



Friday 21st January 2022

# Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

**From our headteacher:** The sense of pride in school this week has been strong. At Barwell Lane the pupils have been interviewed for a range of different roles. The buzz as pupils received their letters of success was great. Max went to show Rachel his letter and was really looking forward to telling his mum about his success. Harley did a fantastic job of congratulating them for their achievements and the pupils waited so that they could hear how everyone had done.

There have been some real magic moments this week. For me after 7 years of hard work building the relationship I had the privilege of working with Andie, she used her AAC device to communicate with me about the sensory story that we were doing. She made fantastic eye contact and really enjoyed the hand massage at the end of the story – requesting more. For Katie, it was Jack at Primary who demonstrated he could count to 20 whilst playing outside and jumping on the spots – it wasn't expected but was an amazing achievement. Julie had the privilege of interviewing all the candidates for the roles at Barwell Lane and was blown away by how well the pupils did with the applications and interviews. For Lisa it was the Maths group where all of the pupils engaged with learning – Jareth was supporting Josh to learn how many days were in each month and Harley found a worksheet and completed it independently. Jake, Ziyaad, Jamie and PJ focused really well working with Katrina and Flo and Olivia helped each other out. There was a great energy – what a fantastic demonstration of nurture, respect and independence all in one room!

I feel that it is important that I share that this has been another challenging week for the school with more staff and pupils being required to isolate. Thank you to Lions class who have completed online learning. We appreciate everyone's support in ensuring that we are able to keep pupils safe.

You will be aware that the government has changed guidance for education again this week. Currently it is important that we continue to keep the school community safe and until we have completed a full review of the risk assessment we will continue to:

- Ask staff and pupils to isolate until at least day 7. Once at day 5 anyone who gets 2 negative lateral flows on consecutive days will be able to return to school.
- Ask staff and where possible pupils to continue to wear masks in class and communal areas – this is to provide time for risk assessments for vulnerable pupils to be updated.
- Ask staff and pupils to complete lateral flow test on Sunday evening/Monday morning and Wednesday evening/Thursday morning.
- Ask staff and pupils who have been in close contact with a positive case to complete daily lateral flow tests for a week

Thank you once again for continuing to support us during this challenging time. Please record your lateral flow results [here](#).



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

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	<b>Last Day of School for Summer</b>	



## LUNCHES



w/c 24th January 2022

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.

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

**CAN PE KITS PLEASE BE SENT IN FOR MONDAY  
- TIGERS/TURTLES CLASS**

**FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY - VISIT TO ATKINS  
BUILDING CAFE- £1 NEEDED FOR DRINK AND  
SNACK - SATURN CLASS**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR SWIMMING KITS IN FOR  
SWIMMING ON MONDAY! - POSEIDON CLASS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER SWIM KITS ON DAYS NEEDED  
- THANK YOU - DEMETER CLASS**

**PLEASE BRING IN ANY TINNED OR  
BOXED FOOD ITEMS FOR OUR  
FOODBANK COLLECTION. - NIKE  
CLASS**



# Highlights

# of the week

KS 1

**Lemurs:** The students interacting with all the different animals and showing some great role play and imagination skills in their activities

**Llamas:** Investigating ways of chipping away at the ice to find the polar bears.

**Leopards:** It has been lovely to see all our leopards accept lots of different members of staff this week.

**Lions:** Exploring the theme of polar bears in Topic.

**Tigers & Turtles:** Building a fantastic stick den in the forest!

KS 2

**Jupiter:** Fantastic communication work

**Mars:** Making space themed cupcakes

**Neptune:** Discussing new play equipment for the playground.

**Saturn:** Exploring the puppets in History and there was some interesting attempts at ventriloquism.

**Venus:** This week pupils enjoyed history, looking at toys during World War 2.

**Cleveland House:** Harry attending college independently.

**Iris & Zeus** Getting lost on Burbage Common!

KS 3

**Apollo:** Max taking charge in a meeting where he spoke about his future hopes and dreams.

**Kites:** Independence at swimming

**Owls:** Making a mess in our science experiment !

**Poseidon:** Changes of matter experiments in Science

KS 4

**Atlas:** Mollie and Heidi loved being read a story by Erin at the end of the day on Wednesday - she put a lot of effort into giving each of the girls lots of interaction.

