



# Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter



Friday 19th November 2021

**From our headteacher:** What a week! Everyone has been working hard in school and it is really starting to pay off. Elsa won the Assistant Headteacher Award for her progress in PE. Her resilience and perseverance have led to her independently being able to climb over the small A frame – huge achievements that are all focused on developing independence at home and school. Jareth showed excellent patience on his visit to Asda where he modelled scanning the items through the self-serve checkout to his peers. He really encouraged them and made sure that everyone had a turn.

I joined Atlas class for a music session – Amelia was really focused on the music being played and as hard as I tried I couldn't divert her attention. Heidi was very clear about the instruments that she was not interested in whilst Tegan was waiting for the coloured materials (her favourite part of the session) to come out. Clubs have started at the secondary site and Harley M has been working with Alex (staff) to support in coaching the session. It was lovely to see Matthew playing with his peers and there were quite a few goals scored.

There are a number of pupils with new communication devices. Kaydon was using his during PE to communicate with one of his peers. He also told a member of staff that he wanted them to leave. It was great to hear that Kara has been using hers in the supermarket, creating a long shopping list of goodies for her mum to buy. It is amazing how even at this early stage the devices are supporting pupils to make choices and communicate clearly with others – giving them a voice. The key stage 5 pupils were also using their devices to support their learning. Andie used her eye gaze to communicate that she was scared when the class were talking about the rats and Chloe was very clear that she did not want to do some of the learning activities about rats.

A big thank you to all the staff in school who are working together to support the pupils. Please remember to complete your lateral flow tests on Sunday night / Monday morning and Wednesday night / Thursday morning to help keep us all safe. If you have a positive lateral flow please inform the school office and book a PCR test for your child. Your child should then isolate.

Date	Event	Location
Fri 17th Dec	Last day of term	



Kelly



## LUNCHES



w/c 22nd 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.



# 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>



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
- Healthy lifestyle
- Healthy relationships
- Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking
- Understanding your autism
- Finding support

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## DISCOVER Your Future

# OPEN EVENING

Hinckley & Wigston Campus  
Monday 22nd November | 5pm – 8pm

Nuneaton & Harrowbrook Campus  
Thursday 25th November | 5pm – 8pm

**REGISTER TODAY**

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What to expect

- Plenty of time with Santa
- Northern lights with falling snowflakes
- A present from Santa
- Accessible Entry (ramp access)
- No queues
- Customised lighting and sound for each child's needs
- Take all the photos you like
- No Charge
- Siblings welcome

Reserve your spot to visit Santa's Inclusive Grotto

<https://www.santasinclusivegrotto.com/>

# OPEN EVENT

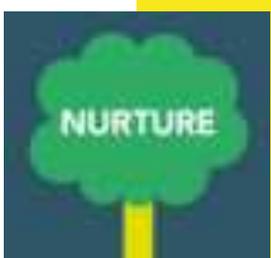
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**Time** 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Location** All campuses

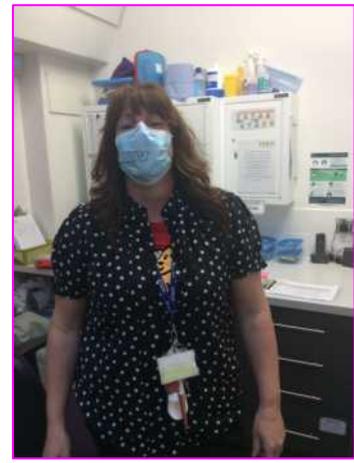
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# Children in Need 2021





# This week in pictures



This week we took delivery of a fleet of accessible bikes and trikes for our Primary students to access. These were funded by last year's Primary PE Premium and are a sizable commitment from our school to get more of our students to access physical activities and enjoy moving. Within the fleet, we have 2 accessible trikes, a recumbent BMX and a wheelchair accessible bike with a platform. We look forward to the students accessing these and sharing what we've been up to."

