and toys from the past.

Leopards:

Our first, very successful stay and play session. It was lovely to get a chance to show how we have progressed since starting school in August.

Lions:

The class very much enjoyed exploring our Halloween theme tuff spot.

Llamas:

Great engagement from everyone in our new PSHE topic.

Tigers & Turtles:

The children in both have been working together focusing on sharing and building friendships.

KS 2

Earth:

Fantastic engagement and interactions swimming!

Jupiter:

Our pupils have worked really hard this week and have been willing to try new foods as well as working on building new friendships.

Mars:

Emilia developing her communication

Mercury:

Watching the children communicate really well with each other.

Neptune:

Alfie M becoming a big brother!!!!

Saturn:

Romeo asking if Dorothy put him in this class.

Venus:

All the children in Venus loved caring for their doll babies when learning about the human life cycle in Science.

KS 3

Apollo:

Everyone finding a new love for pumpkin, whilst cooking pumpkin spice scones

Athena:

This week we have enjoyed our non verbal drama lesson, We worked together as a class to use the props effectively.

Kites:

Carving pumpkins

Owls:

Halloween cooking

KS 4

Hercules:

Exploring medieval medicine

Iris & Zeus:

Making Rocky Road sweets!

Cleveland House:

Pumpkin Carving!!!!

KS 5

Demeter:

The whole class being together!

Nike:

Students enjoyed getting on the gymnastics equipment during PE.

6th Form:

Designing our costumes in sewing

This week in pictures



Key Stage 1

Leopards: This week we have started our new topic all about toys, we have had a great time exploring our toy shop and seeing children work together to build the biggest train track we have ever seen! As always there were lots of enjoyment had in write dance with lots of messy play, paint and using the parachute to make our teddies jump in the air.



Lions: This week we used Halloween as our theme. In Write Dance we focused on making marks related to the topic. The pupils followed up and down marks like a spider on a web and zig zag marks like a mouth on a pumpkin. Reuben and Joshua enjoyed the sensory story of picking pumpkins at Halloween. They enjoyed the vibration signifying the bumpy tractor. In Art we had some wonderful communication discussing the colours the pupils wanted to use to decorate an Autumn sky.



Lemurs: This week the children have enjoyed our role play toy shop and 'buying' their favourite toys. We have also made the most of the windy weather and played parachute games outside. On Friday we had a lot of messy fun carving and exploring pumpkins, we have also been using and interacting with balloons, a fun filled week for everybody and we seem to really enjoy our new topic of Toys and Games.

Llamas: In Llamas his week we have done some excellent number work focussing on independent counting and 1:1 correspondence. In topic we have had a "spooky" theme. We have carved pumpkin faces and created our own paper plate pumpkin faces. We also have been on a Halloween treasure hunt around the sensory garden.

Tigers & Turtles: Tigers and Turtles have had real positive swim and they have all settled back into their school routine quickly. They have adapted and change well this week. Well done Tigers and Turtles.



Key Stage 2

Earth: This week in English stream the children have had fun with the sound of the week in our phonic games, recognizing reading and finding this sound in the sound hunt game. In Maths we have explored number and there has been good focus and problem solving when ordering, counting and identifying the missing numbers. In Art the children have had fun creating our class pumpkin, designing carving and exploring the seeds, making our 3D ghosts and exploring paint mixing.

Austin

Mars: This week in Mars we have done some Halloween themed activities. We have made monster and spiders in art. We have explored a pumpkin pie themed tuff tray and made a witches brew. We also had fun using the Halloween fancy dress and did a bit of role play pretending to be witches and zombies.

Emilia

Neptune & Saturn: In English we have read the new story: New York Baby! to which we all investigated different landmarks in New York and wrote a postcard to Mrs. Clara. In maths we have been practicing our addition, subtraction, division and multiplication knowledge. Our country of the week has been France! So in cultural studies we tried French cuisine, in computing we navigated round Paris in Google maps, in geography we explored France and found out interesting facts and in art we made a local landmark. In English we have had a sensory story around boarding an airplane and travelling to New York. Alfie was the captain and the CYP experienced turbulence. In geography the CYP explored different countries and learn how they are the same to England.

Danielle
Alfie

Mercury: The children loved science this week. We looked at what babies need. The children cared for dolls by putting clothes on them, washing them and putting nappies on. We also thought about what they might eat and we mashed some foods up for them. In English we enjoyed packing for a trip to New York and even went sightseeing!

Jack
Theo

Jupiter: This week we have started to explore the New York baby story in English and maths, We went to France in a role play Geography session where we tried a range of French foods, build our own Eiffel towers and went sightseeing to spot a variety of French landmarks as well as colouring the French flag. In PSHE we have been looking at what sort of clothes we would need to pack for a cold holiday and a hot holiday, exploring safety around hot drinks and our emotions when looking at the snowman while some of our pupils explored various cold sensory items and their preferences towards these

Layton

Keian
Laith
Ty

Venus: This week pupils started a new story in English, 'New York, Baby!'. The children seem to really enjoy it and have been roll playing key events and learning facts about New York. In Maths we have been working on solving subtraction sums using different methods.

