



Friday 7th January 2022

Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

From our headteacher: I would like to say thank you for all of your help and support in getting us back into school safely. The lateral flow tests that were completed at home and school helped us to reduce risks but it is important that we all remain vigilant. As a school community we are working hard to support each other and staff and pupils are being flexible. Key Stage 1 have worked across this week showing amazing flexibility by allowing classes to work together to provide education for all pupils. The Vocational 6th Form has been supported by staff from the Cleveland House base so that they can continue to access their curriculum.

We know that the next few weeks will be a challenge but we are committed to working together to support pupils. The start of term has seen lots of really positive experiences. At Barwell Lane Josh B was exploring the use of key words to describe a frog as part of his poetry writing. He identified words like 'slimy' and 'jump' but realised that 'lily pad' was missing and added this in so that he could create his poem. Key Stage 4 were learning about the months of the year through the sensory story – pupils were really enjoying the song linked to February and showed their engagement with smiles and movement. Amelia was not so keen on the song choices and made sure that everyone knew it. Pupils at primary enjoyed the snow yesterday and even though it was cold we wrapped up warm and went outside! Sarah and Lina were enjoying catching the snow on their tongues and pupils were enjoying spending time on the bikes with Jennifer working hard to ask for her turn and wait for the bike. The Redmoor pupils were playing football, Louis was really into the game and moved with speed and skill with Hoi Wing making some good passes to the other players. Pupils have returned to their routines quickly and it was lovely to see lots of sensory exploration in Science, Cooking and Technology with Keian listening to the music for short bursts deciding whether he liked it and using the switches to move forwards or return to a song, activating the disco lights when he wanted them.

At the Cleveland House base the staggered start to the term has provided pupils with the opportunity to access more of the specialist input around social communication that we offer. Pupils have had time to catch up with their key workers focusing on their wellbeing and any worries and concerns that they have. They have also been reflecting in PSHE on what they are proud of and the things that have been more of a challenge and the strategies that we can put in place to overcome this. It has provided time for pupils to talk about their aspirations for the future, which supports in planning those next steps. They have accessed the online learning platform and made sure that they are up to date with their learning and they have also accessed the lessons that have been offered online by HAJC. It has been positive for pupils to have social time with their peers where they have accessed a range of activities linked to developing social communication. The 6th form pupils planned their cooking for Friday – cottage pie and then have been out to buy their ingredients.

Over the next few weeks continued regular testing will be a key part of how we keep the school safe. During this time I will let you know if your child has been in close contact with a case and will ask that you complete 7 days of lateral flow testing (in line with government guidance for all children between the ages of 5 and 18). This is to help to stop Covid from spreading in the school. When you complete a test you should record the results [here](#) and also report it on the government website. Yesterday you would have received a form about access to lateral flow tests – if you could complete this form it will help the office to make sure that you have enough lateral flow tests at home. Access to the form can be found [here](#). Thank you again for your support in keeping the school community safe.

Happy New Year!

Kelly





Notices

Date	Event	Location
Mon 14th - Fri 18th Feb	Half Term	School Closed
Mon 14th March	Routes to Resilience - Parent event	Details to follow
Thu 7th April	Parents Evening	Details to follow
Mon 11th - 22nd April	Easter Break	School Closed



A huge Thank you to Jarroms, who very kindly donated over **£3000**, which has gone towards the KS1 and 2 outdoor learning environment



Save the Children

We raised a fantastic **£200** for Christmas Jumper Day



LUNCHES



w/c 10th January 2022

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.



Homefield Open Days

[Book Here](#)

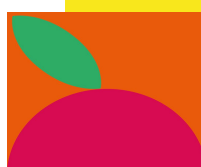
January Open Day (Leicestershire)

01509 815696

Look around our Leicestershire sites at this in-person day event on Saturday 22nd January 2022, 10am – 2pm. Meet staff, talk to students and experience life at Homefield.

