



# Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 2021

**From our headteacher:** We had a visit from the Leicestershire Music Service this week where some Key Stage 2 pupils joined in with a session where they explored songs, instruments and beats. Trofim really enjoyed the session and was humming away to the tunes of the songs. Craig was so proud of his fundraising skills for Children in Need that he is turning his hand to collecting donations for the food bank. If you can help with tinned foods please send into the office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Jack, Joseph and Taylor enjoyed their first woodwork session this week and were 'full of beans' when they returned to class and are really looking forward to their next session. At secondary clubs are going from strength to strength – the dance club set up by pupils is so popular they are having to relocate to a new room!

I was very proud to share with you this week the Outstanding outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection that celebrated the exceptional work of the school.

As we head towards the festive season we are looking forward to sharing with you virtually some of the events that will take place at school. We are continuing to work hard to keep the whole school community safe and in line with government guidance when we return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January we will be offering all secondary age pupils one lateral flow test which will be completed by trained school staff. It is important that we all do as much as possible to reduce the risks of Covid 19 and the consent form for the lateral flow testing can be found [here](#). Further information about the testing has been sent in a letter today. We would ask that you continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing in the lead up to and over the Christmas period to ensure that our return to school is safe.



## LUNCHES



w/c 6th December 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.



Kelly



Date	Event	Location
Wed 15th Dec	Christmas Dinner	Secondary School Cleveland House HAJC 6th Form
Thur 16th Dec	Christmas Dinner	Primary School
Fri 17th Dec	Last day of term	



# 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>

NHS  
Get your Covid jab in Hinckley!

Sessions available at  
Hinckley Leisure Centre

for 12 to 17 year olds  
on Friday 3, 10 and 17 December  
from 3:15pm to 7:15pm

Young people attending will be offered a single dose of the **Pfizer** vaccine. Parents and guardians are advised to attend the vaccination with their children so consent can be obtained.

Both pre-booked and 'book on arrival' appointments are available. To book an appointment in advance, please scan the QR code here.

Please note this clinic is not available on the National Booking Service.



SCAN ME

LATEST SESSIONS!

## Active Advent Calendar

Below is a link to an active advent calendar. It is completely free and provides a new active treat every day right up until Christmas Day

<https://imoves.com/active-advent-calendar-2021>



Breakfast Club **must** be booked by 3pm the day before required (for Monday this must be done by Friday 3pm) This is for safeguarding and staffing reasons so we can ensure that the correct staff are in place for your child's needs

Thank you!

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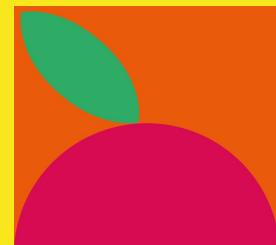
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Dear parents

can you please sort out the food you won't eat and hand it in to the office we will collect it for the food bank hand it in whenever possible you don't have to but it would be nice if you did.

Thank you

From craig jackson

Redmoor owls

## Christmas Wreaths

The 6th Form students are making their own wreaths which they will be selling. If you would like to purchase one please can you email [office@dorothygoodman.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@dorothygoodman.leics.sch.uk) with the number of wreath you would like and where you can collect from. Wreaths are £5 to buy, with all the funds going directly to the Vocational 6th Form.



## **PE, School Sport and Physical Activity**

### Primary

This week in PE we have completed the cycle of our carousels for sports around the world. Our learning focus has been on different ways of moving our body within a space, striking a ball and sending to a target or a partner. This week in KS2, we visited the national sports of China, New Zealand, England and Norway, with a mixture of badminton, volleyball, golf and rugby skills. Next week, we are really excited to be exploring our outdoor spaces with our new bikes with the visit of Wheels4all.

### Secondary

In PE, our focus has been around dynamic and static balances, whilst using the apparatus. We reviewed our previous learning and the students really engaged with our new scoring systems in lesson, looking at our achievement, including supporting peers, demonstrating a skill and trying again after a setback.

This week, also saw another week of our Boys' and Girls' lunchtime clubs. Despite the dreadful weather, the students braved the conditions and all really enjoyed the sessions. We have stepped up training now, with the prospect of fixtures coming around in the new year. The girls in particular, can't wait for their first outing in our new kit (Supplied by our sponsor Trade Centre UK).

# This week in pictures



# Highlights of the week

## KS 1

<b>Leopards:</b>	All the children in Leopards have been amazing at identifying most of their friends in the class, matching their names to the photos.
<b>Lions:</b>	Super participation in PE, everyone found a favourite activity or movement.
<b>Llamas:</b>	Everyone's excitement at seeing the snow!
<b>Tigers &amp; Turtles:</b>	Dressing up as elves and decorating our Christmas tree!

