



Friday 28th January 2022

Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

From our headteacher: There has been lots of learning happening across the school this week and it has been great to see how even with changes to groups and staffing pupils have managed to engage and achieve. Flo was proud to show us her 'Breaking News' article where she had incorporated her understanding of erosion 'there is the possibility that erosion could of caused Morley (the dog) to slip off the cliff edge into the sea. But! (don't be worried everyone) here comes the catch Morley is a really good swimmer and might have been able to climb onto a nearby edge.' The HAJC pupils have been out supporting with tree planting in the local community – Callum planted 12 trees, Ryan could name the types of trees he planted and Corey was helping other members of the community. Leighton achieved his Entry Level 3 Award in Motor Vehicle with a 90% pass rate this week. In his own way he was very proud and we are hoping that with a little more work he will gain a certificate.

Harry from the Vocational 6th Form has been completing independent work experience at a local nursery who provided feedback about how well he is doing:

'His first bus was cancelled yesterday morning so he called me to let me know he would be on the later bus. He called again later to confirm he was on it. I was really pleased that he was confident enough to contact me and keep me updated. He was a little concerned about buses back to school and if they would turn up. He helped me (I'm terrible with technology) download the Arriva bus app so we could check buses back to school. He decided to get the 1.15 so he would be back in time for school. He seemed to enjoy his day here and was happy and chatting to staff and children. I was very impressed with his maturity and the way he handled the situation with the buses. Just thought I'd let you know he did well.'

Louise enjoyed getting to know Cara at swimming as they explored the leisure centre duck collection. They managed to find over 20 ducks to help Cara access the pool. Dylan received the Assistant Headteacher award this week for showing respect and helping to tidy up soft play – it has also been lovely to see a new friendship developing between him and another pupil. Zohaar has shown great progress in his transitions from the swing to the classroom so that he is choosing when he is ready to learn.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support. As a school we are continuing to face challenges around staffing linked to isolation periods and we currently have the highest number of staff and pupils isolating linked to Covid 19 that we have seen. All of the school teams are working hard to ensure that we can offer the best provision for pupils and although there are challenges the positive learning experiences are shining through.

Please continue with regular testing. Results should be recorded [here](#) on Sunday night/Monday morning and Wednesday night/Thursday morning.

school risk assessment remains the same and staff will continue to wear masks in school, secondary aged pupils who wish to wear masks can do so.

Thank you to Kites class for two days of positive online learning.



Notices

Number Day 2022

[NSPCC Number Day](#)

Friday 4th February

Wear numbers for NSPCC: Think outside the box. It could be your favourite football shirt or cover yourself in your favourite numbers.

We will be joining schools across the UK to raise money for NSPCC:
Please donate £1 where possible

LUNCHES

w/c 31st 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.



NWSLC
NEWCASTLE WIGSTON & LICHFIELD COLLEGE



DISCOVER OPEN EVENING

Hinckley & Wigston Campus
Monday 7th February | 5pm - 8pm

Nuneaton & Harrowbrook Campus
Thursday 10th February | 5pm - 8pm

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Date	Event	Location
Mon 14th - Fri 18th Feb	Half Term	School Closed
Mon 14th Mar	Routes to Resilience	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	



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 + NEPTUNE CLASS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN AND RETURN THE
YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION FORM - SATURN
CLASS**

**PLEASE CAN WE HAVE WARM CLOTHES AND
WALKING SHOES AVAILABLE FOR TRIPS OUT -
IRIS/ZEUS CLASS CLASS**

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

**TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY IS OUR RUNNING
FOR CRUYFF EVENT FOR SECONDARY
SCHOOL PUPILS. PLEASE REMEMBER
TO SEND IN SOME SPARE
CLOTHES/SHOES AND WEAR
ORANGE (A SEPARATE LETTER
HAS BEEN SENT) - PE LEAD**



KS 1

Lemurs: A really engaging and fun art lesson, using salt dough to make bears

Llamas: Learning about pandas and exploring panda habitats

Leopards: This weeks Write dance was a huge success! All the Leopards engaged in water play and lots of the children were eager to use chalk to make up, down and circle movements on the black board.

Lions: Super engagement from all the class during music

Tigers & Turtles: Exploring Burbage Common in forest school!

KS 2

Earth: Great focus and engagement making our rocket dogs in cookery.ork

Jupiter: A massive well done to Dylan and Layton for demonstrating our school values of respect by looking after our learning environments.

