



Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

Friday 4th February 2022

From our headteacher: School has been very busy this week and I had the pleasure of joining Key Stage 5 on Monday for the day. Adam transitioned really well to the leisure centre and enjoyed his swim. He waited patiently for the bus and when he wasn't sure what was happening next he asked us to go through his visuals. It was lovely to spend lunchtime with Mollie who used her PECS symbol to request her dinner and was very clear that she did not want a drink, pushing it away when it was offered. I joined Robert for his hydrotherapy session, although it took a while to transition into the pool once we were in Robert's interactions were fantastic. He really enjoyed being splashed in the pool and worked hard on kicking through the water. Andie was also walking in the pool and concentrated really well on her movements.

Handball in Key Stage 3 was very competitive with Emma and Alexie enjoying being competitive. Daisy did an excellent job of catching the ball and her confidence grew throughout the game.

Pupils from the Vocational 6th Form have taken part in the Work for All programme that has been run by Leicester City Football Club. Harry has been interviewed as part of the programme which can be accessed [here](#). It has really supported Harry to think about what he wants for the future and to learn about how this can be achieved. Fingers crossed that he achieves his goal of gaining employment as he prepares to leave school this year. Down at primary Leopards class were engaged in activities that they enjoy. Some pupils were making choices about massage whilst Arthur demonstrated his amazing passing skills using the sensory ball. Gabi concentrated really hard and used the tweezers to gather different coloured rice as part of the exploration of the Chinese New Year.

Thank you to Jupiter Class who have been learning from home all week and Lemurs class who have worked at home on Thursday and Friday. This week we have had a number of staff and pupils test positive for Covid 19. Thank you for your support so far with the lateral flow testing programme and with supporting pupils to access learning at home. Please continue to test children regularly on Sunday night/Monday morning and Wednesday night/Thursday morning. Results can be recorded [here](#).



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 June	Half Term	School Closed
Thur 7th July	Last Day of School for Summer	

Notices



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Please do not send any products containing nuts, into school.

Thank you for helping to keep our young people safe.



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Dorothy Goodman School is part of The Open Thinking Partnership
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LUNCHES

w/c 7th February 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.

Our Tree planting event is tomorrow between 9am and 1pm at our Secondary School on Barwell Lane

NWSLC
NORTH WEST SPECIALIST LEARNING COLLEGE

DISCOVER OPEN EVENING

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

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

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If you are exploring transition options for your son/daughter for this year, or indeed 2023 or 2024, please note that **Sense College are offering physical tours** (as opposed to virtual) for individual families. We cannot stress enough the importance of visiting appropriate colleges, alternative training providers, life choice organisations as early as possible in Key Stage 5. Preparation and early decision making can make the process less overwhelming for all. Please don't hesitate to take your son/daughter on the visit with you.

Please contact: Victoria Perry Page, Relationships & Communications Officer to arrange a visit - telephone 01509 611077 or direct line 631220 email :

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CLASS REQUESTS/MESSAGES

PLEASE CAN EVERYONE SEND IN A SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND RETURN ANY SCHOOL CLOTHING, AS WE ARE RUNNING LOW ON SPARES. THANK YOU. - LEOPARDS CLASS

COFFEE MORNING ON FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY. - SATURN + NEPTUNE CLASS

PE KITS ARE NEEDED MONDAY AND FRIDAY - MERCURY 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

Llamas:	Chinese dragon dancing
Lemurs:	Some amazing engagement with online learning and the class adjusting so well to the changes this week
Leopards:	All the staff and children really enjoyed giving the classroom a clean for Chinese New Year, the children loved trying the real Hoover, washing pots and giving the floors a sweep.
Lions:	Celebrating Chinese New Year in topic.
Tigers & Turtles:	Exploring Burbage Common!