## KS 2

<b>Earth:</b>	Fantastic communication and interaction in sherbourne
<b>Mars:</b>	Making melted snowman biscuits
<b>Mercury:</b>	On Monday it was great to see all the children joining in and interactions with each other in a Sherborne holiday story.
<b>Neptune:</b>	Neptune were absolutely amazingly independent when shopping in Hinckley on Wednesday and visiting the café on Thursday.
<b>Saturn:</b>	The students enjoyed working out what they could buy with their £1 at the cafe
<b>Venus:</b>	Pupils loved beginning the Christmas countdown on the 1st of December.

## Cleveland House:

Bradley achieving a 9 in chemistry homework.

## KS 3

<b>Apollo:</b>	Our communication lesson was amazing, with many pupils taking it in turns to listen to others and respond to open questions.
<b>Athena:</b>	This week we have enjoyed expressing ourselves during non verbal drama.
<b>Kites:</b>	All pupils really enjoyed making their own optical illusions in art.
<b>Owls:</b>	Egg drop experiment !
<b>Poseidon:</b>	All pupils working as a team in our communication and science lessons.

## KS 4

<b>Atlas:</b>	Mollie has shown great fine motor skills in Maths, using tools for a purpose, while we explored making chocolate with spoons and sieves.
<b>Hercules:</b>	This week we baked a cake! It was delicious!
<b>Iris &amp; Zeus:</b>	Making apple and sultana crumble in cooking.
<b>Janus:</b>	Great work throughout the week on stardust
<b>Demeter:</b>	Students doing new things- Climbing frame in P.E, jumping in swimming pool, learning new signs etc
<b>Nike:</b>	Reece has done a fantastic job completing all his work and transitioning to his lessons.
<b>6th Form:</b>	Forest school students demonstrating maturity and resilience. DIY pathways students. Students working together to complete Borough Bulletin task. Emma showing independence and initiative.

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# Key Stage 1

**Leopards:** This week we have continued with our topic on toys, the children have enjoyed dressing up in lots of different outfits, counting bears and relaxing with a toy themed Sherborne session. It has been wonderful to see the children making huge progress with communication this week, we are becoming more confident using our PECS and signing during our play sessions.

Gabriella

**Tigers & Turtles:** Tigers and Turtles have engaged well in literacy this week with Kipper's Toybox, talking about their favourite toys. We also wrote letters to Santa telling him what we want for Christmas.

Olivia  
Jacob

**Lions:** This week in topic we explored the material of plastic. The children printed with the plastic pieces on offer such as bottles and duplo bricks. They also made choices to play with a range of plastic toys including the small world people, balls and food. They worked very hard on their choice making and sharing skills.

Vinnie

**Llamas:** This week we have been starting to think about the seasons and winter in particular. We have been thinking about clothes that we need to wear to keep warm and have had good fun dressing up in wooly hats and scarves. We have been beginning to start some seasonal preparations- making paper plate Christmas trees and handprint wreaths. In maths we have continued to learn about prepositions and moved in, on under and through low apparatus. During our morning circle time we have all got active with the daily advent wake and shake.

Molly

# Key Stage 2

**Earth:** This week we have had fun in cookery making peppermint creams. The children tried really hard following instructions and creating there delicious sweets.

In English we has a fantastic write dance session there has been lovely mark making, exploration and initiation. Well Done !



Elsa

**Mars:** Monday was an exciting start to the week as we had some snow! We enjoyed going out into the snow during play time to experience the cold and have some fun. Some of the children have enjoyed using the Chromebooks to develop their independence and enjoyed playing the jigsaw games on them. We have also enjoyed having a winter themed tough spot in the classroom full of fake snow. It was lovely to play with the different animals in the snow and explore different ways of moving the snow.



Emilia

**Neptune:** Everyone in Neptune were absolute superstars while shopping and visiting the café. Everyone chose their own presents, from Santa, while shopping in Hinckley and they all made sure they didn't spend more than £10. Everyone were absolute SUPERSTARS!! While visiting the café on Thursday everyone ordered their own drinks and snack at the counter, paid for them and then sat at a table drinking and eating their drinks and snacks. Again they were all absolute SUPERSTARS!!



Oscar

**Venus:** This week pupils have continued to learn about fractions and enjoyed sharing out their playdough pizza in halves, quarters and thirds. In English we discussed what we hoped for Christmas and drew/wrote a list for Santa. In Geography we learnt about USA and made our own New York Cheesecake.

In ICT we learnt about directions and programmed beebots to get from point A to point B. Well done Venus!



Zachary

**Mercury:** In English this week we have written letters to Santa and sent them off to him! In maths we have been looking at capacity again focusing on full, half full and empty. On Tuesday we enjoyed making some yummy cakes!



Rosie  
Jack

**Saturn:** In Maths this week they have been learning about money. They worked on money skills in the classroom on Tuesday, then on Wednesday they went into town to put their skills into actions. They had to work out what presents they could buy with their £10 and some students had to then deal with the disappointment of not being able to buy what they wanted or not having enough money left to buy what they wanted with their change. In geography they were learning about Spain. They made a flag, tried flamenco dancing and tried some tapas. In art they worked on creating mosaic animals linked to Park Guell in Barcelona.



