



Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter



Friday 5th November 2021

From our headteacher: Independence is one of the key values of the school and over the last week the pupils have been demonstrating how their independence is growing this term. Josh B (Hercules) impressed me with his explanation about his learning around internet safety. He explained that you should not share information with strangers as it could get you into trouble and he knew that when he was at home he should speak with his parents about whether or not something was safe on the computer. At the pool this week Ryan C managed to complete the whole swim session independently and Jack E shared that he was a strong swimmer after a successful session. Tigers and Turtles were really engaged in the pool whooshing around using the noodles and using the engagement to build in communication opportunities.

Emma (who led the residential) has shared some of the fantastic achievements of the pupils who went to Kingswood last week linked to taking risks and giving things a go. Alexis was very nervous about the zipwire, she stood at the top twice trying to build herself up. She watched Olivia go down and said, "If Olivia can do it, I can do it!" And she did. Naomi was very unsure of how unsteady the boats looked on the water. She refused to get on them with everyone else but when they had left down river, instantly regretted it. When they came back she was determined to get on. She had her own little trip around the river with the instructor. Amy has no fear, she stepped up to the edge of the zipwire tyre and stepped off with no hesitation at all, and she loved it! Heidi laughed her way through the whole few days, even in the her sleep! I don't think I've seen her smile so much.

In Zeus the pupils were working on creating different sounds and recording these - some of them were challenging but they used their problem solving skills and classmates to come up with some great ideas. Alfie P explained how he had used the leaves outside the classroom to create the sound of walking on snow, he recognised that Joseph had helped him and that the sound might have been even better if the leaves had been dry. In the class Nathan was exploring how a metal ruler might create the sound of clanging swords whilst Callum and Corey used the litter pickers to achieve the same effect.

Please continue to complete your lateral flow test twice a week and record the results [here](#).

Date	Event	Location
Fri 19th Nov	Children in Need day	Details below
Fri 17th Dec	Last day of term	



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.





School 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 8th November 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.



1. Visit www.myschoolfund.org to register for free.
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FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER

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





This week in pictures



Highlights of the week

KS 1

- Leopards:** The children really enjoyed exploring and tasting coloured rice and poppadom's as part of our Diwali topic.
- Lions:** The class loved exploring the Diwali sensory tray.
- Llamas:** Our Diwali afternoon
- Tigers & Turtles:** The children in both classes are becoming more independent with taking ownership of their own learning during free flow activities.

KS 2

- Earth:** Great engagement in science exploring what babies need to grow and develop.
- Jupiter:** Fantastic interaction with peers and sharing space with others
- Neptune:** To be able to celebrate Diwali with the CYP in Neptune
- Saturn:** a new lunchtime running club which started Thursday this week
- Venus:** The children loved making chocolate apples for Bonfire Night.

KS 5

- Demeter:** The whole class being together!
- Nike:** Creating Diwali decorations!
- 6th Form:** Harry, kieran and Callum.M participating in mock interviews at the Work for all programme.
Lucas, Kristian and Kieran attending work experience at Hollycroft park, litter picking and planting to improve the area.
Stephen completing office tasks and working towards his food hygiene level 1.

KS 3

- Apollo:** How they reflected and remembered the story of Holes so far.
- Kites:** It was great to see the class join together to collect natural materials to make a class log cabin.
- Owls:** Firework Art
- Poseidon:** Poseidon class were very sensible going to ASDA cafe in our communication lesson.

KS 4

- Hera:** Pupils looked at 'work to be proud of' and were so pleased with their own and classmates work.
- Hercules:** Using our chromebooks and taking part in the class kahoot quiz!
- Janus:** Diva lights in art
- Iris & Zeus:** Creating sound effects in ICT.

- Cleveland House:** Kyle performing two Beatle songs at JC6 Open Evening.

Key Stage 1

Leopards: Leopards this week have been learning all about the celebration of Diwali, we had fun dressing up in traditional clothing, exploring lights and colours, while listening to the story of Diwali.

