



Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

Friday 11th February 2022

From our headteacher: The Key Stage 4 pupils at Cleveland House have been working hard in their mock exams. Jack and Danni shared with me their aspirations for accessing A Level study – Jack is considering Media and Business Studies and is still undecided on his third option. Danni was clear that she would be doing Criminology, Psychology and English Literature and we talked about how her love of reading would really help her to succeed with that broad knowledge of literature. Ryan at the HAJC base had written a poem about evacuation which really captured the fear that evacuees felt in a very dramatic way.

We celebrated the second anniversary of the Cruyff Court – it was lovely to see all of the pupils getting involved with running laps. Toby was running enthusiastically with his peers, whilst Ziyaad led from the front. There were lots of shades of orange on display and all of the pupils had a great afternoon even though it was a little windy and cold.

The Hospitality and Catering group have moved on to a new recipe and were working collectively to make lasagne taking different parts of the recipe and developing this. In Key Stage 5 cooking there was a focus on the Valentine theme with red tarts – Ellie G explained which ingredients she had used and whilst they were baking in the oven she was focused on tidying the kitchen. Kieran did a fantastic job of showing the visitors around the Vocational 6th Form – explaining what the pupils were working on and how the site runs. Lewis L was able to share his description of a vampire with me, he had really thought about what he could see in the picture and the best way to describe it.

Katie has had a fantastic time supporting the classes at primary this week. Henry responded positively to the number massage, laughing whilst he had his toes counted. Olly worked hard to show Anne-Marie what he wanted using his eyes. Pupils in Mercury really enjoyed the opportunity to dance to music and Rosie continued it during the tidy up time. Saturn and Neptune were enjoying PE in the hall. Jacob understood his role in the game and was successful in getting team members to pass the ball to him. Finlay also used his communication skills to get the ball passed to him and scored some winning passes. Over in Owls class the pupils were getting creative and Megan worked hard to create her emotions chart using different weather linked to how she felt – snow was her happy weather.

We are excited to be moving Zeus and Iris into their new base after half term. The site and cleaning team will be working hard to get everything ready over half term. We can't wait!

It is the end of a very challenging half term for the school. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and to also say a massive thank you to the staff who have worked flexibly to help provide excellent opportunities for the pupils. Enjoy the half term break.



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

Notices



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

3 MARCH 2022

25 YEARS

For World Book Day Children can dress up as a character from a book



Thursday 3rd March

Covid-19 vaccinations for 12-15-year-olds: Q&A webinars for parents and guardians



Do you have questions about the Covid-19 vaccine that you want to ask to a health professional, before deciding to consent to the vaccine for your 12-15-year-old?

If so, please join one of our webinars, being hosted by a panel of health professionals on Microsoft Teams, on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 February at 6pm.



LUNCHES



w/c 21st February 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.


Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

COVID-19 vaccination clinics are open this half term for those aged 12 plus

Find a walk-in clinic near you by visiting www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/my-health/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-vaccine/

You can also book an appointment at a clinic near you on the NHS website.

If you need help, call the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland COVID-19 booking team on 0116 497 5700.

Please note parents of 12-15-year-olds should attend appointments to provide consent.

SENSE (SPECIALIST) COLLEGE, RADMOOR ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 3BS

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 : Victoria.PerryPage@sense.org.uk


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RESPECT



NURTURE



INDEPENDENCE



Together we care, learn and succeed

CLASS REQUESTS/MESSAGES

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT ON SATURDAY 26TH FEB AT BROOKVALE GROBY COLLEGE. INFORMATION IN YOUR DIARIES. PLEASE INFORM EITHER MRS SMITH OR MISS CLARA IF YOU INTEND TO GO SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN FORMS FOR ENTRIES INTO THE YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION. PE KITS HAVE COME HOME FOR THEIR HOLIDAY WASH- PLEASE RETURN THE FIRST DAY BACK. - SATURN + NEPTUNE CLASS

PLEASE BRING IN P.E KITS EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY NEXT TERM, THANK YOU! MERCURY CLASS

ON RETURNING TO SCHOOL PLEASE WAIT BY THE DOUBLE GATES NEXT TO HAJC'S RECEPTION AREA AND STAFF WILL TAKE PUPILS TO THE NEW UNIT AT THE NORMAL TIME. - ZEUS/IRIS CLASS

WE WILL BE SWIMMING NEXT TERM, REMEMBER YOUR SWIMMING KITS ON THE FIRST MONDAY BACK TO SCHOOL PLEASE. - APOLLO CLASS



This week in pictures



The 6th Form art and design pathway have been learning about Claude Monet this half term and worked together to recreate one of his most famous series of paintings "Waterlilies".



Trees, trees and more trees



The tree planting event was a huge success last Saturday.

We saw over 100 people pop in to plant some trees consisting of staff, pupils, neighbours, friends of staff and the local community. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm for helping the school and the environment. We were that efficient, that we had finished planting all 420 trees by 11am.

