

From our headteacher: Another busy week in school where we have remained focused on learning with pupils whilst beginning to prepare for the festivities next week. Gianna followed the modelling to teach her how to use a number line in Maths, her supporting adult demonstrated this to her and then she was able to put it into action. She accepted feedback and was able to adapt how she approached using the number line to ensure that her answer was accurate. Isabelle had the challenge of beating the timer to create her robot, she started with 40 seconds and didn't quite make it but by setting the timer for a little bit longer and persevering she was able to succeed. Jamie G and PJ also did well in maths where they worked together to complete their sums. Jamie was able to demonstrate to PJ how to use the place value counters (even though in earlier lessons Jamie had not wanted to use these). Reece was awarded star of the week for getting on the bus every day after school this week in the Achiever's Assembly. Julie was really impressed with the great atmosphere and sense of belonging where all pupils were happy to share in the successes of others.

As we head towards the Christmas holiday please can I encourage extra vigilance linked to Covid symptoms. If your child is unwell please ensure that they remain at home and do a PCR test with them. With increased levels of Covid 19 being reported nationally and locally these actions will make sure that the school community are safe as we head into the break. Secondary aged pupils should be completing lateral flow tests on Sunday evening/Monday morning and Wednesday evening/Thursday morning and the government is asking that families continue with this over the Christmas break. Last week I also asked the parents of secondary aged pupils to give permission for pupils to be tested once when we return to school in January. Testing will take place on Tuesday 4th January and the link to the form giving permission can be found [here](#).



LUNCHES



w/c 13th December - Christmas menu as listed below

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



Breakfast Club

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!



One of our students wanted to share their most recent accomplishments.

Dorothy Goodman School Christmas Menu

w/c 13th December 2021

Monday: pizza, potato wedges & beans

Tuesday: curry & rice with naans

Wednesday: Primary Burger, herby potatoes & beans *

Thursday: Secondary Burger, herby potatoes & beans **

Friday: fish fingers & chips

Christmas Meal

** Primary

* Secondary

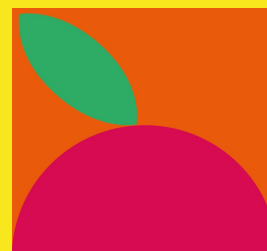
Thursday 16th December

Wednesday 15th December

Turkey, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, stuffing, carrots, broccoli and cranberry sauce.

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Butternut Squash, potato, leek & sage parcel, roast potatoes, veggie pigs in blankets, stuffing, carrots, broccoli and cranberry sauce.





PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

Highlight of the week: We really enjoyed our visit to the primary site, from Wheels For All. They came into school to show us how to use our new adapted cycles and brought with them lots of their fleet of cycles too. Students from KS1, 2 and 3 took part and thoroughly enjoyed the visit. A particular highlight was also seeing Harry enjoy our new platform bike, which will allow our wheelchair using students to experience cycling alongside their peers.

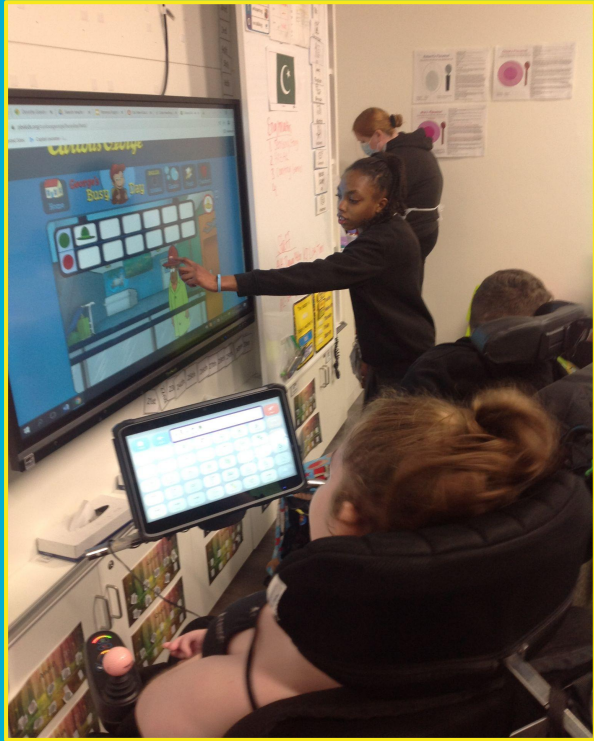


This week in PE we have been taking part in the Virtual Parallel Sportshall Athletics across the school. We have been putting the students through their paces with activities like the shuttle run, long jump, speed bounce and chest push, to see if they can reach their potential. All of the activities were adapted in different ways, so anyone who was part of the groups competing was able to be successful. We will send our scores off on Friday to see how we compared against other special schools and units across the county. Well done to all that took part!

Primary
Harry C for his
experience on
a bike.