Mars: Space themed story in the sensory room

Mercury: Some lovely play, turn taking and sharing, it has been lovely to see the children engaging and interacting with one another and creating their own imaginative games

Neptune: In PE the whole class enjoyed, supported and cheered each other on during a game of Tower Defence.

Saturn: The students loved sitting in the transformed think pod, it looked like a starry night and then going into the class to produce their own stars.

Venus: Pupils enjoyed making photos of themselves into pop art in History.

Highlights of the week

Apollo: Seeing the pupils being so polite and welcoming to a visitor we had in class for the day.

Athena: This week we have enjoyed making marbling images in Art.

Kites: Online learning

Owls: Melting the ice experiment !

Poseidon: Poseidon class has a great time at swimming this week! **KS 3**

Atlas: Great problem-solving skills from Noah and Lewis in computing.

Hera: The Jelly Experiment

Hercules: Hunting for precious stones on the field. **KS 4**

Janus: Fun mask making in art

KS 5

6th Form: Cole and Kieran having a positive attitude at work experience. Tahlia and Emma following instructions. Joe.W and Daisy for their flexibility and independence covering absences in the kitchen. Kyle assisting other students in lessons. Harry.M receiving excellent feedback from his work experience.

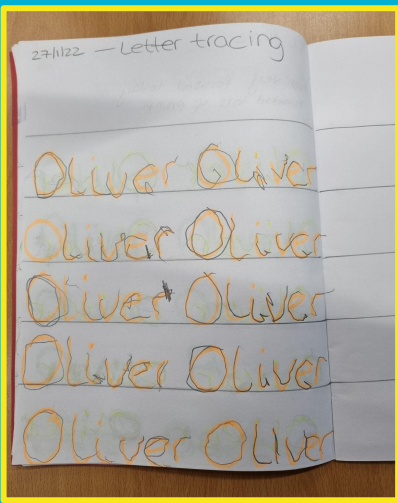
Demeter: Seeing students care for each other when looking upset

Nike: Kairiah has shown increased independence recently and even won the Assistant Headteacher's Award for her hard work in pathways!

Cleveland House: All our students working hard to prepare for their mock's next week.

Iris & Zeus Tree planting in Queen's Park!

This week in pictures





PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

Highlight of the week: Seeing some excellent and unprompted examples of fair play and sportsmanship in PE with Saturn/Neptune, which align so well with our school values.

KS 1

Continued learning through play, focused on the adventure of a bear hunt. Students really engaged in our 'cave' this week and there was lots of chasing after "the bear" aka Mr Roadley.

KS 2

This week we have looked at catching as part of our topic on Coordination. We explored different ways to catch and used various pieces of equipment, to see which technique was best for each. We then played familiar games that involve catching and throwing as a class, which was very competitive and lots of fun.

KS 3

We split the groups this week, which gave some of the students a chance to dive into the rules and gameplay of Handball. Students engaged in the sport and used the skills that we have been developing over the last few weeks. In the MATP group, we had lots of fun with beanbags and explored 'play'.

KS 4

There was lots of engagement in Badminton again this week, with lots challenges and skills on show. It was lovely to see a team-based activity at the end of the lesson, with lots of the young people involved. In MATP we have been building our routines to make the lessons more predictable and as a result we are seeing the young people being more successful with their skills.

KS 5

Lots of fitness work again this week. The circuits group worked on exercises that develop strength and muscle endurance, whilst the runners braved the cold to run 3km around Richmond Park. Great effort from everyone.

Primary
Connor S for
outstanding
sportsmanship
in PE

Secondary
Ethan H for
refereeing a
handball match,
despite wanting
to join in.

Key Stage 1

Lions: This week the children have learned about Panda Bears in Topic and they have produced beautiful panda pictures in art. We had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of music using different materials and instruments to recreate sounds to the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. Everyone found their favourite object or sensory material to explore. We then made a water shaker instrument using water beads which was a big favourite for all.

Isaac

Llamas: This week in write dance we have been over copying handwriting patterns and words and making marks in sensory media, in maths we have been thinking about 1:1 correspondence and number recognition and in P.E we have been moving like different animals to music.

Rayyan

Leopards: This week we have been focusing on the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' we have had great fun recreating the story within school, using lots of visual and sensory items to make the story come to life.