Important Reminder

Please ensure that you inform the Office if your child is going to be absent from school, you can phone, email or send an in-app message via Arbor. Thank you



Highlights

KS 1

- Lemurs:** Our sensory room session where all the children engaged with the different textures from the story - a lot of mess but a lot of fun
- Leopards:** Seeing so many happy smiley faces back in school!
- Lions:** Seeing all of our pupils in the new year! Lots of happy faces!
- Tigers & Turtles:** Tigers loved forest school this week, they spent all morning on Thursday outside, learning all about bears' habitats and then making their own dens. Turtles loved exploring the dens in the afternoon, even finding ways to add to the stick den!

KS 2

- Earth:** Settling back in well and great positive attitude to their learning
- Jupiter:** Some fantastic decision making and independent problem solving
- Mars:** All the children being excited to be back at school
- Mercury:** It was great to see all the children back after christmas!
- Neptune:** IT SNOWED!!!!
- Saturn:** In English we were writing a list of what we would take to space. Romeo told the adult that he would take.....Calamine Lotion!!!
- Venus:** Pupil's loved the new history topic ' Entertainment and Leisure'. They learnt about old toys and made their own spinning tops.

of the week

KS 3

- Apollo:** Everyone coming back after the Christmas break happy and willing to learn.
- Athena:** Creating collages in Art.
- Kites:** Everyone settling back in after Christmas and working together.
- Owls:** Melting chocolate !
- Poseidon:** Colourful semantics in communication

KS 4

- Atlas:** Great interaction between Danish and Amelia as they laughed together while exploring the icy gloves.
- Hercules:** Geography Lesson, with all of the class contributing
- Janus:** A fun science lesson looking at changing states of matter

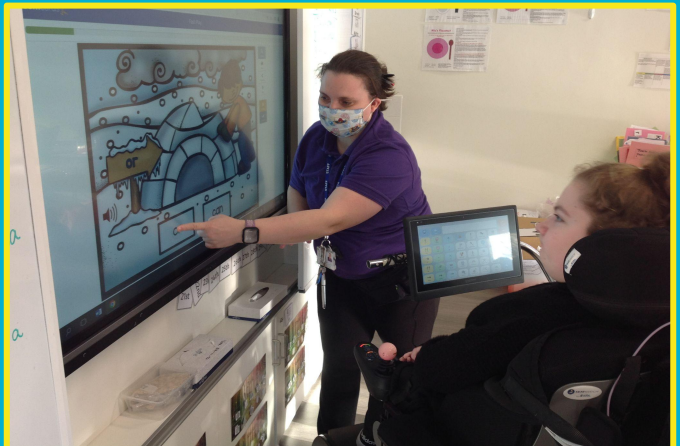
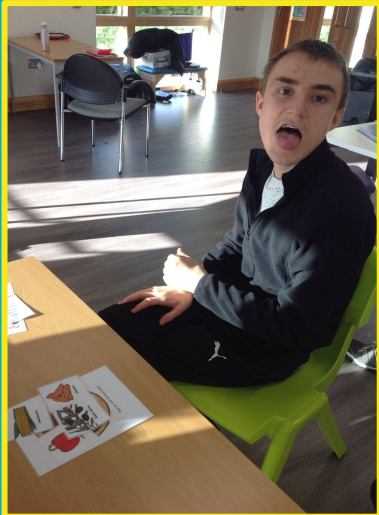
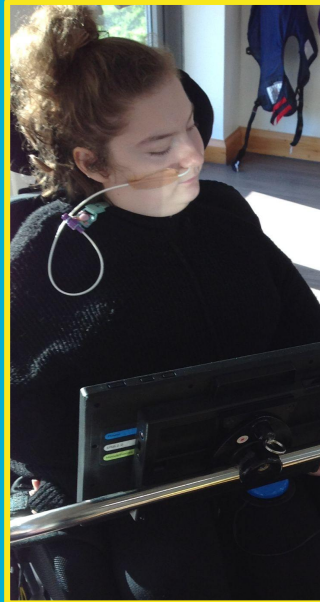
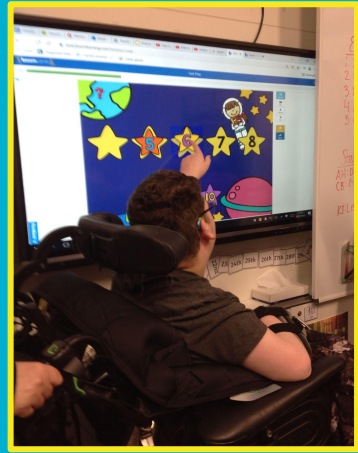
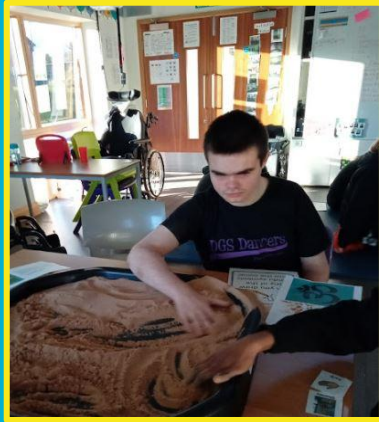
KS 5