A huge thank you to the staff volunteers from DHL, Daniel Stuart (Midland Allscapes), the professional who organised us and oversaw the planting and to everyone who braved the cold and the mud, we can't wait to see them grow over the years to shape our outdoor space..

On Tuesday afternoon our secondary students enjoyed our first ever cross-country event at our Barwell lane site. Students came together to celebrate the beginning of the 25th Anniversary year of the Cruyff Foundation, who have been so supportive of the school in helping us open the first ever Special Cruyff Court in the UK.



Over of our 100 students took part in 3 different levels of competition and movement festival-style activities, to celebrate and it was fantastic to see so many happy and muddy faces around the school. Huge congratulations to Joseph (Cross-country winner), Zeus/Iris (Team event) and Jamie RR (Cruyff Court Participation Festival) who were our prize winners this year!



PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

Highlight of the week: Seeing lots of tired, muddy faces during the Cruyff Event

KS 1

We enjoyed our last Bear Hunt session with lots of play and movement skills. It's been fantastic to see the increase in engagement across the term since January, with lots more children learning to play alongside their peers.

KS 2

We completed our topic on coordination, with lots of different games, including dodgeball and zonal games. The students have really enjoyed applying their coordination skills across the term and it's great to see them growing in confidence with their own movements.

KS 3

We didn't have a PE lesson this week, due to the Cross-country run. They all engaged really well in the run though and really enjoyed getting active in the muddy fields. Our winner for the School Values Award also came from KS3 as Jamie came away with the trophy for his independent engagement and resilience.

KS 4

KS4 completed our work on Badminton this week, with some really nice games being played in group or as individuals. It's been nice to see so much cooperation across the term in learning a new sport. The MATP group have also worked really well and have shown their personalised skills developing across the term.

KS 5

We finally reached the end of our goal-setting topic, where we have been working on circuit training, running or yoga. Students picked their route and have worked really hard to see improvements across the term. Lots of them have commented on how they feel better, which is fantastic to hear.

Primary
Mia for
fantastic
engagement in
Play.

Secondary
Tegan for
completing
her MATP
task with a
new adult.

KS 1

Llamas:	Making sandwiches for our teddy bears picnic.
Lemurs:	This week the students created their own Teddy Bears picnic which they all engaged with and enjoyed
Leopards:	Drama and music seeing all the children engage in our bear chase story for around 20 minutes!
Lions:	Super engagement and participation during sensory story and drama
Tigers & Turtles:	Turning into dragons to celebrate Chinese New Year!

KS 2

Earth, Jupiter & Mars:	Adapting to change in a positive manor
Mercury:	Experimenting with different edible ingredients in Science and creating a milky way galaxy, (tea bags, food colouring and bubbling planets. Everyone engaged so well!
Neptune:	Exploring the Big Bang theory in science. This enabled everyone to discover what happens when you heat up soap and when you cook eggs, even if the eggs don't completely cook.
Saturn:	Having a tea dance and a disco in History to compare the two different types of entertainment. Most students seemed to enjoy the tea dance more than the disco.
Venus:	Pupils loved messy art decorating different space pictures.

Highlights of the week

KS 3

Apollo:	4 students sat practice papers for Maths. They excelled within the papers and were very proud of their achievements.
Athena:	This week we enjoyed the Cruyff court celebrations and were very proud to see Jamie win a trophy for best displaying the school values.
Kites:	Swimming
Owls:	Class Cafe !
Poseidon:	Making Ice cream in Science

KS 4

Atlas:	Positive, persistent engagement from Danish during the Seasons sensory story.
Hera:	Cross country run in PE was a great success for all the classes - Hera pupils loved it.
Hercules:	cross country
Janus:	The cruylff run

KS 5

6th Form:	Adam engaging in Art, selecting and using different materials to design trousers. Kieran participating in speaking and listening as part of his English exam. Finn focusing in maths and sharing his knowledge during a group discussion.
Nike:	Mia has done great advocating for herself and making requests this week.

Cleveland House:

Our students who achieved their Term targets and enjoyed their reward.

Iris & Zeus

Joining in the Cross Country running!

Key Stage 1

Lions: This week we have concluded our topic on Bears learning about Grizzly Bears. In Maths the children counted cakes for a teddy bears picnic and set up a teddy bears picnic in the sensory tray. There was some great acting and role play from the children who acted out different parts of the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. Everyone in Lion's class wishes you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term holiday.

Cara

Lemurs: It has been a lovely final week of our topic, the students have explored what type of food bears eat, including different fishes, berries and oats. The children were very inquisitive of the fish but not so keen on the smell. We made a lovely Teddy Bears picnic, as well as some great independent work in science, looking at lots of different habitats, the frozen animals seem to be the most interesting.

