



Friday 14th January 2022

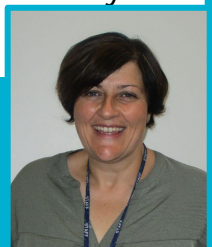
Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

From our headteacher: The start of the term has sent some challenges our way and the staff have worked hard to reduce the impact of these on the school. Leopards class have been working from home this week and I would like to say thank you to all of the families for their support. We are looking forward to welcoming Leopard's class back next week. Please continue to complete your lateral flow tests and record the results [here](#). If a member of the household where the pupil lives has tested positive for Covid 19, can I please remind you of the importance of daily testing where possible

Even with the challenges we have seen some positive learning from pupils across the school. A pupil from Cleveland House did a fantastic job of making a chisel set holder from a picture, he measured, cut and assembled the holder and the end product was excellent. Pupils at the base at HAJC have been accessing new lessons within the mainstream school this week – Ryan, Tobyn and Brett have been to Maths and ICT, Lola has joined PE, Alfie is now accessing Humanities and Alexis and Amber have joined Dance and Drama. We are very excited to see how they get on.

I spent some time with Key Stage 3 on Wednesday supporting learning. It was lovely to have the opportunity to work with George and get to know him. He was really focussed making marks on the interactive screen and was able to let me know when he did not want me to join in. During Maths he really enjoyed the matching activity and was able to try again when I pointed out a mistake. After completing the activity once he chose to return and complete it again and was engaged throughout the session. Over at the Vocational 6th Form James talked about how his skills in Maths have developed. He explained how he used the different place value counters to complete his addition and subtraction calculations and identified that he is continuing to work on developing his times tables. Pupils are now cooking new recipes for lunch at the 6th Form and Nyah was in charge of the apple crumble, weighing the apples and recognising that more would be needed once they had been peeled and cored and Alex used the weights in the recipe to calculate how much flour was needed to make enough pizza dough for those that had ordered dinner. The Key Stage 4 DIY group at Barwell Lane were learning about how to remove wallpaper (only one layer) they followed the model that they had been given using warm water and scoring the paper. I only saw the start of the session but recognise that it might have taken some time to get the paper off. At primary it was lovely to hear how Rayyan taught some of the staff the different yoga moves that he knows which included a downward dog, cat and cow pose. At the end of last week Alperen's work on developing different sounds led to him leaving the classroom waving and saying 'bye' unprompted. This was a proud moment for the staff working with him and his family.

I would like to thank everyone once again for all of their support. We are currently working hard across the school to reduce the impact of staff absences during this period and it is positive that we are still able to work together so that we can celebrate the successes of the pupils. Please continue to test regularly on Sunday evening / Monday morning and Wednesday evening / Thursday morning. We need everyone's help to keep the school safe.



Kelly



Notices

School Opening Times

Site	Start	Finish
Primary	9:10am	3:10pm
Secondary	9am	3:20pm
Richmond	9:10am	2:50pm
Redmoor	9:10am	3:10pm
HAJC	8:45am	3:05pm
Cleveland House	8:30am	3pm
6th Form	8:50pm	3pm



LUNCHES



w/c 17th January 2022

Week 3 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
Mon 14th - Fri 18th Feb	Half Term	School Closed
Mon 14th Mar	Routes to Resilience - Parent event	Details to follow
Thu 7th April	Parents Evening	Details to follow
Mon 11th - 22nd April	Easter Break	School Closed
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun	Half Term	School Closed
Thur 7th Jul	Last Day of School for Summer	

Please ensure that you inform the Office whenever your child is going to be absent from school that day. Even if they have been absent the previous day. You can phone, email or send an in-app message via Arbor.

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.



CLASS REQUESTS/MESSAGES

IF YOU HAVE ANY EMPTY MILK CONTAINERS COULD YOU PLEASE SEND THESE IN NEXT WEEK CLEANED FOR AN EXPERIMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

MANY THANKS EARTH CLASS

A THANK YOU TO MUMMY JANET FOR RESCUING MR RED. MESSAGE FOR NEPTUNE YEAR 6 STUDENTS. THOSE STUDENTS GOING ON THE PGL RESIDENTIAL WITH RICHMOND CAN PAY OFF THE TRIP IN INSTALMENTS. THANK YOU SATURN CLASS

THANKS FOR WEARING YOUR MASKS IN CLASS - KEEP IT UP! SWIMMING ON MONDAY. KITES CLASS

ANY DONATIONS OF OLD T-SHIRTS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED! IRIS / ZEUS CLASS

REMEMBER A CHANGE OF FOOTWEAR OR WELLIES, READY FOR FOREST SCHOOLS ON MONDAY APOLLO CLASS

PLEASE SEND IN TINNED/BOXED ITEMS FOR OUR WEEKLY TRIP TO THE FOOD BANK.