- 6th Form:** Students working together and practising problem solving
- Demeter:** Everyone accessing the school bungalow
- Nike:** Students enjoyed cooking Romanian bread during pathways!

Cleveland House: A very positive return to Cleveland House

Iris & Zeus Completing the Time Treasure Trail in maths

This week in pictures





PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

Highlight of the week: In KS4's MATP group this week, the students were all really engaged in their skills and had lots of fun doing so. It was great to see skills that we had worked on a while ago, being recalled so quickly as this shows how well they learned them in the past. We are looking forward to trying out a new way of running the session for the students next week, which involved storytelling.

KS1 this week, we went "on a bear hunt" with lots of activities to explore. We went over, under and around all of the obstacles in our way, before banishing the bear with bean bags at the end.

KS2 Richmond have been learning about 'coordination' and used this in our passing activities, finishing with an extremely lively game of Four Corners that everyone was involved in.

KS3 worked on skills used in handball, with a freeflow carousel. The students enjoyed exploring different equipment and using it in multiple ways, including a 'mystery bag' that they had to use to make up their own game.

KS4 started the topic of Badminton and there was lots of engagement in the hall for that. The highest rally managed in the challenge at the end was a whopping 85, by Ethan and Andy!

KS5 Middlefield Lane were working on setting goals for our fitness and took part in a circuit training session to explore the different types of fitness. This term we are looking to then reach our goals through specific work that we'll do in the lessons.

Primary

Emre Yigit for excellent engagement in a new PE activity

Secondary

Amelia Fretwell for fantastic recall of an old skill.

Key Stage 1

Lions: What a lovely start to the new year, we have begun our topic Going on a Bear Hunt. We kicked this off by making a den in class and reading the story Going on a Bear Hunt. We have begun a musical story where we make the sound effects to the story using drums, a very noisy session but lots of fun!

Alex

Lemurs: We have had a brilliant and busy first week back after the holidays, we have started our new topic of Bears and looking at the Bear Hunt story, in PE the children had to go under and over lots of different obstacles, we have been looking at different animals and role playing as our favourite animals with lots of jumping, running and climbing. In art we have been making bear prints for our bear cave.

Arya

Leopards: We have investigated all different sorts of bears! We have used our globe to see where they live and have explored lots of sensory material to support their habitat types. It was lovely to have some of Llama's join us for a sensory story on Wednesday morning seeing all children work well with our sharing skills when some new faces were there. The bubbles for the 'splashy, sploshy' river and the green materials for 'stumble' and 'tripping' in the forest were firm favourites for all of the children!

Gabby

Lacey
-Mae

Olivia

Tigers & Turtles: Tigers and Turtles have loved learning about bears this week. They have all fully engaged with our "We're going on a bear hunt" sensory story in Literacy where they explored different terrains and moved like bears. In Maths, they have been learning about measuring and capacity, becoming very engaged with our capacity water play activities! Both classes have also enjoyed doing bear art and crafts, making bear masks, painting bears and making clay bears.