Logan

Lemurs: We have been freezing and melting different toy animals, which the students really enjoyed, in art they have been making bear collages and using salt dough to make a bear template that will be painted next week. We have seen some amazing interactions during a music and movement sessions and in the sensory room where the students have really started to engage with one another which is great to see. In cooking we have been making berry smoothies and salmon sandwiches!

Tiffany-
Mae

Tigers & Turtles: Tigers and Turtles have had a brilliant week, they have all been engaging with our Bears topic through our sensory story, making tissue paper bears, painting clay bears, and exploring in a parachute cave in PE. In science, Tigers and Turtles learnt about different types of land and sea animals, and have even learnt about where our food comes from.

Mia

Harry

Key Stage 2

Mars: Class enjoyed decorating a giant rocket ship which we painted with our feet last week! We covered it in lots of sparkly materials and textures. In Science, we had a great time using milk bottles to make rockets.

We placed cups on top of the empty milk bottles and squeezed the bottle together; the cups shot off up into the

air! In cooking, we made pizzas with breakfast muffins- yum.

Carlene

Saturn:In maths we have been doing work on tally charts and turning the information into a bar graph. In English we have watched a video of how to wash hair in space, The students then had to follow instructions of how to wash their dolls hair. In science we started learning about the different planets and worked on matching descriptions of the different planets to the correct planet. Oliver, Cameron, Jake and Lacey-Mae did an amazing job at matching the descriptions.

The students worked very hard in PE, practicing their throwing and catching skills.

At the end they played a team game, which was full of energy, fun and laughter.

Mr Roadley was very impressed that Karl joined in the whole game independently.

Jakel

Venus:This week pupils have continued to learn about weighing using balance and electronic scales in maths. In English we have been doing non-fiction writing about space. Pupils designed their own rockets and then wrote about them. In ICT pupils have been learning about stranger awareness on the internet. In PSHE pupils have learnt about the 'eatwell' plate and really enjoyed playing vegetable bingo.

Bridget

Lena

Jupiter: Jupiter have had great fun exploring different entertainment and leisure activities through the decades, this week we visited the 1960s where the pupils had to guess if the songs were new or old and create their very own pop art.

Noah

Neptune:This week we have continued to investigate space! In Science we learnt the phases of the lunar cycle. In cultural studies we discovered the UK is sending satellites up into space to observe the effects of climate change, so we entered the competition to design a logo to go on the rockets. In Maths we have followed instructions to pack a suitcase, which included the challenge of does everything fit.

In English we explored paragraphs which enabled us to write a What Comes Next to the movie Lifted.

Lilia

Earth: This week we have worked really hard in science continuing to research the different planets in our solar system and finding out facts about them. Fantastic instruction following and discussion when experimenting with the exploding rockets and competing to see which would fly the highest. There has been great persistence and engagement during this weeks math's stream group. We have been working on number, shape heavy and light and there has been lovely independent exploration.!

In Art we created amazing flying saucers exploring paint mixing and texture.

Austin

Mercury:Mercury class have been enjoying our space topic, in science we have been exploring bubbling planets and joining in the different space songs to recall the planets order in the solar system.

Whole Class

Key Stage 3

Owls: We have continued to look at Oliver Twist - making wanted posters for pickpockets and looking at adjectives to describe the characters and settings in the book. In maths we have continued to look at functional skills and money using price comparisons and funny supermarket fails! In science we have been melting blocks of Ice using different materials - the students of owls were happy to find surprises when the ice melted !!

Bethany

Ellis

Kites: Kites have had a brilliant week. There was excellent swimming on display with pupils collecting a brick from the bottom of the pool. In art we explored marbling which was brilliant. Pupils have also accessed online learning this week and it was great to see so many pupils joining the sessions.

Elliot

Alfie

Athena: We have enjoyed a visit to a local supermarket to develop our skills when accessing the community. We have enjoyed developing our understanding of money in Maths and continuing our work on Oliver in English. We have enjoyed exploring fairtrade through a sherborne story in PSHE.

Apollo: This week in Apollo, the pupils have got the fitness bug and have been very active across the week. From Yoga to Sherborne and daily trips to the gym with an added bonus of cooking a fresh pasta salad, Apollo class have been working on their healthy lifestyles. In Art this week, pupils made beautiful marbling art work using shaving foam and food colouring. Everyone was very happy with their results.