Secondary
Ellie C for
engaging with
the girls football
club for the first
time

This week in pictures



Highlights of the week

KS 1

- Leopards:** Our TAPAC session where we have explored ice, fairy lights, vegetable gravy and Santa's sack balloons!
- Lions:** Vinnie practicing his self help skills by making his own drink. Well done Vinnie
- Llamas:** Our Christmas themed creative session
- Tigers & Turtles:** Children interacting with a wider range of peers and it's been lovely watching new friendships grow.

KS 2

- Earth:** Fantastic engagement and participation in the Christmas songs!
- Jupiter:** Friendship and respect for one another
- Mars:** some of the children accessing the community and enjoying their swimming session.
- Mercury:** Filming out Christmas video. We loved getting messy!
- Neptune:** Filming our Christmas Number 1!!!!!!
- Saturn:** Some of the students were riding bikes on Monday.
- Venus:** Children loved Christmas jumper day and making lots of crafts.

Cleveland House:

Harry for completing his games presentation at college.

KS 3

- Apollo:** Seb joining in Drama games independently and miming different characters for his peers to guess.
- Athena:** This week we enjoyed our achievers assembly where we got to show our work to the rest of the key stage and entered a draw for a £5 voucher.
- Kites:** Art - watercolour negative and positives
- Owls:** Making umbrellas!
- Poseidon:** Poseidon have made a beautiful Christmas display in the classroom

KS 4

- Atlas:** Erin interacted really positively with Amelia, Mollie and Heidi in RE showing them how Hindus pray.
- Hera:** KS4 assembly - Hera's pupils pride in their work.
- Hercules:** Exploring our local community.
- Iris & Zeus:** I'm a Celebrity Maths!!
- Janus:** Making Icing sugar sculptures in art.

KS 5

- Nike:** Andie did great work using her talker to spell words during English
- 6th Form:** Students engaging in new activities in PE with Simon. Adam drawing shapes independently linked to music. Community project group organising a food collection for the local food bank.

Key Stage 1

Leopards: This week in Leopards we have been doing all things Christmas! We have been working together to decorate a Christmas tree as well as to continue coloured light patterns and to decorate a gingerbread felt house! We have had lots of messy activities to help explore all sorts of sensory items we may experience over the next month. Santa's workshop has been a busy station all week seeing the children practice their DIY skills and wrapping!

Lily

Tigers & Turtles: Tigers really enjoyed their last swimming session this week, all of them have made such great progress this term. Both classes have been really engaged with different Christmas crafts, making paper snowflakes, paper chains, reindeer chocolate cornflake cakes, and Christmas cards.

Kenzie
Leo

Lions: We have enjoyed getting in the festive mood in Lions class.. A lovely few days of decorating the classroom, making cards, decorations, singing songs and making presents. Everyone found something of interest when putting up our Christmas decorations. It was enjoyed by all. In our creative session our winter scene tuff spot was investigated by many. Each individual used the shredded paper in a different way. The classroom looked like it had snowed shredded paper! PE was fascinating as Simon, our PE teacher, had wrapped almost all of the equipment in wrapping paper. The children loved unwrapping the PE equipment to do the lesson! We have been focusing our learning around the theme of Christmas.

Reuben
Cara

Llamas: During the week we have continued to prepare for Christmas, making decorations in our creative session. Everyone responded to choosing what materials they wanted to use to decorate their Christmas picture. Also this week everyone worked hard in PE, with lots of sustained engagement in a range of activities.

Colton

Key Stage 2

Earth: During this weeks cookery there has been great measuring and following instructions to make our Christmas mince pies. The children had great fun making there reindeer food measuring quantities and adding the magic sparkle to help the reindeers find their way. In English there has been lovely communication and initiation and in write dance some lovely exploration. Well Done!

Whole
Class

Harry

Mars: This week in mars we have been been watching and doing activities relating to "the snowman". We had a fun music session where all the children were really engaged with making as much noise as possible then stopping when the lead person stopped. We have made mince pies in cooking, which looked and smelt amazing.

Jupiter: This week we have been practicing for our Christmas play which the young people have loved doing. We have been doing a lot of communication and friendship activities as well as more mindfulness to calm our excited energy for Christmas. Some of our pupils have been working on story recall in English through the story of Scrooge while others have been doing fizzy bods. Everyone has worked very hard

Dylan

Neptune: This week in Neptune we have enjoyed filming our Christmas song, ready to be released soon! We have also written our scripts for our Aladdin performance (in English) which was performed this morning. In maths we have explored our left and rights, and practiced following left and right instructions. In science we discussed independently maintaining our personal hygiene and in geography we explored Spain and created a fabulous fact file. Christmas jumper day and our Christmas coffee morning was enjoyed by all.

Alfie

Venus: This week the children have continued to learn about fractions in maths. They really enjoyed sharing out their playdough pizza. In English we finished our story, 'New York, Baby' and had to design our own Ice Cream before trying our own. In Art children designed their own Christmas jumper and Christmas cards. Well done Venus!