Lekan

Lions: This week we have focused our activities around the celebration of Diwali. The pupils enjoyed exploring the theme of patterns in logic and creative. We focused on using shapes and colours to represent Rangoli patterns. We also made firework pictures related to the celebrations. There was lots of independence shown when making these pictures.

Ethan

Llamas: This week we have been learning about Diwali. Everyone engaged in our message story and enjoyed dressing up and food tasting. We have used coloured rice to make rangoli patterns and made paper plate divas.

Rayyan

Tigers & Turtles: We have been celebrating where the children in both classes have exploration and challenge their creativity through craft afternoons and cookery. The children have been developing their awareness of how they feel through interception. Well done Tigers and Turtles.

Kacper
Aurora

Key Stage 2

Earth: This week in maths we have been working hard on sharing and division. There has been lovely problem solving and turn taking. In Science the children have explored how we grow and develop, this week we investigated the early stages of our life and what we needed as babies and what we could do. There was lovely engagement and interaction in the role play area- well done. In English we created our passports and explored what we would need to go travelling, there was interesting choices and discussion around what you need to pack.

Bethany
William

Jupiter: This week in science we have been exploring the life cycle of a person exploring all stages of life but paying particular focus on babies. In Topic we went to Spain where we explored their culture and located it on a map. In PSHE we have also been practicing life skills such as washing muddy boots, hanging washing to dry and folding clothes, exploring cold weather and how to care for ourselves. We have also continued our exploration of the New York baby sensory story.

Seb

Neptune: In English this week we have explore New York, we have experienced the lights of Times Square, Bagel and Cream cheese and a New York bus journey. In Maths we have explored counting on from a given number and how to identify all the objects in a picture to count. Our country of the week has been Italy, which has enabled us to explore Italian cultures and their language along with famous people and venues in Italy.

Macie

Saturn: In English we have been learning about New York with a focus around the Twin Towers and the 9/11 memorial. We have been adding symbols and writing to pictures and talking about emotions linked around the event. In maths we have been learning about how to break 2 digit numbers down into 10's and 1's. In geography we learned all about Iceland. The students had a go at writing their name in Icelandic Runes and the Blue Lagoon (foot spa) was a favourite activity to try. We put conditioner in the foot spa, thinking it would not make bubbles, but there was bubbles escaping everywhere!!

Kian

Venus: This week the children learnt about weighing objects in maths. In English we worked on our reading comprehension before working together in some fun communication games. In Science we learnt about the toddler and child stage of the human life cycle. In Geography we learnt about Spain which included trying Spanish food and dancing to Spanish music.

Isabelle
Mitchel

Key Stage 3

Apollo: In Maths this week the pupils have been focusing on the calendar, looking at days of the week, months and seasons.

Pupils could sequence these different elements and also discuss what they would do on those days or in the different seasons. In communication this week, pupils played games without adult modelling and could explain the different rules to each other.

Tyler

Poseidon: This week Poseidon have been very busy working really hard in all lessons.

In maths we have been learning about seasons and temperature using thermometers and going on a season walk.

In English we have been practicing our sentence structure, digraph sounds and colourful semantics. In RE we have been learning about the Maori story and we have made our own haka. Anton and Zayan was brilliant at this! In drama we have been going on a sensory story to find our treasure and Pimmi loved using the water spray. Lots of engagement and independence this week, well done Poseidon.

Brandon

Kites: In English this week we have continued to read 'Holes'. The class enjoyed debating whether they thought the main character should have chosen prison or camp for his accused crimes. They showed great respect to each other, listening to others views and not undermining them.

Our maths group have continued to work on addition and subtraction, using both the column method and number bond activities. In Humanities the class learnt about a slave who managed to escape imprisonment. They were really interested to hear about her story and discussed how unfair the situation was.

Ellis

Owls: This week in Owls we have continued our book 'Holes' in english describing the characters, the setting and the emotions in the book.

