



# Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter



Friday 12th November 2021

**From our headteacher:** School continues to be busy and pupils have been really focused with their learning this week. Euan at Cleveland House was accessing his homework on the French Revolution when I visited. He was really focused on transitioning his learning to the activity that had been set and he used the internet to support him to understand some of the vocabulary that was new to him. As soon as he saw a visual diagram of the 'caste system' in France he was able to apply it to the learning he had done in the classroom and complete his homework. Two of the pupils from Cleveland House also spent some time at the Vocational 6<sup>th</sup> Form this week and it was great to hear how much they had enjoyed the DIY session and that they are going to progress to cooking their own lunch.

Karl in Saturn was working independently to choose some of the foods that he liked – he was very clear that sprouts were not for him but that he would try chicken and stuffing crisps. In Neptune class there was excellent focused writing going on. The pupils had worked on their ideas the day before and were having the opportunity to revisit and develop their ideas in the final draft. Imaginations were working hard and it was lovely to hear about how they hoped their ideas for a park might raise money for charities to support people who were unwell.

Leopards class had another stay and play session this week with parents and pupils joining in for a parachute session. We also want to say a huge thank you to The Randal Charitable Foundation and The Menphys Charity who have provided 10 new communication devices for pupils within the school. We will keep you updated on the progress that the pupils make.

Today secondary aged pupils will be bringing home more lateral flow testing kits. Please can parents continue to support the school and ensure where possible that tests are completed on Sunday evening/Monday morning and Wednesday evening/Thursday morning and record your results [here](#).



Kelly



## LUNCHES



w/c 15th November 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.

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

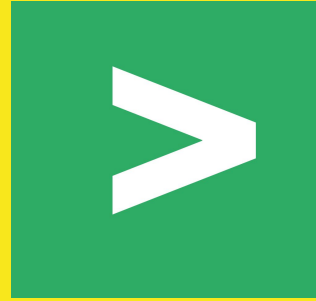


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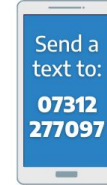
Find information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities all in one place - this is known as Leicestershire's 'Local Offer'.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disability>



Together we care, learn and succeed

Specialist  
Autism  
Team  
ChatAutism



The specialist autism team have a text message service for autistic people aged 14 and over

If you want to talk about:

Emotional wellbeing

Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking

Healthy lifestyle

Understanding your autism

Healthy relationships

Finding support

**bamboozle**

**Christmas Concerts for schools**

**FREE: half hour of festive favourites**

**Tuesday 14th December**  
LIVE to your classroom at 11am or 2pm!

Visit our YouTube channel:  
[www.youtube.com/bamboozle1210](http://www.youtube.com/bamboozle1210)

*The concert is also being recorded and will be made available anytime during the rest of the week.*

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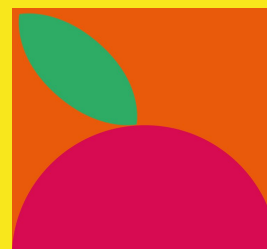
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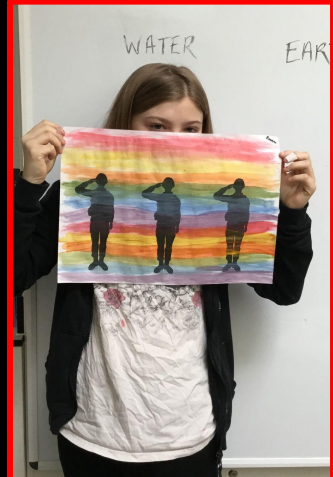
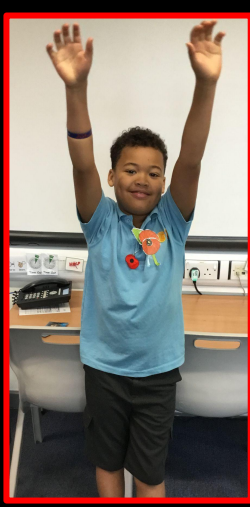
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**FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER**