Jax

Key Stage 2

Dylan

Earth: There has been some fantastic work in English this week, great communication and discussion about what the children have been doing in the holidays. Brilliant mark making and exploration in write dance recreating marks and actions. There children have worked hard on cutting skills in cookery whilst making their fruit and kebabs exploring different tastes, textures and creating different patterns with the fruits.

William

Henry

Mars: This week in Mars we have started exploring our new topic "space". We have done some art activities decorating spaceships and astronauts. We made some rock cakes in cooking all the children loved exploring the ingredients and getting messy. We also had a really good PE session, the children had lots of fun playing with the different textured balls and skittles.

Jupiter: This week our pupils have settled back into our routine very well so Well done everyone. We have begun our exploration of Space going on some sensory adventures, exploring movement using physibods and exploring time too. We have also been comparing new and old activities such as puppet shows and spinners vs cinema and games consoles. We were very pleased with how well everyone did at explaining why they thought toys were new or old. We have also been working on our communication throughout our lessons and expressing preferences.

Mercury: We have been working on our new topic, space! In English we have designed our own aliens and then described them. In Maths we have been ordering items by their size and also thinking about what we do in the day and at night. We went to the moon in science through a sherborne story.

Jack

Kylan

Kian

Saturn: The students returned to school excited to be back and ready to learn. Ralph told us that he had missed us. In English we have been watching space videos and we wrote a list of what we would take into space and brought a toy or teddy into school and made a rocket for it. In maths we have been doing a variety of problem solving activities with some very interesting results. The students were having to pack a case to a specified weight, pack away the jenga blocks and crayons, get a sleeping bag back into the bag, get shapes into a shape sorter while blind folded and getting lids on jars. In science we took part in astronaut training - maths tests and problem solving tasks and then we had our chairs lying down and sat in them and watched a video clip about flying into space.

Neptune: This week everyone has returned to school with a really positive attitude, with lots of wonderful stories to tell about Christmas. The topic in Science has been greatly received with everyone very eager to learn about Space. We have started by creating the planets in our solar system, they are very large planets. In English we have started planning our story about an adventure in the International Space Station. In maths we have been ordering the seasons of the year, days of the week and months of the year. In PE this term we have started to work on our coordination skills.

George

Tye

Oliver

Venus: All the children have come back really settled after having a lovely Christmas break. In maths we have been learning how to measure length in cm using a ruler. In English we began a new story, Lifted. Pupils used adjectives to describe the aliens in the short film. They also made predictions for what might happen next. In ICT we had a refresher lesson to re-enforce how to stay safe online. In PE we began a space story with different physical tasks to complete.

Key Stage 3

Athena: This week we have been introduced to our new English topic Oliver twist. We have explored money in Maths and collages in Art. In computing we have been introduced to technology through time and enjoyed working with chalk.

Alex

Owls: A good first week back for owls class - in English we have started looking at new book Oliver Twist we have looked at Victorian schools and the strict punishments they had ! In maths we have begun to look at money and understand what each coin/note is worth. In science we melted chocolate as part of an experiment to see who could melt it the fastest - with hands , hot water or the microwave team

Craig

Apollo: As part of the Leicestershire Music Hub, Apollo class are taking part in a 10 week turntabling project with our first lesson being yesterday in Music. The pupils were FANTASTIC!!! They listened well to given instructions, were extra careful when setting up their personal turntable and were confident enough to play the 'baby scratch' in front of their peers. Please look to the photo gallery for some images of their first try and turntabling.

Euan

Kites: Kites have been investigating money in maths - we are making sure that we know the value of individual coins. In our English lessons, we met Oliver Twist and had to scrub the carpet as if we were in a Workhouse! We have also explored the different fashions of the 1960s and 70s and what it was like to have been a child of those times.