Lacey-  
Mae

# Key Stage 3

Apollo: This week in English, pupils have been making their winter bucket lists: lots of drinking hot chocolate and snow ball fights. In Maths, pupils have been working on missing numbers using part. part whole diagrams and 10 frames.

Euan

Poseidon: This week in Poseidon we have been working on our team work skills. Monday we had a change in our time table and all students worked really hard and processed working in a different environment really well. In Art we looked at the meaning of Christmas and we made a Christingle and Christmas cards for Athena class. In English we have been practicing our reading skills looking at digraph sounds and CVC words. In Math's the focus has been using a number line to work out 2 digit equations. In Science we did our egg experiment again and all three teams protected the egg with different layers of materials. Aidan and Rohaan's egg had lots of layers and they worked together as a team which was super! In PSHE we visited Poseidon's log cabin Lennon really enjoyed exploring the snow. Another great week for Poseidon well done everyone!

Ishan

Athena: We have continued our work on holes in English and continued to develop our digraph sounds in phonics. In Maths we have explored hot and cold and communicating our preferences as well as working on recognising the months of the year. In art we have looked at positive and negative space, in science we enjoyed our experiment to test for reversible reactions.

Jamie

Kites: Continued working on 2D/3D shapes in maths. For English they began writing a non chronological reports about the "yellow spotted lizard" from our story "holes". Reversible and non reversible changes in science. Continued using the gymnastics equipment in PE

Alfie

Owls: A good week in owls ! In English we continued looking at holes - we used colourful semantics to retell the story . In maths we enjoyed our practical maths challenges including measuring towers , building boats and researching temperatures of different countries around the world , in science we used our knowledge of Materials to make a protective case and parachute to drop eggs with - with a few egg casualties !

Angel

# Key Stage 4

Atlas: Some of Atlas class have been exploring the woods through a sensory story, experiencing different sounds and textures we'd find in the woods. In Computing the Noah, Matthew and Alfi enjoyed playing interactive games revising internet safety. Ellie and Erin have enjoyed learning about friendships with Julie. In RE Mollie and Tegan loved trying different fruits as we replicated the different experiences of 'Puja'. In Science we've been learning about food chains.

Tegan

Iris & Zeus: Another lovely week! In science learning about what decomposers are and relating that to the compost heap at the allotment. In English we continue to plan a party and students produced some very colourful party invitations and made traditional party games. Whilst our topical issue in humanities has been learning about the history of vaccinations and how Edward Jenner used cow pus to cure smallpox. Many learners are continuing the couch to 5K challenge and doing really well challenging and stretching themselves. Well done to them all!

Bobby  
Chloe

Hercules: This week we have all continued to work hard in our pathways. We have explored the Buddhist celebration of Bodhi day and created a class tree and meditated under it. We have continued to explore our community and thought about how we can help within our school community.

Theo

# Cleveland House

KS3- In textiles our students have started and plan a drawstring bag. In YR 8 they have been cooking Mac and Cheese and in YR9 have started to play netball in PE.

Laycen

KS4 In GCSE English our students have been completing assessments all week. Jack won "Book of the week" award in Maths which is a great achievement.

Rubi

KS 5 Henry did some fantastic independent work in woodwork. Grant has had a great week in his inclusion lessons well done!

Grant

# Key Stage 5

**6th Form:** On Monday we had a visit from a former student. Matthew completed a supported internship at Cadent gas in 2015 and shared his journey providing an overview of his achievements and progress. It was great to hear how he was getting on and how his story inspired others. Christmas is definitely the theme at Vocational 6th form with different pathway groups making Christmas craft items. The Art pathway group have been busy making Christmas garlands, Sewing students are continuing with their bottle bags and DIY making wooden Christmas trees and candle holders. Sports pathway group have increased their independence and confidence with students leading sports activities and applying the STEP strategy ( Space Task Equipment People ) to evaluate and improve activities. Triton students worked well together to complete the Borough Bulletin task for HBBC. They followed instructions and worked as a team to ensure newsletters were put in envelopes ready for distribution to local residents.



**Demeter:** This week, the stables pathways group joined the Lifeskills group at the bungalow, doing cooking, cleaning and self-care. The swimming groups have enjoyed swimming, with several individuals trying new things. In RSE, My Country, we looked at India. The students experienced Indian music and dancing, the smell of incense, tasted spicy poppadoms and mango and passion fruit juice, and painted the Indian flag.



**Nike:** This week, students continued working on Florence Nightingale in English and started to study Mary Seacole in Art. It was lovely to see students pick out the similarities between the two nurses. In maths, students started working on operations. Students used colourful semantics to practice adding and played a few addition board games. We went to Scotland and Jamaica for cooking this week making Scottish Scones and Jamaican Patties. Have a great weekend!



**Have a good weekend!**