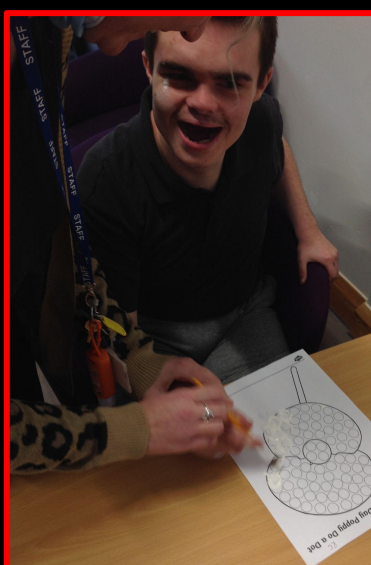
Children in Need has returned this year and we are having a 'dress in spots/yellow' day to help fundraising. Suggested donation is £1





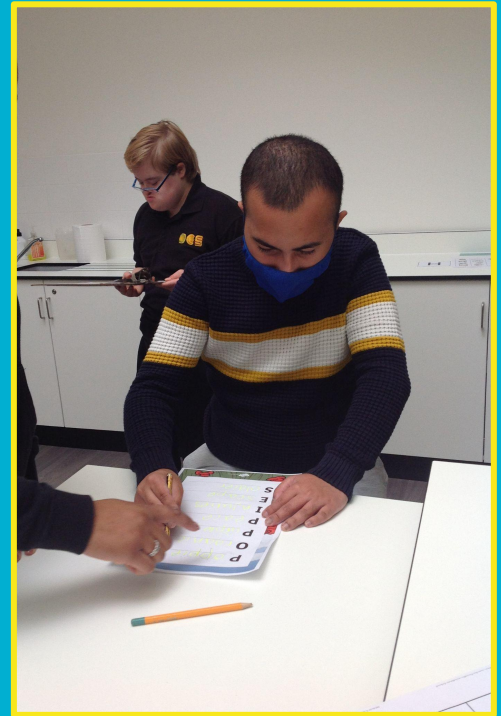
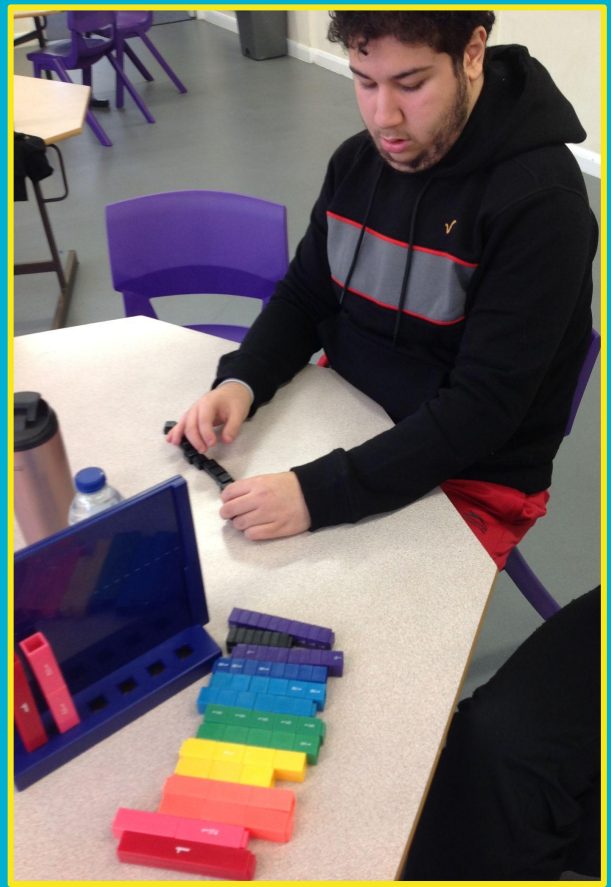
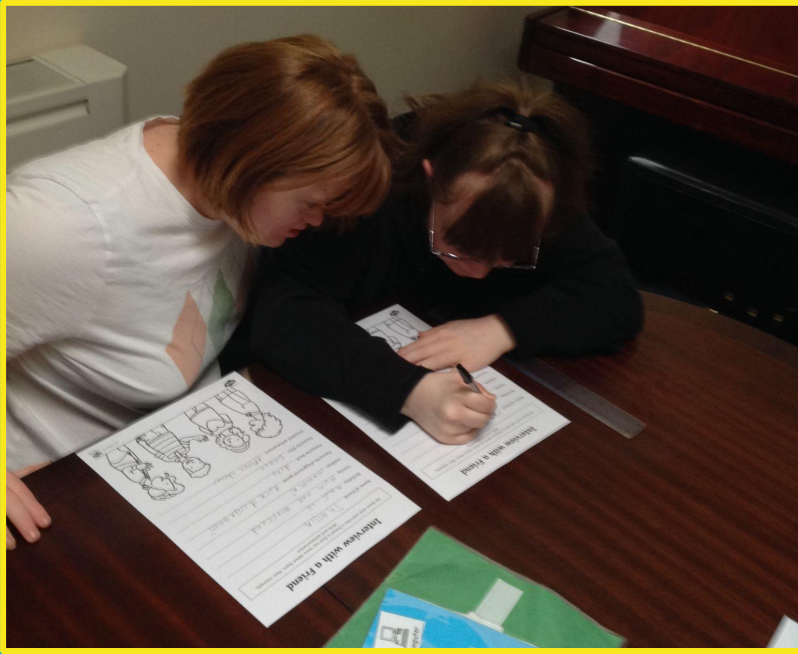