Oliver

Brandon

Poseidon: WOW! What a great week back it has been for Poseidon class. All pupils have settled back into school amazingly. I was super impressed with Ethan's work in our Wednesday English session this week with a great attitude to learning he completed all his colourful semantics work and even wrote his sentences independently with no support! John and Rohaan have been working really hard in math's focusing on the value of money and adding coins and their amounts. In Drama we practiced our Oliver sensory story and Anton really enjoyed eating the porridge and Pimmi liked pickpocketing. In communication we listened to an audio book and did some colourful semantics work and Aidan produced some fantastic independent work. In music we listened to some songs from Oliver and then went to the music room to explore beat and Daisy enjoyed playing on the piano and doing her super dance moves. Brandon has really impressed me with his colourful semantics work this week and has been able to identify who, what doing and where which was amazing.

Key Stage 4

Atlas: A fab start to the term for Atlas class, it's been nice to see how the students seemed to have settled back into school well after a lovely break! We enjoyed making banana muffins as a class in Cooking this week. We've also begun learning about coastal zones as part of our Geography topic - Matthew particularly enjoyed feeling the sand on his feet. We've seen lots of reactions from Heidi, Tegan, Danish, Mollie and Amelia while exploring the months of the year through the 'Calendar massage'. Alfi has done well learning about time and calendars in maths. Erin, Noah and Lewis also had a great time dancing and acting in RE this week as we listened to African music.

Lewis

Iris & Zeus: A great week back with everyone happy to be back and joining in our activities with enthusiasm! In maths all students thoroughly enjoyed the time treasure trail. They had to answer questions on time and then collect letters to make some words. They all did well and learnt about the time at the same time! In English we have started looking at war poetry and by the end of the week pupils were having a go at writing their own poems - so well done all!

Alfie

Brett

Jack

Hercules: Hercules class have all settled in well, in the New Year, after the holidays. It has been a slightly shorter week so we have missed some lessons, but have enjoyed the new work based on The Blitz/ WW2. We had a good lesson on Geography, where we explored what Humanities & Geography were, and looked at the distinction between Physical Geography & Human Geography.

Ziyyad

Amy

Janus: We've had a positive and exciting first week back of the term we started by looking at new years resolutions and what are goals are for the year. In science we looked at changing states by looking at how we could make ice a liquid/gas and what we would have to do to make it back into a solid, the CYP showed a good understanding on how the atoms moved in a different way. in R.E we looked at grief and how we deal with those emotions, there was a lot of good communications about experiences and what the CYP did in those situations. Hope everyone has a great weekend!

Cleveland House: KS5- The Cottage pie was well received by our students especially in this cold weather.

KS4- All or students settled in very well and are already planning for their GCSE mocks in February.

KS3- Very pleased with our students return and how they have settled back into lessons in HAJC.

Jake

Kyle

Amelia

Key Stage 5

6th Form: A good start to the new term with students settling back in after the Christmas break.

Hospitality students are following a new menu and trying out new recipes to develop their cooking skills. The topic in maths is calendar and time and in English students created their own stories linked to different descriptions and settings.

The DIY pathways group have created a variety of different products for sale and details are included in this newsletter with all the profits helping buy items for use in the 6th form common room. Please email any orders to paul.bond@dorothygoodman.leics.sch.uk.

Nyah

Ed

Sorren

Demeter: Everyone has settled back in well this week. We have started our work on Dracula within English and following our morning routine in Maths. We have completed team building activities within PE and have followed signs to direct us to the PE hall, everyone showed excellent teamwork! Art has seen us look at diwa lamps and spices as we begin our work on Hinduism and we have also looked at camping during PSHE. Overall, a great first week back!

Emily

Nike: This week, students started a new unit in English studying the story of Dracula. Students enjoyed listening to the eerie English writing! In maths, students worked on sequencing and preposition games. In art, we started studying Hinduism. Students explored important Hindu symbols and music. Have a good weekend!

Disha