TRAINERS SHOULD BE WORN ON P.E. DAYS (MONDAY AND THURSDAY). NIKE CLASS

SWIMMING NEXT MONDAY SO REMINDER TO BRING SWIMMING KITS POSEIDON



Highlights of the week

KS 1

- Lemurs:** Independent work in cooking making Teddy Bear Pizzas
- Llamas:** Lovely engagement during our new sensory story- Going on a bear hunt
- Lions:** Super engagement in music with everyone joining in with instruments to the story Going on a Bear Hunt.
- Tigers & Turtles:** Everyone loved having a picnic this week in cookery

KS 2

- Earth:** Great engagement in the English sensory story with good communication and exploration.
- Jupiter:** Engagement
- Mars:** The children willing to taste and explore new foods.
- Mercury:** We made rock cakes in class!
- Neptune:** This week we have really enjoyed making our Solar System and seeing it displayed in the classroom.
- Saturn:** The students 'flying to the moon' and once landed on the moon taking part in a variety of activities. Also the welcome back that Ralph gave to Lacey-Mae and him saying "I have missed you."
- Venus:** The pupils loved digging in edible mud to find vegetables that grow underground.

KS 3

- Apollo:** Independent cooking, making healthy salads
- Athena:** This week we have enjoyed accessing our local community.
- Kites:** Beating the staff at lunchtime football on Wednesday!
- Owls:** Cooking Pizza
- Poseidon:** Whole class engagement in music for an hour listening and dancing to different music genres

KS 4

- Atlas:** Mollie had a great reaction to the suncream in the seasons sensory story, she laughed and clapped - roll on the summer months!
- Hera:** Solids, liquids and gases Science experiments and planning a room for a dolls house.
- Janus:** DJing on the turntables with Mark

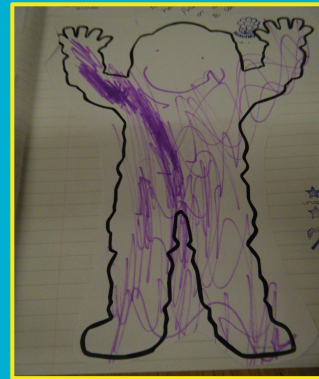
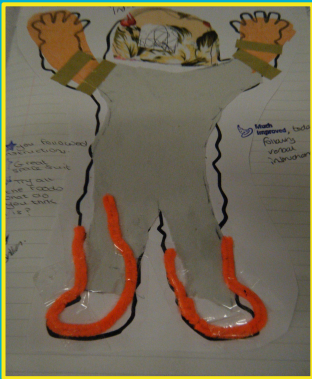
KS 5

- 6th Form:** Duke of Edinburgh students carrying out volunteer work in the local community, litter picking at the Ashby road cemetery. Lucas and Lewis.K engaging in different activities. Thursday hospitality group shopping and cooking independently.
- Demeter:** Pupils interacting with new peers during our English story
- Nike:** Jack has done fantastic retelling the story of 'Dracula' using symbols. Walking to Asda to donate to the foodbank.

Cleveland House: Henry making a chisel holder in DIY totally independently

Iris & Zeus Toby and Brett going to inclusion lessons for the first time.

This week in pictures





PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

Highlight of the week: It was great to see everyone back swimming this week, for the first time since before Christmas. The students all engaged really well and we saw lots of them push past their previous limits. Well done everyone and keep up the hard work.

KS1 - We continued our exploration of movement, linked to the story of the Bear Hunt, this week. We had lots of fun in the 'cave' especially.

KS2 - We worked on 'dribbling' this week for our coordination topic. Using different equipment from the mystery bag, students had to move with control of the equipment and show creativity in how they used it.

KS3 - We continued to learn the routines for our MATP story around making chocolate. Students explored movement and we tried to develop our play skills at the end of the lesson.

KS4 - Continued their Badminton topic. Students learned the rules to new games, linked to the skills involved in Badminton. There was lots of competition and more personal challenges again.

KS5 - Students at VOC6 have chosen their focus for the term, linked to their personal goals and did an excellent job working hard in their groups. The HIIT class worked up a real sweat, the runners came back full of energy and the Yoga class was a real challenge of balance and flexibility.