Lest we forget!





# This week in pictures





# Highlights of the week

## KS 1

- Leopards:** Welcoming some parents into class for our stay and play session. We all had great fun showing off our up and down skills with the parachute.
- Lemurs:** The whole class engaging with our TACPAC sensory session focusing on different toys in the toy box
- Lions:** Great engagement in our Toys mark making session.
- Llamas:** Amazing communication during snack time.
- Tigers & Turtles:** The children were turn taking with each other during PE. This was fantastic to see and fantastic engagement throughout.

## KS 2

- Earth:** Fantastic focus in cookery! Good teamwork and sharing.
- Jupiter:** Understanding our emotions and considering others emotions
- Mars:** A very messy afternoon finger painting poppies for Remembrance Day
- Mercury:** Making cookies was a huge success as all of the children made some!
- Neptune:** Practicing our Christmas Song
- Saturn:** Romeo being a good receptionist at lower site- helping out Sarah
- Venus:** Pupils made a beautiful poppy display for Remembrance Day

## KS 3

- Apollo:** Everyone working together in a Sherborne story for PSHE
- Athena:** Learning about remembrance day in assembly.
- Owls:** Joining Redmoor for the 2 minutes silence
- Poseidon:** All students acting positively to lots of changes this week.

## KS 4

- Atlas:** Lovely interaction between Amelia and Rachel. Amelia was being very persistent in getting Rachel's attention in Science for the echoes of the boomwhackers
- Hera:** 2 minutes silence for Remembrance Day - we were so proud of our wonderful Hera pupils. They were silent and respectful.
- Hercules:** Thomas created a fantastic presentation to help us all learn about photosynthesis.
- Iris & Zeus:** Making a polar bear mitt in science!

## Cleveland House:

Danni achieving a 9 in a English assessment-well done.

## KS 5

- Demeter:** Peer Interaction
- Nike:** Creating poppies and acrostic poems for Remembrance Day!
- Leo completing tasks, travelling independently and dressing smartly for his work experience at Mencap.
- Chloe learning a new skill in carrying out market research for her work experience at Forever Savvy.  
Stephen completing office admin tasks.
- 6th Form:** Students taking part in The Panathlon Challenge Bowling competition at East Street lanes Bowling, Leicester.

# Key Stage 1

**Lemurs:** This week we have been going on sound walks around the school identifying and copying different sounds, the children have really enjoyed travelling around the school. During our write dance activities we have continued drawing our robots, creating spirally arms, in our TACPAC session we had a really relaxing and focused time exploring the different toys, the children particularly liked playing hide and seek with the large toy box. During cooking we have been making poppy themed biscuits for Remembrance Day

Jack

**Leopards:** On Wednesday, we learnt about things that are hard, the children enjoyed hammering pegs into hard potatoes and balancing on hard sensory equipment. This week we have introduced digit dance, it has been nice to see all the children engaging with learning numbers 1 and 2.

Logan  
Br

**Llamas:** This week we have started our new topic based story- Kippers Toy box. Some lovely participation from all pupils exploring the props and retelling the story. We made a list of our favourite toys, communicating choices using objects, pictures and words. In maths we have been thinking about money, exchanging pennies for current buns and counting out how many pennies are in a jar. We have also opened our LLamas role play toy shop.