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to [Hinckley Fire Station Rudolph Fund](#) for the cheque they presented to Dorothy Goodman School and some of our Students on Friday

We are very grateful for Hinckley Fire Station and their continued support year after year

For those Students who are local to Hinckley and the surrounding villages, look out for their routes and see if Santa is flying past your house one evening!



# Highlights of the week

## KS 1

- Leopards:** Having time for lots of intensive interaction throughout the week.
- Lemurs:** Making yummy biscuits in the cooking room!
- Lions:** Some fantastic interaction from Joshua, awake for the whole day, super engaged!
- Llamas:** Exploring the properties of bubbles, balls and balloons in our topic lesson.
- Tigers & Turtles:** Really positive engagement and turn taking with peers during PE on Thursday. Well done :)

## KS 2

- Earth:** Working hard and helping our friends!
- Jupiter:** Fantastic engagement when exploring personal care and making driving licences when exploring teenage years of the human life cycle
- Mars:** charlie using signing to communicate with staff and his peers
- Mercury:** Making pizzas! They were delicious.
- Neptune:** Staff and Students celebrating Children in Need.
- Saturn:** An impromptu leaf fight at Richmond park, which the students loved
- Venus:** Children loved dressing up for Children in Need day!

- Cleveland House:** Henry and Toby for their work in woodwork

## KS 3

- Apollo:** Emma, Lillibeth and Alexie asked to take a Maths test, which they all did very well in. So proud of all three girls!
- Athena:** Soap carving in RE during our exploration of traditional art forms within different religions.
- Kites:** The class have shown great maturity this week and been excellent role models to younger students.
- Owls:** Art - using positive and negative space to create silhouettes.
- Poseidon :** Poseidon class experienced a log cabin sensory story with lots of snow and hot chocolate!

## KS 4

- Atlas:** Alfi and Matthew showed great teamwork for the 'Ski Holiday' Sherborne story for PSHE.
- Hera:** Seeing how much Hera pupils had remembered about cyberbullying when we did it again in Computing for Anti Bullying week. Hera pupils were well versed in types of cyber bullying, asking for permission to upload photos to social media and in how to get help if necessary.
- Hercules:** Using the large equipment in PE to travel and balance at the same time!
- Iris & Zeus:** Starting the Couch to 5K Challenge

## KS 5

- Demeter:** Pupils visiting the park for the first time.
- Nike:** Jack overcoming his fear and riding a horse during animal care!
- 6th Form:** Adam, Harry, Callum.M, Kieran and Josh.W taking part in new activities and meeting new people on their residential trip.

# Key Stage 1

**Leopards:** This week we have finished the story of Kippers toy box and the children have been working hard to dig up and find lots of 'shiny' objects in edible sand trays. Engagement was high again in write dance this week seeing lots of children become more independent at the writing patterns we have been practicing this term using cars in paint.

Henry-  
Paul

**Lions:** A busy week in Lions class. We have been sorting toys by the materials they are made of and by hard and soft. We have been completing exercises based on toys we might play with. Some fantastic fun was had pretending to be a yoyo - pupils practising how to do a forward roll. Lots of asking for more and some very clear improvement in our gymnastic ability (including staff who haven't done a forward roll in years!)

Another great week Lions class, keep it up!

Ruby

**Lemurs:** This week the children have enjoyed their music session with Sally, soft play and P.E! They have been working really hard in write dance and phonics!

Arya

**Llamas:** This week we have completed our sensory story- Kippers Toy box. The children were all highly engaged and enjoyed using the props to retell the story. In maths we have continued with our money theme. We have exchanged pennies to buy toys from our role play toy shop and counted out quantities of pennies into a piggy bank.

Bowie

**Tigers & Turtles:** Turtles had a positive swim on Monday with positive transitioning. Both classes have been exploring how their hands and feet feel through interception work as well as developing their vocabulary on how this feels.