John

Poseidon: This week Poseidon class have been super busy! On Monday we had Swimming and forest schools and Aidan and Daisy worked lovely together through turn taking pushing the swing at the park to push Brandon and Pimmi. On Tuesday we had Math's and in Maths we are still on the topic money so we have been identifying how much change we would get from different coins if we spent some coins in exchange for an item. In English we have been exploring the ee sound and typing up sentences on the chromebooks with words that have the ee sound in. John was brilliant at this! In PSHE some of Poseidon went to ASDA to look for Fairtrade items and some of the class stayed at school and used different Fairtrade ingredients to follow a recipe. Some great work this week! well done Poseidon!

Ishan

Key Stage 4

Atlas: In PSHE we've been looking at how feeling hungry or not affects our emotions and also exploring summer fruits. In Geography we returned to the sea with the kayaking sensory story and half the class began looking at maps and their purpose. Lewis, Erin and Noah designed some great compasses. We've been doing problem solving and programming in computing. In Maths we experienced a range of stimuli during the seasons sensory story Mollie and Amelia particularly liked the water sprayers for Spring! More experiments in Science this week looking at dissolving and melting.

Danish

Iris & Zeus: We have had a great week filled with so many different activities for our young people. We started off trying out haggis, neeps and tatties to celebrate Burns Night; some students have started 'upcycling' projects in class; we have also been learning about the Kindertransport in WWII that saved thousands of children and kept them safe; but our highlight of the week has to be taking part in a community event in Queen's Park. Throughout the day the council were planting 350+ trees to create a tiny woodland in the park, for the community. Some pupils volunteered to go and help and were there for around 45mins. They absolutely loved it. Callum planted 12 trees, Ryan C could name the types of trees he planted and Cory was helping other members of the public who were down there planting too. It was a great 'trial' run for Our upcoming Dorothy Goodman tree planting event on 5th February! Please come along if you can.

Nathan

Phoebe

Hera: Some of the class enjoyed swimming at the leisure centre or hydro pool this week. In Science the class enjoyed an experiment using jelly, looking at how it turns from a solid to a liquid and then back into a solid when we heat or cool it. The class spent time exploring the jelly cubes and using words they had learnt in previous lessons to describe it. In Art we finished our Egyptian masks ready to put on display and started to make our masquerade masks. The class came up with some very creative designs ready to paint and add feathers too next week. The class enjoyed some chair yoga and followed instructions well.

Lewis

Janus: This week we started the week looking at resilience, the students practised their resilience by running laps around the crouff court and trying to push themselves where possible. In science students put into practise the experiments they had created, there was a real range of different things being tested! For our art lesson we started papier mache our day of the dead masks.

Florence

Hercules: In English we have looked at the toys & games that evacuees would have played during WW2. In PE, the students have been progressing well in their badminton skills. In science, we continued to look at changing states of matter, and the class enjoyed experiments with ice and salt. In geography we have been learning about different types of rocks, and what clothes to wear and what things to take into consideration when hiking. We put this into practice and went hunting for precious stones on the school field/hills.

Erlend

Cleveland House: YR 7 Our students were studying Midsummers Nights Dream. YR 8 Making hedgehogs in DT. This proved to be a prickly job!! . In science balancing chemical equations was the topic.

Mackenzie
KS3

Danni
KS4

Kyle
KS5

Key Stage 5

6th Form: Cole began his work experience at Green Spaces carrying out landscaping duties at Hollycroft park. He worked well with Kieran, weeding borders around the bandstand. Tahlia and Emma carried out order picking at Pamela Mann listening to and following instructions. Harry has been doing work experience at Clarendon preschool where he supports childcare and play activities. He travels by bus independently and this week received positive feedback from the pre school Manager for independently communicating delays with his bus. This week in PSHE we have learnt about wild camping and how this links to protecting our environment and the planet. Sports Pathway students complete fitness plans and put them into practise.

Cole
Triton

Kyle
Helios

Lewis
Kratos

Demeter: This week in Demeter we have been looking at morning routines in maths with pouring and measuring cereals and milk, then in English we continued our Dracula story and saw some great team work between peers. During art the students created some great looking window decorations using coloured papers. Despite some last minute changes, all students have had a great week and been fully engaged! Have a great weekend - Demeter team

Adam

Nike: This week, students enjoyed playing team games and engaging in a yoga sessions. Students also started to explore London (Paddington Bear was a big hit!). In pathways, all students cooked either savoury or sweet scones. Students continued to help those around them by collecting food for our food bank and litter picking in Swallows Green. Have a great weekend!

Kairiah