Oscar

**Lions:** Lions class loved exploring balls, balloons and bubbles this week in topic. All pupils showed initiation of what they wanted to explore and play with. They showed wonderful achievements such as taking turns in a game of skittles, blowing the bubbles themselves, noticing the bubbles and popping them and hitting and catching the balloons to name a few. Fun was had by all!

Isaac

**Tigers & Turtles:** Tigers and turtles have been engaging on the day and night sensory story as well as mark making with different toys. The children are developing their vocabulary and awareness of how their body feels through interception.

Kenzie  
Mia

## Key Stage 2

**Earth:** This week in Earth the children's have continued to work on sharing and fractions in teaching group they have engaged well and worked hard and applied this in practical activities. Well done. In cookery we have been working on our cutting and chopping skill when making our samosas. The children have enjoyed tasting and exploring the different items working on describing and discussion in English. In Art we created our poppies and learnt all about remembrance day and what the poppies represent.

Austin

**Mars:** This week Mars class have enjoyed lots of messy play. We made samosas in cooking where we tasted curry powder and rice-spicy! In topic, we had a winter themed sensory story which was great fun. We used flour and cornflakes to create the crunch of the snow and used our bare feet to walk across it. We also explored different temperatures and had lots of fun melting ice!

Joshua

**Neptune:** In English we have been looking at factual leaflet production. This has enabled the YP to produce a leaflet detailing their favourite park. In maths we have extended our fraction knowledge to actually be able to share a bagel and jam sandwich with 4 people. In science we investigated gestation periods of different animals, including humans and in geography we learnt how to read grid coordinates on a map.

Alfie  
M

**Jupiter:** We went to Italy in Topic exploring their culture. In science we have moved on to exploring children, making packed lunches for school and playing games with peers to extend our social interaction skills. In PSHE we explored hot and cold equipment and items focusing on how to use these items safely and when we need to ask for help. In English and maths we have continued to explore the story of New York Baby. Our pupils also had a lovely swimming session.

Tye

**Mercury:** It was great to see the children taking care of babies during Science. They dressed them and changed their nappies with great care and attention. In topic we visited Spain as tried a range of different foods! Some we liked more than others! For Maths we have been looking at ordering items by size while others have been ordering numbers to 20!

Kara  
Alfie

**Saturn:** In English we have started the story 'New York baby'. The students followed instructions to cut a bagel in half and spread it with either jam or cream cheese. The following day they had to put the photos of them doing the activity in order and add some letters or words next to the pictures. In maths we have been working on partitioning. Lacey-Mae did amazing partitioning numbers up to 1000. In science the focus of our mammals topic was dogs. The students had a toy dog each that they had to look after and they made a kennel for it out of recycled products. They also researched on the internet what it takes to look after a dog.

Rishi

**Venus:** This week in maths pupils measured the length of how far their toy cars traveled using measuring tape. They all really enjoyed this and were very competitive with each other. On Tuesday in English we sequenced instructions for making a jam sandwich, On Wednesday we made the sandwich! As part of the human life cycle topic In science, we learnt about teenagers and why personal hygiene is important. Well Done Venus!

Sarah  
George

# Key Stage 3

**Apollo:** In Maths this week we have been looking at timelines and important history events. Students were very good at looking at the dates and putting them in order. In cooking this week, students made bread and butter pudding by following simple instructions. Many of them completed their cooking independently. In Art, we looked at silhouette pictures and created beautiful remembrance Art, please look to the photos in this newsletter.

Lillibeth

**Poseidon:** This week Poseidon class have been very busy. In art we have been looking at the Diwali culture and why it is celebrated making diva lamps. In RE we have been exploring the Maori story looking at celebratory haka dances from their culture. In Maths we have been exploring temperature and reading thermometers and In English we have been watching the film Holes and having discussions and writing about the different characters in the book.

Poseidon have worked really hard this week with lots of changes in the classroom

John

**Athena:** This week we have enjoyed exploring further our work on coding. We have continued to look at the Maori religion and more traditional art forms. We have been learning about Harriet Tubman in humanities. In English we have continued our work on the story holes and have worked on listening for our digraph sounds. In Maths we have been looking at the seasons.

Ethan

**Kites:** Kites have been busy this week working hard on non-chronological reports in English. Using our book Holes as our inspiration and we have written about animals such as scorpions and spiders. We have also used Holes to inspire our creative work this week, creating the famous yellow spotted lizard from the story and painting them. In ICT we have used the programme scratch to code our interactive characters, adding sounds and movement.