**Hera:** Making Egyptian Death Masks with Lisa and creating from cardboard to put together as a block of flats with Enda.

**Hercules:** Designing Luchador masks

**Janus:** Making some brilliant diet plans in PSHE

KS 5

**6th Form:** Carla worked independently shopping, paying and preparing a meal. Kristian helping other students and using his initiative. Tahlia and Emma attending work experience at Pamela Mann.

**Demeter:** Kinjal standing and exploring the classroom and being more engaged with the lessons

**Nike:** Robert has transitioned around the school and to the stable really well this week! The highlight for our class would be collecting items for our foodbank and walking to Asda to donate them.

# This week in pictures





# PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

**Highlight of the week:** The highlight of the week was the fantastic lesson we had with KS2 at primary this week. There was so much engagement in the lesson and the students showcased all of the skills we have been working on all term. We finished the lessons with a quick game and we saw lots of fantastic fair play and everyone managed to cope with winning and losing for the first time this term.

KS1 - We have continued our Bear Hunt circuits this week, with lots of skills on show like throwing, running and jumping. It was great to see Leopards get straight back into their routines around PE too, with everyone coming to engage in the hall really well.

KS2 - Our groups have been working on Coordination and this week our main focus was 'shooting'. With targets all over the hall, the students did a great job of aiming and sending their equipment in different ways. We finished it all off with a game of 'Tower Defence', which saw staff and students aiming at each other's skittles to win.

KS3 - We carried on looking at Handball this week, with an introduction to playing the game and the rules involved. We have developed our skills through a carousel over the past few weeks and now we're looking at gameplay.

KS4 - Again, we looked at Badminton, with a focus on building resilience through the sport. Lots of students have been building their skills and confidence, using different equipment and are starting to take part in a variety of skill-based activities.

KS5 - At Middlefield lane, we again went into our chosen groups. The groups worked really hard in the HIIT circuit and despite some sore bodies last week, we saw the students complete their workout strongly.

**Primary**  
Sarah M for  
a fantastic  
PE sessions  
this week

**Secondary**  
Tegan R for  
consolidating  
an old skill  
with multiple  
adults in PE

This week is 'Virtual Challenge Week'. They'll be posting challenges that we can do at home and in school. Please register to take part at the link below and let us know how you get on. If you post any videos online, then please remember to tag the school so that we can share your good work.

[Mencap - Virtual Challenge Week](#)

# Key Stage 1

**Lions:** Everyone loved exploring the theme of polar bears in topic this week. Many pupils loved breaking the ice to find toy fish! There was lots of exploring by eating the ice! The shredded paper signifying snow was also a firm favourite!

Vinnie

**Llamas:** This week we have continued with our bear theme. In literacy, we have explored the sensory aspects from Going on a bear hunt story and recalled and sequenced the pictures. In write dance we have made swishy swashy marks in green paint and over copied writing patterns and words. In topic we have thought about the different habitats of bears and this week have been focusing on Polar Bears, exploring ice and icebergs and experimenting with freezing and melting objects.

Rocco

**Leopards:** This week we have been focusing on our theme of Polar bears. We have had lots of fun building caves for our bears, having fun during our bear sensory story with lots of ice and water and helping our bears to have a teddy bears picnic

Lekan

**Lemurs:** This week we have enjoyed a sensory story massage for the story of the Bear Hunt, playing with different animals and making homes and shelters for them, in art the students made bears using a printing method from different foods. In maths we have been thinking about big and small items as well as setting the table for a teddy bears picnic.

Frankie

**Tigers & Turtles:** Tigers and Turtles have been engaging really well with our topic of 'bears' this week, learning about what they need to survive, making bears out of clay, making a bear sandwich and building bear dens in forest school! Tigers and Turtles have really enjoyed learning about measuring and capacity, comparing their own heights and using water and flour to compare how full and empty containers are.