Aurora  
Jax

## Key Stage 2

**Earth:** This week in Earth we have had fun creating our pudsey masks in Art and exploring mixing paints and exploring different textures. In English we have been creating a range of marks and a different letter shapes in write dance. In maths we have been working on colour matching, shape sorting and problem solving puzzles.

There was lovely engagement in the sensory story in PSHE and topic and exploring the different artefacts.

William

**Jupiter:** On Monday we made Pizza wraps in cooking. On Tuesday we went to Germany in Topic. on Wednesday we went on a sensory adventure in PSHE exploring snow and cold. On Thursday we explored the human life cycle doing some focused time on Teenage years. Today we got creative exploring various textures in art.

Marie

**Mars:** This week in Mars the children have made pizzas in cooking, we have had some messy play art activities and done some pudsey themed free flow activities. the children also had a fun PE doing a music and movement session.

Charlie  
Luke

**Mercury:** in Maths we have been lookin at capacity and empty in filling various containers. We have been focusing on the vocabulary full, half full and empty. In English we enjoyed a pretend trip to the airport for some duty free shopping. Most of the children loved trying out all the different perfumes. In music the children enjoyed exploring and playing a variety of instruments.

Lacey  
Walter

**Neptune:** In English this week we have written emotive poems, and learnt about the Twin Towers. In maths we have used our knowledge about time to make sure our friends completed a minute of star jumps. In science we created a family tree and in geography we used our grid reading knowledge to independently find information about Russia. In cultural studies we tasted Russian food, everyone liking the Pavlova.

Kian

**Saturn:** In English we have continued our story 'New York baby'. we have explored Richmond Park and had a look at the activities available to do there. The students loved it when it turned into a leaf fight. They were all running around trying to get each other and laughing. The following day we they explored Central Park in New York and then compared photographs of the 2 different parks. There is not much difference between the two parks!!!! In geography they learned all about Canada and the different animals that live there.

Jake

**Venus:** This week children continued to learn about measuring length in maths. Some children used a measuring tape to measure how far their toy cars rolled (in cm). Other children did drawings on gridded paper and measuring how tall and wide they were. As part of our 'New York, Baby' story in English, the children put together a short Broadway dance! In science this week we learnt about the role of an adult in the life cycle. Pupils discussed why adults work and what jobs they would like to do in the future. They all loved dressing up in different career costumes. Well done Venus!

Jenny  
Keian

# Key Stage 3

**Apollo:** Each morning this week in Apollo, pupils have been exploring the 'Zones of Regulation' before transitioning to their normal lessons. This time has helped everyone to prepare for learning and to express how they are feeling when coming into school. In Drama this week, Seb and Euan demonstrated that repetition is key as they were able to mime different characters (we have been working on this for three weeks and they all just keep getting better and better).

Max L

**Poseidon:** Poseidon class have has a super week this week lots of exploration, independence and team work. In Math's we have been exploring tens and units and number bonds, John and Ethan have worked really hard on their number bonds to 10. In English we have been working on colorful semantics. Anton and George have been building sentences using the colorful semantics which has been super! In music we have been exploring melody and pitch and Zayan and Aidan had some super engagement.

John  
Anton

**Athena:** This week we have continued our learning about the slave trade in humanities. In Science we conducted an exciting experiment where we tested the strengths of differing materials. In Maths we have continued with our sensory exploration of the seasons. In English we have continued developing our writing skills and worked more on the story holes developing the skills needed to write letters.

Elliot

**Kites:** This week in Kites we have carried on thinking about our story 'Holes' in English by playing a 'guess who' role play game. The children were given a character and they had the task of acting out a memorable moment of that character from the story and we all guessed who they were portraying. In cooking we have been focusing on our Science topic 'materials' by observing the changes that occur when making jelly. It was a keen favourite with most of the class. We also have a newfound interest in playing Countdown to begin our afternoons. It has been great to see the children grow in confidence with spellings and learning new words too!