Mitchel

Mercury: In topic this week we went on a trip to Lapland to see Santa through a sherborne story! The children really worked well with each other and communicated well too. In English we have been looking at the snowman film and ordering it. I was really impressed with how well they remembered what happened. We also spoke about how the people in it were feeling. We really enjoyed making rice crispy cakes in cooking and getting to try the chocolate once we had finished!

Elliot
Kylan

Saturn: The students have enjoyed their final week of learning all about New York in english. They created a leaflet and a postcard about New York. In maths we have been learning about time and the students have showed some great perseverance skills, as time is a very difficult concept to grasp. In science we have been looking at pictures of us and babies and how we have changed and learning about how we will grow into teenagers.

Ralph

Key Stage 3

Apollo: On Friday we had our log cabin experience to finish our PSHE topic. Pupils dressed in their pyjamas, drank hot chocolate whilst watching a film and explored the snow cave. They were all great at sharing the different experiences across the classroom and had a great afternoon role playing a snowy log cabin holiday.

Seb

Poseidon: This week in Art we have been making Christmas tree decorations and paper chains. In PSHE we visited the log cabin for the last time and we enjoyed having our PJS on and playing in the snow. Music we practiced Christmas songs with great singing! and we also made mince pies in cooking.

Pimmada

Athena: In English we have been developing our phonic knowledge and continuing our learning on the story Holes. We have been developing our skills to build sentences through the use of colourful semantics. In Maths we have been identifying the months of the year and reading temperatures.

Alex

Kites: Kites has continued to work hard in the build up to Christmas with lots of positive engagement in all lessons. In maths we have continued to explore 2D shapes and patterns and created our own complex creations. In art pupils used water colours and silhouettes to create their own positive and negative art, with some pupils choosing christmas themed outlines. The work looks brilliant and everyone was proud of their work. In ICT we have continued to build our own games on scratch with the added challenge this week of adding a hidden christmas character to the game. Lots of fun!

Danai

Owls: This week in Owls we have continued looking at Holes in English - creating a survival guide for camp green lake and creating creatures that live there. In maths we have enjoyed free flow activities to consolidate what we have learnt so far this year showing lots of good team work! In science we looked at different materials and their uses this included making the best waterproof umbrellas and testing them (over our heads or a teddy!) some did the job ...Others not so much ! In art we have enjoyed making cityscape pictures and in PE we have been using the gymnastics equipment to complete routines

Ellis

Key Stage 4

Atlas: Another busy week in Atlas. We've been learning about different types of surgery throughout history in Humanities. Alfi and Noah wrote some great sentences about surgery today and in Medieval times. We had a lovely RE lesson, reviewing what we have learned about Puja and Hindu worship during the term, Erin and Matthew did well recalling the different parts of worship. We saw some great interactions and communication in Science this week too from Danish, Mollie and Heidi while exploring the Nature Documentary ... sensory story.

Amelia

Kailon
Amber

Iris & Zeus: In English the pupils had great fun writing class elf stories - they were very creative and very funny! In maths the pupils had an absolutely hilarious time doing 'I'm a celebrity maths'. They had their heads in water, baked beans, flour and jelly - so, sorry for the mess!! But they were able to answer maths questions and had fun at the same time!

Hercules: We created a menorah in art to demonstrate our understanding of Hanukkah. We took part in a virtual sports competition, where we competed against other schools. We explored recycling and how we can help our school to recycle more.

Ethan

Janus: It's been a good week in the lead up to Christmas and we've kept ourselves busy doing a lot of different things in class, in Science we looked at how flowers reproduce and had some flowers that the students enjoyed taking apart to explore the different parts and their function. In art the students had a lot of fun making icing sugar sculptures and enjoyed even more eating them on top of cakes afterwards!

Cleveland House

KS3- In YR7 our students were making 3D models of cells and in art studying the works of Paula Swisher. In YR9 our students continued reading Of Mice and Men.

George

KS4 All students have been completing end of term assessments and Danni achieved a 9 in English well done!!!

Danni

KS 5 Kyle completed his UCAS forms gathering all the necessary information. Kyle J finished all his exams. and Henry finished his plans for building a deluxe bird house.

Kyle

Leighton

Key Stage 5

6th Form: In English students held a debate as part of their Speaking and listening exam. DIY students have completed Christmas themed gifts including wooden Christmas trees and love hearts. We have been busy planning for our Christmas dinner next Wednesday. Sewing group have made and sold a number of Christmas fabric bottle and gift bags raising money for Vocational 6th form.

Triton

Kratos

Helios

Adam

Lewis
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Lewis
K

Nike: This week students continued working on poetry in English lesson. Students did a lot of rhyming activities and had fun playing games on the interactive whiteboard. In maths, students worked on operations and counting activities. In art, students continued to explore Mary Seacole. This week students used a pestle and mortar to grind herbs like Mary used to do as a nurse. Have a great weekend.

Andie

Next week is our Christmas Newsletter, we look forward to sharing lots of photos showing the fun activities the students are doing.

Have a good weekend!!