Primary
Oliver
(Richmond)
for excellent
swimming

Secondary
Lola (HAJC)
for taking part
in swimming
for the first
time this year.



Key Stage 1

Lions: The children have enjoyed taking part in the interactive story of 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. There has been some lovely messy exploration with the paint to create swishy swashy grass pictures and collages which will be added to our display. In PE the children have taken part in an obstacle course relating to the story and the favourite was going into the cave under the parachute and jumping off the bench onto the big mat.

Tommy

Llamas: This week we have started our story- Going on a bear hunt. we explored all the sensory aspects of the story and particularly enjoyed the squelchy squelchy mud! In maths we have matched and sorted by size and in write dance used a variety of sensory mark making media to over copy writing patterns and shapes.

Izaak

Lemurs: We have continued our work on the Bear Hunt story, acting it out in the sensory room and creating our own snowstorm! In cooking we have made Teddy Bear Pizzas where the pupils excelled in working independently and trying all the different foods. On Wednesday we did some fantastic colour matching in art and created our own bear masks

William

Tigers & Turtles: Tigers and Turtles have really engaged with bears and 'We're going on a bear hunt' in literacy, especially enjoying the sensory story. They also all engaged with measuring, capacity and shapes in maths, particularly enjoying water play for capacity.

Jacob

Mia

Key Stage 2

Lewis

Jupiter: We have continued our exploration of space through various sensory stories, massage, sentence building and exploration of time. We have also been looking at activities through the ages, making our own charleston headbands and comparing new and old toys. In PSHE we have been picking fruit off trees and digging up vegetables, washing then and making our own fruit salads.

William

Luke

Mars: This week In Mars we have done a write dance session, most of the children liked the paint and shaving foam. we have been exploring and learning about the different planets. in cooking we made sandwiches. we also had a lovely music session, singing the soon five little men in a flying saucer.

Mercury: In English we have continued with our space theme and we thought about what we would take on a trip to space! We also found out that aliens love underpants and designed our own pair! In Maths we have been looking at measurement and using the balancing scales to see which item is heavier. In history we looked at old toys and made our own spinner to play with!

Elliot

Rosie

Kareena

Saturn: In maths we have been learning about tally charts and answering questions about the information that we can see. In english we have been watching some videos about space, including a video about how astronauts get back to earth. The students designed their own spacesuits with some very interesting results! The students experience landing back on earth and then being carried out of the aircraft to a chair.

Neptune: This week we completed our Solar System, which looks absolutely amazing!! We have explored the short film Lifted and started exploring what weather presenters need to know to do their jobs. We pretended being in a spaceship and being a commander on the ISS and we explored the puppet shows and games from the past.

Nellie

Venus: This week in English pupils continued to work on 'Lifted'. They drew a different alien from the story and thought of adjectives. In math's we continued to look at measuring length. Some pupils decided to draw around their hand and measure their handspan. Other pupils measuring a range of objects from around the classroom. In Science we looked at all the planets in the order from the sun and their names.

Well done Venus!

Mitchel

Key Stage 3

Athena: This week we have enjoyed continuing our work on money and recognising coins. We have put our shop role play into practice with a trip to the supermarket. In English we have continued to explore the story of Oliver and developed our letter formation. In science we enjoyed exploring liquids and solids.

Jamie

Angel

Owls: We have continued to look at Oliver twist, making fact files on the author Charles Dickens and writing descriptive sentences from pictures of the musical. In maths we have looked at Money and have played the price is right- guessing what price we think our shopping list items might come to. In science we looked at reversible and irreversible change changes- after we had researched we created our own irreversible change, egg on toast!

Apollo: We have continued to look at the text, 'Oliver' where pupils used adjectives to describe different settings from 'Oliver'. In PSHE, we started to look at Fairtrade and looked at the different products you can find in a supermarket which will help farmers across the world

Tyler

Danai

Kites: In maths we have continued to practise our money skills - making sure we recognise different amounts of money and that we can work out the correct change. There was some great drama as we compared the characters of Oliver Twist and The Artful Dodger in English. Food has been a focus this week with students making Tasty Toasty Toppings in Creative and trying Spiced Pears and Pomegranate as part of RE studies.