In Maths we have continued to look at the 4 operations, including creating our own place value dominoes and ending the week with a class game of UNO!

In Science we did a sensory treasure hunt for different material, in art we created firework pictures and watched videos of displays, we cooked hot dogs and hot chocolate as if we were at a firework display ourselves!.

Aaryan

Key Stage 4

Hera: This week we have talked about Remembrance Sunday, what it means and why we buy poppies. Pupils have done some lovely art work around Remembrance too. Pupils have been using their energy in very productive ways in PE and at Swimming. In RE pupils have been learning about Hinduism and Diwali, they made diva lamps and Rangoli patterns. In Computing we are still talking about safety online, telling someone if you have any problems, getting permission to post photos of yourself and others. We are also practicing logging in, independently and sending an email to class mates. PSHE is all about diversity within our communities, the school community is our focus - diversity in the jobs of adults. Diversity in our wonderful pupils looking at their individuality, differences and similarities Humanities is all about GRUESOME MEDICINE through the ages - scary and very interesting.

Cassie-Jayne

Hercules: We have continued to explore photosynthesis and the different parts of a plant. We have continued to work on our team skills. In PE we have been practising our balancing skills and

Theo

Iris & Zeus: Another lovely week! Very pleased to have all our pupils back in school after some had been to Kingswood - with lots of tales to tell! In ICT all students really enjoyed making sound effects for our Narnia play using things in the classroom. There was some excellent problem solving skills being shown exploring metal rulers to create the sound of clanging swords and Alfie explained how he had used the leaves outside the classroom to create the sound of walking on snow. Callum and Alfie recognised that drier leaves would make for a better crunch! Ryan and Dylan were using the computer to explore the sounds that they had found and Dylan informed me that they had discovered the sound of death.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kailon Sam

Janus: We've had a positive week even with the weather getting a bit colder! in science we carried on looking at food chains, Kaydone really seemed to be picking up where different animals go on the food web. In Art we had a go at making Diwali Diva lamps with clay which the whole class enjoyed Jareth and Kaydone worked especially well together with Kaydone showing Jareth how to shape the clay better.

Jake

Key Stage 5

6th Form: Well done to Harry, Kieran and Callum.M who attended the LEBC work for all programme where they are developing skills in teamwork, communication, problem solving and creative thinking. They participated in a mock interview and answered questions about their interests, skills and hobbies and received a certificate.

In careers the Monday group looked at Interviews, what to expect and questions that might be asked, Tuesday's group listed jobs and then acted out to others to guess.

In lifeskills students worked well together using communication and problem solving to complete an egg drop challenge.

In English, students completed a murder mystery activity as part of Inspector Calls. The Duke of Edinburgh group have been practising map reading and looking at grid references in preparation for their walking expedition.

Kristian

Kieran

Jasmine

Stephen

Demeter: The class enjoyed going swimming again this week. The Lifeskills pathway did well making pot-noodles, at the bungalow. In RE, we looked at the different things that make us happy and sad. Students have been getting more confident in gymnastics, in PE.

Adam

Nike: This week students continued to explore poetry in English. We started new unit in maths of fractions and ratios. Students used food to explore whole, halves, and quarters. In art, we talked about Diwali and had fun making different crafts and decorations. Our country of the week was India. Students enjoyed learning about India, exploring different foods, and doing research. In PE, students explored gymnastics and yoga. Have a great weekend.

Disha

Cleveland House

KS3: Yr 7 Students made a great effort in learning to play rugby and there was some positive peer interaction. In Yr 8 our students learnt about respiration in science. Yr9- In English they continued their study of Mice And Men. Within the Unit they have been becoming increasingly more independent.

Mackenzie

KS4: In our group PHSE lesson our students discussed the HAJC Hinckley challenge and started to plan what activities they would achieve throughout the academic year . All students have done some great work in GCSE inclusion lessons

Whole
Class

KS5 All our students have been completing mock exams in a range of subjects. Well done to them all!!!

Bradley



Have a wonderful weekend.