Ellis

Oliver

## Key Stage 2

**Mars:** This week we have been continuing our space theme and having lots of messy sensory fun. In art, we painted flames for our rocket using our feet! We also painted our papier Mache Earth models which we made last week. In PSHE, we have been exploring different types of foods and tasting them to see which we do and don't like. Lots of us were not fans of the hummus! But the pepperoni was yummy.

In English, we had a rocket ship role-play session and pretended to blast off into space!

Oliver

Charlie

**Jupiter:** This week we have continued our exploration of space through a variety of media. Our pupils have enjoyed exploring ww2 and their leisure opportunities as well as making their own tanks. We have been developing our physio skills through swimming, PE, riding the bikes, coordination games etc. Everyone enjoyed baking cakes on Monday and exploring the ingredients in a sensory experience too and we have had lots of opportunities to extend our communication skills at individual levels from asking questions, making choices with PECS and interaction with peers on a social level. We done to all of Jupiter for their hard work.

Noah

**Saturn:**In art the students enjoyed exploring puff paint to create patterns for their own moon design. In science we learned how they prepare a hot drink in space. The students then ordered pictures of how to make a cup of tea and with adult supervision made their own cup of tea. Romeo split open his teabag, as he said he wanted to make a coffee. When he was drinking it, he said "I don't like these seed!"

Karl

**Neptune:**This week in Neptune we have experienced life on the ISS, and discovered how the scientist go to the toilet! We have explored the class planetarium to decipher how the planets of the solar system orbit the sun. We have made a great start on our story about life on the ISS and we continued to learn what weather presenters need to know to do their job.

Whole  
Class

**Venus:**In maths pupils have been learning about measuring mass using balance scales and electric scales. Pupils have been able to find a range of objects around the class before weighing them and recording the data.

In English we sequences pictures from Pixar's 'Lifted' and described what happened in each scene. In Science pupil have continued to learn about each planet and their order from the sun.

Sarah

Well done Venus!



# Key Stage 3

**Owls:** This week in owls we have continued to look at Oliver Twist in English - this week we looked at Fagin drawing him and writing descriptions of him, we also have been writing sentences about what we have seen in clips of the film focusing on adding adjectives and punctuation!

In maths we have looked more at money and practical use of it- the class were challenged with creating a shopping list for less than £25 and price checked this with an online supermarket. In science we have been mixing solid and liquids, this week it was cornflour and water the class loved the feel of it and liked predicting if items would float or sink in it!

Aaryan

**Kites:** Kites have had an excellent week, with pupils enjoying swimming at the Leisure Center. The pupils have been independent and being excellent role models when out in the community, they represent the school brilliantly. Pupils have also been exploring marbling in art, with shaving foam, marbles and food colouring. There were some great pieces of work created. Pupils have also written descriptions of Fagin from Oliver Twist in English, which were full of detail and description.

Sammy

**Apollo:** Apollo class have been working hard on place value this week in Maths, where the use of concrete and pictorial methods have helped pupils to work out problems involving hundreds, tens and ones. There was a lovely moment this week where pupils received their job interview responses. They took it in turns to listen to each pupils letter and congratulated everyone who was successful in their applications. Pupils then ran through the school, celebrating their success with everyone and anyone who would listen. Proud teacher moment!

Max

**Poseidon:** This week we have been very busy in Poseidon class. We started the week off back at swimming at the leisure center all of Poseidon class loved being back at the pool splashing and swimming around! Some of Poseidon class also went forest schools this week and really enjoyed going outside of school walking down Barwell Lane. In Math's this week we have been exploring money and values of money. In English we have been doing some colourful semantics, fine motor skills and letter formation and sentence structure. In PSHE we have been exploring our sherbourne story again this week exploring Fairtrade. We have all had a very busy week this week, well done Poseidon a special mention to Aidan and Daisy for being amazing in their interviews and getting the job! They showed lots of confidence and did an excellent job!