Anton

Poseidon: This week Poseidon class have been working super hard on their colorful semantics work in communication. Anton and George have been working hard in maths figuring out coins and their values. Ethan and John have also been working on money problems and working out how much money goes into each coin and how we can make money differently. In PSHE we have been exploring the sherbourne story and everyone was very engaged dancing to the music whilst learning about Fairtrade. In Science we have been exploring solids, liquids and gases and Aidan did some great matching to the different visuals and Ishan enjoyed exploring the different liquids and pouring them. Lot's of engagement this week and some super work produced well done

Poseidon class!

Key Stage 4

Atlas: Atlas class worked well in pairs as they took part in 'The Blitz' Sherborne story. We started looking at food and how it makes us feel in PSHE. Noah, Alfi, Erin, Lewis and Alfi have been learning about the different parts of a coastline in Geography. This week Mollie, Danish, Tegan, Heidi and Amelia have enjoyed exploring the seasons and months in a massage and sensory story. In science we've tried balloon experiments and enjoyed a relaxing end to the lesson with a sound bath.

Matthew

Iris & Zeus: Dare we say a 'quieter' week? But still a week that has flown by! Two of our young people have been able to access inclusion lessons for the first time and really enjoyed the experience. In English we continue looking at different war poems; students have been learning about language techniques and coming up with their own brilliant examples. In ICT lessons students have started the topic of algorithms and have been creating simple and complex instructions. While in PSHE we have been finding out all about upcycling - any appropriate items will still be very welcome!

Alfie

Callum

Chloe

Heras: This week in Science we have been thinking about solids, liquids and gases and identifying them around school. We completed three simple Science experiments as a class looking at how a solid and liquid can create a gas. The class particularly enjoyed the Mentos and Sprite experiment when it all exploded everywhere on our first attempt. In Art we started making the bases of our Egyptian death masks ready to paint next week. Hera pupils have worked hard in all their lessons.

Computing is all about algorithms, Hera pupils made simple instructions with photographs of a brick structure they made, taking a picture of each stage so others could follow. PSHE is all about upcycling we designed a room each which will be made in cardboard, each room will be part of a larger building.

Maths has been all about time, reading analogue clocks - o'clock, half past, quarter past and 5 minute increments, digital clocks, working out the 24 hour clock. Pupils have been writing in English, letter formation and writing sentences.

Missy

Jake

Emily

Janus: This week we have continued our new topics for the term as well as looking at a few new things, in science we did some more experiments on how states of matter change, Jamie and Tarell were really interested in using vinegar and milk into a solid "plastic". In art we explored some more mask making and the CYP enjoyed looking at all the different styles of mask they could make. The class also enjoyed a session of music with Mark where we got to try our hand at using turn decks to DJ, Jake especially enjoyed trying all the different "scratches" you could make on the deck. Hope everyone has a good weekend.

Key Stage 5

Kelly
KS3

Tom
KS4

Jake
KS5

Cleveland House: KS 3 In year 7 our students were making badges in textiles and understanding morality in EP

KS4 All our GCSE students have got their mock exam timetables, so preparations are underway to be ready for this.

KS5 In Key stage 5 this week many of the students have been busy revising for their A Level exams. Jake S completed his English and Maths Functional Skills exams. In cooking your own lunch, Bradley and Henry enjoyed making a delicious vegetarian cottage pie.

6th Form: Duke of Edinburgh students went litter picking at the Ashby road cemetery this week as part of the volunteer section of their award. In ICT some students learnt about coding and carried out a cone maze challenge to understand the connection between instruction, direction and action. The sewing group went into town to source new material and research ideas for their next project. Sports pathway students have been planning a sports lesson and putting it into practice, Josh.W assisted with delivering a PE lesson to primary students as part of his Sports leadership qualification. The gardening group have been learning about more environmentally friendly gardening methods such as crop rotation and companion planting. DIY students have been fulfilling orders for products to raise money for the sixth form common room.

Lucas
Triton

Lewis
Helios

Callum
Kratos

Demeter: This week in class we have been continuing with our english topic, Dracula, and looking at city breaks in RSE. There has been some great peer interactions and new friendships made. During PE, the pupils really enjoyed the hula hoop game where we tried to get the hoop round the circle without letting go of each others hands. Overall a very successful week full of smiles!

Ben

Nike: This week we explored and learned about the city of Leicester in RSE. In English, we continued our unit on 'Dracula' and eerie English writing. In Maths, students focused on prepositions. In RE, we learned about different charities and ways to give back to the community. Some students walked to Asda to do the grocery shop for the key stage and to donate to the food bank. In PE, we discussed teamwork and played team games. Have a good weekend.

Jack