KS 2

Earth, Jupiter & Mars:	Working hard on personal targets and coping well with transitions
Mercury:	We went to the cooking room to make enchiladas pittas! they were yummy.
Neptune:	Everyone enjoying their trip to Atkins Cafe
Saturn:	Karl asking why the college experience young lady was naked.She was wearing a long sleeved beige top!!!!
Venus:	Pupil's loved playing together on the Nintendo Wii during their history lesson about entertainment through the ages.

Cleveland House: Our KS5 and KS4 Students completing mock exams

Iris & Zeus Completing some upcycling projects.

Highlights of the week

KS 3

Apollo:	Everyone reflecting on their work with our new 'Pupil Voice' display board.
Athena:	Baking a cake as part of our communication lesson, working positively with our peers.
Kites:	Trip to the shops
Owls:	cooking!
Poseidon:	Making Ice cream in Science

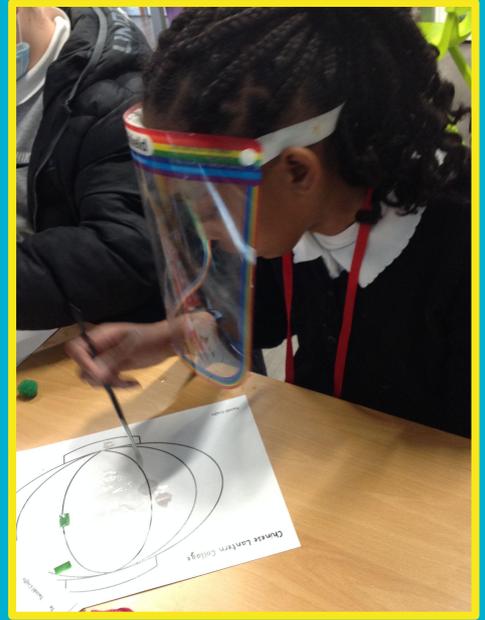
KS 4

Atlas:	Great social skills and team work shown in PSHE by Erin, Matthew, Alfi and Lewis.
Hera:	Pupils sitting in a group talking about their feelings on 'It's Time To Talk' day, sharing their thoughts and their strategies for self regulation.
Hercules:	learning about Ghanaian coffins & Coffin Dancers'
Janus:	Enjoying a music lesson of turn decks

KS 5

6th Form:	Emma using strategies and good problem solving skills to access her google account. Jack having positive feedback from his annual review. Krystal for excellent behaviour at swimming and for accessing online learning.
Demeter:	Kinjal and Ben interacting with each other on the PE mats during art
Nike:	Jack continues to always put his best foot forward and try his best.

This week in pictures





PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

Highlight of the week: This week we have seen so much engagement in PE and lots of active children and young people, it has been really pleasing to see.

KS 1 We have been on a Bear Hunt and this week, we made a few changes to our cave that saw lots of our young people exploring and crawling around the space. Tigers/Turtles also had a good time squashing the Bear aka Mr Roadley.

KS 2 We've been applying our coordination skills this week with lots of different activities like to these skills. The highlight of this was an action packed game of "Four Corners" with Venus and Mercury.

KS 3 This week was our last Handball session and the students really got to grips with the rules and how to play, enjoying a nice game at Barwell Lane.

KS 4 We carried on developing our Badminton skills and I was really pleased to see a group engaged in a game of Badminton, working and playing together with lots of collaboration.

KS 5 This week was cardio week and the students really worked up a sweat in our circuits session. There was 100% effort from everyone and I'm sure some sore muscles the morning after!

Primary

Emre Yigit for joining in and engaging in PE, despite a tricky morning.

Secondary

Danish for excellent engagement in MATP PE.

Key Stage 1

Lions: This week in Lions we have enjoyed our 'celebrations week' of Chinese New Year. All our lessons have focused around the traditions celebrated at Chinese New Year. In Logic we counted gold coins and made shape Dragons. In Creative we made decorations. In Topic we enjoyed tasting Chinese food, exploring Chinese items in our sensory tray and dressing up as a Chinese Dragon! Our Chinese New Year sensory story was enjoyed by our Choices group. All were interested to explore and taste the items on offer.