Hoi

**Owls:** This week in Owls we have been looked more at Holes, we have written our own stories about a curse and also described some of the wildlife in the story. In Maths we have been doing addition of 4 digits including exchanging, we have also been looking at division in real life situations such as sharing food, In art we created salt dough poppies and in science we were challenged with dressing for the right weather conditions!

Ellis



# Key Stage 4

**Atlas:** Atlas class enjoyed continuing to learn about herbal remedies, exploring the smells, textures and tastes in Humanities. Erin, Matthew, Lewis and Noah also looked at Hindu gods / goddesses and described their own in RE - Erin also drew a brilliant copy of Saraswati.

Heidi

**Hera:** We have had a number of activities around Remembrance day, wonderful work from Hera pupils in Art, PSHE and Communication Time. Some pupils have been to Asda with their streaming group and others have done English exams, while in Maths there has been lots of work around the 4 operations and using money. Humanities has been based on biology this week, looking at how the organs, disease and general health was understood in the past.

Emily

**Iris & Zeus:** In Science we have been looking at how animals adapt to their environment and some pupils made polar bear mitts out of sandwich bags and lard. Some liked the feeling but others were not impressed and rushed to wash the lard off - but it was great fun! We continue practising our Narnia script and making props. A few students really enjoyed getting to grips with the sewing machine and quickly learnt how to thread the needle. Hopefully next week they will be making the costumes!!!

Spencer  
Alfie

**Hercules:** This week we explored Diwali and created our own Diva lamps. We have continued to explore plants and how they survive. We have been focusing on our balancing skills in various ways and challenging each other to do different postures.

Erlend

# Key Stage 5

**6th Form:** Josh.C, a former DG student, visited on Monday to talk about his journey. He shared his experiences and achievements from leaving school, completing an internship, volunteering and his part time work at Tesco's. Students were inspired by Josh's story and asked relevant questions about his experience.

On Wednesday some 6th form students participated in a Bowling competition. We achieved 2nd place with all students receiving medals and certificates. It was great to see the level of enthusiasm and how students encouraged each other and demonstrated good sportsmanship.

Harry, Kristian, Joe, Josh and Carla have worked together to improve the Kitchen food serving rota and resolved differences to make it fair and workable for all. Stephen has enjoyed learning the kitchen routine and worked hard to follow instructions to complete tasks correctly.

The sewing group has started making wine bottle bags for the Farmer's market and worked on projects linked to costumes and festivals.

Rosie

Leo

Daisy

**Demeter:** The class did lots of Remembrance Day work this week, which had links to our theme of war poetry. There have been lots of pupil initiated, peer interactions. In RSE, we have been looking at the different countries represented by our class- this week we experienced Scottish food, drink, music and dance. In the cooking pathway, they looked at Wales & made Welsh Cakes.

Oliver

**Nike:** Students continued to explore poetry in English and fractions/ratios in maths. Students did a great job creating their own Remembrance Day acrostic poems yesterday. In art, we learned about Remembrance Day and what the different colour poppies mean. Students then got to make their own poppies. In RSE, we explored Wales. Students in the cooking pathway then made the key stages some Welsh cakes to try. In RE, we had a wellbeing session and did a bit of aromatherapy which the students enjoyed.

Mia



# Cleveland House

**KS3:** YR 7 Dance students took an assessment based on the musical Oliver. YR 8- In history our students have been learning about the French revolution.

Euan

**KS4:** Tom wore his Royal Marine cadet uniform for Remembrance day and stood saluting during the minutes silence in a inclusion lesson. All of us were very proud of him. All of our students organised a cake sale on Friday from the initial plan to producing both cakes and posters and advertising the sale by email. A big well done to them all.

Danni

**KS5** Henry and Toby started a DIY course with Paul at Middlefield Lane, They had a great time and can't wait until next week. A Mexican treat on Friday was Chilli Con Carne which went down well with the students. Alex finished his Applied Science coursework and was given some great feedback.

Henry

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**School**



## Polite Reminder

Please remember that the speed limit in all of the Dorothy Goodman School Car Parks is 5mph. This is to ensure the safety of our young people. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a wonderful weekend!