In Geography we are learning about a different country every week! This week was France. Pupils enjoyed learning some French words, decorating the French flag and trying different French foods. Well done Venus!

Key Stage 3

Athena: This week we have worked hard in English looking at our new book holes. In Maths we have started to look at the seasons and sequencing the days of the week. In RE we have explored the Maori creation story and in PSHE we have enjoyed a sherborne story introducing us to our log cabin experience.

George

Apollo: A great week back after half term, where the pupils have started to think about our new theme for this term, 'Positives and negatives'. In Art they created positive and negative space themed pieces, with a Halloween twist. In English, they watched the first part of 'Holes' which is our text for this term. Already personal opinions were shared on what they thought about the film, which is great because we are going to continue sharing our own thoughts and learning how to listen to different opinions.

Olivia

Kites: Kites have settled in back after half term and continued with the fantastic effort and attitude. We have embraced Halloween and carved pumpkins this week, lots of fun and messy and some excellent spooky faces created. In English we have begun to explore the story Holes, and also look at non-chronological reports and in PE we have started gymnastics and use apparatus.

Ethan

Owls: Owls have had a busy first week back, looking at new book 'Holes' in English we have met our main character and made predictions about what will happen next. In Maths we have used what we learnt last term about place value to solve some Halloween problems.

in Science we have been on a materials scavenger hunt around the school looking for what things are made from.

in art we made some Halloween designs including lots of messy play with paint, to match our art we also baked spooky cupcakes .

Megan

Cleveland House

KS3: Pumpkin carving was the highlight of the week and our YR 8 /9 completed English assessments. Amelia wrote a diary entry in English for The Women In Black which was excellent work.

George

KS4: All our students settled back really well after the half term break and Jack and Kyle completed their English assessment.

Our YR11 students have received their GCSE mock results with some excellent grades

Danni

KS5 Bradley and Alex received good A level mock results and the students after carving their pumpkins made a fantastic spooky pumpkin soup.

Jake

Iris & Zeus: Everyone was pleased to get back to school after the break and it was lovely to hear how many of our pupils had either been on holiday or had had days out again. Our theme for this half term is linked to family. In English our text is 'Chocolat' so we are going to focus on recipes, shopping, going to a cafe and making sweets - healthy ones of course! In science there will be a focus on pollution and how humans impact our living world.

With some of our pupils being on the Kingswood residential we have had a quieter end to the week but look forward to hearing all about their adventures next week!

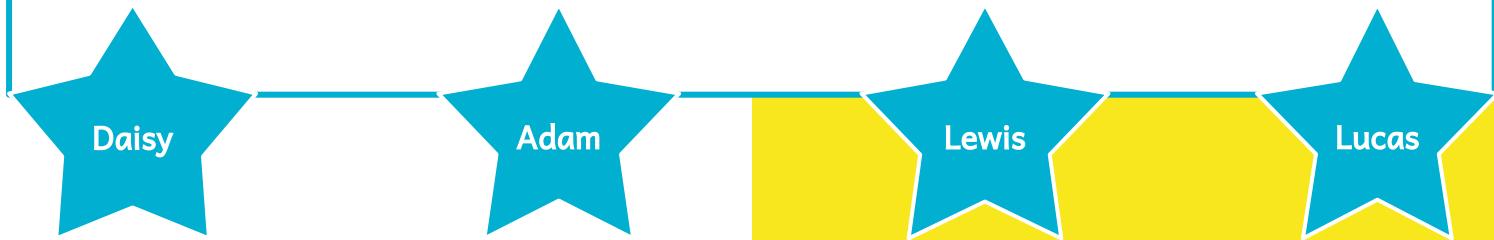
Alfie
Lola

Hercules: This week we have started our new topic of Chocolat, we did an experiment to see photosynthesis and discussed the different communities that we are apart of.

Charley

Key Stage 5

6th Form: In gardening pathway we have been picking up leaves and weeding. Sports pathway we played volleyball and created our own games. Halloween was the theme for the art and design making a photo backdrop. In sewing we have been looking at different festivals and costumes to help design our own costume. In hospitality we have started a new menu. Lots of good teamwork and independence.



Demeter: We have been working through some different war poems this week, with different Sherborne sessions/sensory stories.

In RSE, the topic is 'My Country'. We started off by looking at England, and will look at all the different countries that our students/staff & families come from. This week, we tried tea, scones, Morris dancing & explored the English countryside!

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Nike: This week, students began working on pre-1914 poetry in English and continued to work on money during Maths. In art, students researched the life of Florence Nightingale and made their own lanterns similar to 'The Lady with the Lamp'. In cooking, students made bangers and mash and chocolate ginger cake. Some students went to Asda to do the weekly shop as well. Have a great weekend.

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Have a great weekend.