Joshua

Llamas: We have focussed on Chinese new year. We have tasted Chinese food and put gold coins into red lucky envelopes and given them to a friend. In art we used cotton buds to paint the stripes on tigers.

Molly

Lily

Leopards: This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year, all the children have enjoyed sampling lots of different Chinese foods at our noodle bar, we have been working on our fine motor skills with scissors and using tweezers to pick up rice out of the rice tiger tuff spot.

Lemurs: A slightly different week this week, the first half we have been celebrating and thinking about Chinese New Year, the students enjoyed making lanterns and tiger masks but especially liked the food tasting, the prawn crackers were a clear favourite. On Thursday and Friday the students have been working from home, completing different art and crafts for the Bear Hunt story as well as some amazing work and engagement with the live lessons.

Tiffany-
Mae

Tigers & Turtles We have been really enjoying our Bear Hunt sensory story this week, especially engaging with the angel delight and bubbles! In Maths, we have engaged with water play to learn about full, half full and empty, as well as working on identifying different shapes and drawing shape pictures. We all enjoyed going to Burbage Common for forest school this week, getting very muddy!

Leo

Olivia

Key Stage 2

Earth, Jupiter & Mars: This week in class we have worked hard in cookery making our cheesecakes tasting new items and following instruction to construct these. Fantastic work exploring Chinese new year looking at the traditions, artefacts and different traditional foods. In Science we created the different planets using different methods and explored what is like in space making our own space food and what it is like to eat in space

Whole
Class

Neptune: This week we have continued to investigate Space. This has enabled us to research the possibility of UFOs and extra-terrestrial life and why we have explored why we have seasons. In history we discovered slapstick films and compared them to CGI films and in PSHE we investigated what vegan foods you can get in a cafe. In English we wrote formal and informal letters and in maths we completed measuring challenges.

Dominic

Saturn: In maths this week the students have been measuring the distances between planets and the height and width of space objects. In english we have watched 'Lifted'. We used our creative skills to make control panels and then the following day we worked in small groups and used the buttons on our control panels to get our friends to follow the given instructions. The students worked really hard on their communication skills and were speaking and listening to each other really well.

Olivia

Mercury: In English been have been looking at space and loved our sensory story especially using the balloons when it was blast off time. We also made banana cakes because we had lots of bananas that were really ripe! In science we enjoying having a go at making astronaut ice-cream and tried really hard at shaking it to make it go cold!

Whole
Class

Venus: This week in English we learnt about astronaut space suits. Pupils designed and drew their own suits and wrote sentences about their special features. In Math's we learnt about capacity and measuring in ml. Pupils enjoyed an interactive game in which they had to fill the rocket fuel to the correct amount of ml. In Science pupils continued to learn about the earth's rotation creating day and night. Pupils also enjoyed exploring sensory lights. Well done Venus!

Jennifer

Key Stage 3

Owls: this week in owls we have continued to look Oliver Twist in english - making salt dough lockets for Oliver , writing adjectives to match the characters and writing diary entries from the workhouse, in maths we have looked at budgeting and in art we created chinese new year art! in science we did a sticky ice experiment sticking ice to sting and making it float

Olivia

Craig

Apollo: This week in English, pupils have worked on newspaper reports, recording incidents around London from pickpockets to jewellery shops being broken into. Apollo class had great fun on Friday with 'Number Day', joining in the different activities across the day.

Lilibeth

Kites: Kites have been very creative this week across the curriculum In English we have written and acted out our own scenes from Oliver Twist, with some great individual performances. In art we have continued to explore different techniques with paint. We visited the shops for RE to try and find Kosher and Fair Trade food. All pupils represented the school brilliantly and were respectful to other shoppers.

Amelia

Poseidon: Another busy week in class, we have been reading Oliver's Story in English, which the children are thoroughly enjoying. We have been learning about Money in Maths. We had an amazing (and tasty) Science lesson, as we made Ice Cream. In PE we showed a bit of competition when playing Handball.