Daisy

Aidan

## Key Stage 4

Zara

**Atlas:** We've been continuing with working in a pair or small groups for 'The Blitz' Sherborne in Monday's PE lesson. For our well-being session we enjoyed either work on the allotment or a music session - lots of positive responses from Danish. During PSHE we continued to look at the idea of hunger and the types of food we eat. In RE it's been another visit to Africa exploring the way other cultures mourn and celebrate life - Amelia gave us a range of reactions. In Science this week Erin, Noah, Lewis, Matthew and Alfi worked well with the experiments and Heidi stayed engaged exploring pouring water and stones for almost half the lesson!

Alfi

**Iris & Zeus:** What a week! Great fun was had by all the pupils practicing their D of E walk. Staff took them to Burbage Common and following staff instructions, everyone promptly got lost! It was also very muddy so apologies for that but it was such fun to get outside, walk in the mud and have some real laugh out loud moments that it did everyone good! Staff and pupils had to be picked up in the minibus to get back in time for lunch but it was just so enjoyable. There was also a lot of shoe cleaning when everyone got back too so it would be great if wellies/walking shoes/old shoes could be brought in every Thursday. Thank you!

Ryan

Princess

Alfie

**Hera:** We have continued with algorithms in computing, pupils have built small structures with Lego bricks and made instructions using words or pictures so others could then make their structure from scratch. Map reading in Humanities, pupils played a map reading board game and they searched for pieces of fruit using map references, once the fruit was found they made fruit salad and enjoyed eating it. In Art beautiful blue, silver and gold death masks were created and in PSHE we are upcycling - making doll's houses/flats from card, plastic containers and various recyclable items.

**Janus:** Janus class has responded really well to a week with a lot of change, we started the week looking at Muhammed Ali, and the challenges he overcame for resilience in sport and then a PSHE lesson where we looked at diet and nutrition, the students really liked making their own diet plans (although some were more balanced than others!) in art the students carried on looking at masks and made some really good and unique in designs.

Manav

Theo

**Hercules:** The English classes in Hercules have been enjoying the sensory story based on The Blitz, and doing work on evacuation. In science we looked at dissolving solids in liquids. In PE we have been practicing badminton skills. The class all enjoyed creating Mexican wrestlers masks in art. In Geography, we looked at precious and semi precious stones. We also had some good work done in the gym after lessons were completed.

**Cleveland House:** KS 5- Henry and Jake enjoyed there DIY experience on Wednesday. They both enjoyed visiting B & Q and then visiting the Tool Box in Castle Street which Henry said it was his favourite shop. KS 4- Our GCSE students are revising hard for their mock exams starting next week. KS3- Our YR 7 students they have been learning about Gods/Myths whilst in Maths, Algebra was the new topic. In YR 8 they were studying The Tempest and in science they were learning about separating mixtures.

Laycen  
KS3

Jack  
KS4

Harry  
KS5

## Key Stage 5

**6th Form:** Well done to Emma and Tahlia who started their work experience at Pamela Mann. They listened to and followed instructions to place information stickers on packets of tights. They completed 200 between them and were proud when the task was completed. Forest school students worked together to source and use natural materials to build a den. The sewing group have been making Easter bunting and festival themed costumes.

Kristian  
Triton

Carla  
Helios

Jack  
Kratos

**Demeter:** This week in English we continued with Dracula and used our senses to explore garlic smells and practice our yoga moves. In RSE we took a virtual trip to Edinburgh. We looked at the castle and explored the zoo around the classroom matching animal noises. The class have really enjoyed the film club at lunch time with everyone really enjoying watching Mr Bean. Have a great weekend ~ The Demeter team

Emily

**Nike:** This week, we continued our charity/helping others unit by tidying up the school and collecting items for our food bank. In art, we learned about Hinduism and completed a meditation sensory massage. In English, we continued our Dracula learning and in maths, we continued working on prepositions, sequencing, and attributes. In PE, we focused on teamwork and team games. Have a good weekend!

Robert