Sammy

Brandon

**Owls:** Some students in Owls have been busy baking and decorating cakes to sell for Children in Need. The rest have been equally busy learning about money in maths, and digging deep into their imaginations to predict what Camp Green Lake might look like in 110 years!

# Key Stage 4

**Atlas:** Some of Atlas class started the week on the allotment, helping to prepare the boxes for growing more vegetables and herbs. Ellie C helped to remind the boys of the difference between weeds and onions!

We've been continuing to learn about herbal and home remedies and additionally vaccines. Noah did some great independent work sorting out which illnesses can be treated at home and which ones we need a vaccine for. We've some lovely, spontaneous interactions between the girls - Heidi really got Amelia smiling and laughing. Atlas class have learnt more about Hindu deities with the help of 'Sanjay's Superheroes' and this week we've been learning about the rainforest in Science.

Noah

**Hera:** We have been learning about bullying and being kind in a variety of ways across the curriculum, for Anti Bullying Week. In PSHE we worked on how to regulate our emotions and how to get help with that if needed. In Computing we covered cyber bullying, RSE was about being kind and making sure that we know what our friends need as well as communicating our own needs in an assertive way.

Missy

**Iris & Zeus:** This week most of our people have chosen to take part in the Couch to 5K Challenge! It is part of understanding how important being physically active is and looking after our mental health too. It is part of our resilience programme, working together as a team and encouraging one another. Everyone has made a great start with no drop outs yet! Staff are joining in too - so everyone benefits. We will keep you posted on how we all do over the next few weeks. So please keep sending in PE kits.

Jessica  
Alexis  
Alfie

**Hercules:** We started the week by decorating our own Diva lamps. We have had great class discussions on those that help us in the community and how we can support our community.

We have continued to explore medieval medicine and how medicine has changed over the years. We have strengthened our knowledge on E-safety and sending formal emails.

We have explored food chains and how consumers eat producers.

Ethan

# Key Stage 5

**6th Form:** Harry, Callum.M, Kieran, Josh.W and Adam went on a residential trip organised by the Work for All programme. They stayed 4 days and 3 nights at Calvert Lakes in Cumbria. Activities included mountain climbing, night walk, canoeing, swimming and a tree top trail. Kieran enjoyed the zip line, Adam went on a tandem bike ride, Josh enjoyed all the activities and said “ they were all fun to do “ Harry said “ It was great meeting new people and stepping outside of my comfort zone “ All of them should be proud of participating and trying new things.

Kyle

Kieran

Josh  
W

Josh  
B

Adam

**Demeter:** We looked at Jamaica, in RSE; listened to some reggae music, tasted Caribbean Crush and Fiery Jamaican Ginger Beer drinks. The class favourite was eating banana chips. Some of our students went out for a walk down Barwell Lane track, & went to the park and went on the play equipment. The students who went to the stables enjoyed riding the horses as well as mucking them out! We also had some good work and instruction following at the Hydro pool.

Kinjal

**Nike:** This week students learned about Italy and engaged in a lot of themed activities. The favourite activity was definitely the pizza making! Students also continued their working learning about Florence Nightingale in art. In English, we explored rhyming words and in Maths we learned about fractions. Some students went to Asda as part of the weekly shop and the others made an Italian Sorbet on Friday. Have a great weekend!

Jack

## **Cleveland House**

**KS3-** In YR 7 our students have started design and technology and in math's they have been completing assessments.

**KS4** at HAJC Parents evening all our YR 11 GCSE students received great feedback from teaching staff.

**KS 5** After completing a woodwork session at Middlefield Rd we extended out time there by cooking their own lunch, They prepared a delightful all day breakfast.

Carter

Hugh

Alex

# Thank You!

A big Thank you to the Friends of Dorothy Goodman School. They raised funds that enabled a Defibrillator to be installed at the top of the car park at our Secondary School.

This vital piece of equipment is a valuable asset, not only to the school, but the community on the whole



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## 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!