Ishan

Athena: This week we have continued our work on Oliver and enjoyed sequencing the story through our sensory experiences. We have continued our work on money in Maths and enjoyed our trip to the supermarket. In PSHE we have continued our learning about fairtrade through our sherborne story.

Omar

Key Stage 4

Atlas: Another busy week in Atlas class. We have been continuing with the food theme in PSHE. Our sensory learners enjoyed a fruit themed massage while the other half of the class looked at how hunger affects us and our preferences around food with a food themed board game. In Geography we continued with Map reading skills, identifying symbols used in keys. During our Sensory stories Amelia and Heidi have shown lovely persistence and engagement. Danish demonstrated a real preference for the spongy and spiky balls in PE. In RE we've continued the theme of life and death and seen some lovely, mature and independent work. More experiments and exploration with salt to end the week in Science!

Noah

Iris & Zeus: Another week that has flown by! Some students have really enjoyed getting stuck into their upcycling projects - let's hope you like them when they take them home! In English we have been focusing on poetry around evacuees and how the children might have felt about being evacuated. We had a lovely afternoon looking at the traditions of Chinese New Year and tasting some food that might be eaten. Some students continue their work on the allotment and this is another reminder to join us for the tree planting event tomorrow!

Joseph

Alexis

Hera: In humanities this week Hera pupils discussed the points of the compass, we made compass roses and used 'Never Eat Shredded Wheat' mnemonic to remember where compass points are on a map. In PSHE pupils shared their feelings and their ideas about mental health. Maths has been about telling the time, using a calendar and knowing the order of the months of the year and the days of the week. We are still working on algorithms in Computing - pupils made 'Mr Potato Head' and wrote a list of instructions on how to create an exact replica of their work.

Zara

Charley

Janus: We started the week looking at resilience in P.E this week looking at supporting one another and pushing ourselves a bit further when running around the Cruyff court, in science we looked at evaporation and separating water and salt, in art we continued looking at our paper maché masks which the students really enjoy.

Hercules: In art, we have been looking at different types of masks- this week we made scary masks. Badminton went well again, in PE. In science we looked at whether different substances floated, sank, mixed with, or dissolved in water. We then used our knowledge to make 'lava lamps'. We have also looked at mental health and discussed various methods we can use to help if we are feeling unhappy, particularly -talking to somebody.

Jareth

Cleveland House: KS 3-YR7 Students were studying morality. YR8 - The Tempest was being read by our students. YR7- Our students were getting to grips with Algebra. KS4- Our KS4 YR 11 worked fantastically well in their GCSE Mock exams- A BIG WELL DONE!!! and YR10 were done a series of tests. KS 5-Also YR12 students were completing A Level mocks. In cooking own lunch Alex, Harry and Jake made a Spanish Omelette " Buena, Buena"!!! .Kyle continued rehearsals for HAJC performance of Grease.

Alex
KS3

Rubi
KS4

Laycen
KS5

Key Stage 5

6th Form: In English we have been reading Dracula with some students analysing the character and others sequencing story sections and events. In sewing Chloe has learnt how to cut out a pattern, other students have been working on their festival costumes. Easter themed bunting is almost complete and will soon be ready to sell. The PE running group have been making progress beating their previous lap time whilst running at the park.

Emma
Triton

Alex
Helios

Krystal
Kratos

Demeter: This week in Demeter we have been continuing our Dracula story and the students have been working really hard on their yoga moves! In art we made Diwali Kandil lanterns for our theme Hinduism and in PE, the students loved playing dodgeball! It was great to see all the team work and smiles! Have a great weekend - Demeter team

Kinjal

Nike: Students enjoyed our months of the year sensory story this week. They especially enjoyed spraying water all over the classroom and each other to simulate rain. Students continued their charity unit by donating to the food bank and litter picking in the park. In cooking, we had a Chinese New Year theme. Students in pathways made Chow Mein and others made Eight Treasures Rice Pudding. In art, the class had fun exploring their Chinese Zodiac and doing some Chinese writing. Have a great weekend!

Jack