Arya

Llamas: This week in maths we have been focussing on 1:1 correspondence- making sure every teddy had one plate and one cake for our teddy bears picnic. In literacy we concluded our bear hunt story with some amazing mark making, over copying and independent letter formation and in music and movement we copied the actions to a variety of bear themed songs.

Colton

Simon

Tigers & Turtles Tigers and Turtles have enjoyed learning more about bears this week, especially enjoying decorating biscuits! We have enjoyed exploring Burbage Common again this week, finding and splashing in lots of muddy puddles! We have all really enjoyed working on building friendships in the two classes and have been playing lots of turn taking games. Tigers and Turtles have learnt about Chinese New Year this week, making lanterns, tiger and dragon masks.

Ellis

Olivia

Leopards: This week in Leopards we have been thinking all about teddy bears seeing us have lots of pretend picnic's and return to the ever favourite Sherborne session with all the songs about bears. In art we have used collage materials to make teddy bears faces and we have done some fantastic turn taking within our group circle game sessions. Have a lovely half term holiday everybody and we shall see you in Spring 2!

Key Stage 2

Earth, Jupiter & Mars: On returning to school our pupils have been interacting with peers positively, exploring shape and measure in Maths and creating our own spaceships in English, having group discussions about what we would need to survive. In history we continued our exploration of old and new activities through time, focusing on the differences in film. We have also explored a range of sensory activities and have been doing individualized communication learning

Elsa

Layton

Neptune: This week we concluded the topic of Space. We explored the Big bang theory, we presented our evidence for and against Extraterrestrial life, and we performed our song about travelling to space. In maths we continued measuring with a ruler and we made mooncakes ready for the coffee morning. In English we created a "Goodbye scene" where we role-played saying goodbye to a loved one who was off into space.

Alife P

Saturn: In English we have had a sensory story relating to the different planets. Neptune the windy planet went down well with the students exploring the fans and Uranus the wobbly planet, were the students were eating and exploring jelly. In maths we followed instructions to make cakes for our coffee morning on Friday. (fingers crossed we can have parents in for the next coffee morning). In science we designed our own planet with some interesting results.

Kian

Mercury: We have been to the park to collect sticks and leaves in a range of sizes ready to compare and contrast in Maths. We have enjoyed space sensory stories, space music explorations in the music hut and blindfold food tasting.

Kara

Venus: In maths we revisited number recognition and solving addition sums. In English we looked at a range of pictures taken in space and spoke about what we could see. Some pupils then wrote words or sentences about the pictures. In history recapped all the toys we have learnt about throughout history. In science pupils learnt about life as an astronaut on the International Space Station.

Well done Venus!
Have a lovely half term.

Zach

Sarah

Key Stage 3

Owls: In Maths we have been measuring in many different ways including - oranges, pasta , lolly sticks and pom poms as well as converting measures and calculating perimeters . In english we tried making Oliver Twist style gruel, the class rated their dishes and agreed they could not eat it for every meal like the Victorians in the workhouse ! in science we created bubble art and looked at how the bubbles were made and in art we looked at our emotions for mental health week and painted our emotions as different weathers!

Libby

Kites: Kites have continued to work hard with pupils exploring Oliver Twist and using their creative side to interpret the story in their own way. We have had a variety of written work, from diaries to playscripts, they have all been brilliant. In ICT we have researched the Victorian period. Pupils have, as always, represented the school brilliantly when at swimming and out in the community.

Keerthana

Apollo: This week we finished watching the film, 'Oliver' and wrote film reviews. Most pupils enjoyed the cheerful music numbers and their favourite character was Artful Dodger. Emily and I are very proud of all the pupils attitude to learning recently, especially using their voice to record their thoughts and feelings using our new pupil voice board

Alexie

Poseidon: This week we have been super busy in Poseidon class. On Monday we had our last swim for the term and we went on a nature walk during forest schools. On Tuesday we participated in the cruyff event and walked around the top of the hill. On Wednesday we finished our last sherbourne fairtrade sherbourne and we made some banana sandwiches using fairtrade ingredients. Thursday's lesson we explored reversible and irreversible changes through making ice cream John and Anton loved the flavour and Daisy spoke about the changes how the ice cream turned from a liquid to a solid.

Lennon

Jamie

Athena: This week we have enjoyed a visit to the supermarket to continue our work on money, and in English we have come to the end of our topic on Oliver Twist. On Monday we enjoyed our final swim of the half term and continued our work exploring religion through food.

Key Stage 4

Atlas: A busy end to this half of term. In PSHE we all enjoyed the fruit themed massage; we saw some lovely peer work. On Tuesday, all got involved in the Cruyff sports event in the afternoon. The boys did some more fantastic programming work with the beebots in a computing, while the girls joined the Well-Being / Friendship group. During Maths, on Thursday, Erin and Lewis worked really hard for the exams. Ellie, Matthew and Alfi also did some lovely work in RE. Noah was able to carry out the Science experiments with only a few prompts. Mollie and Heidi engaged really well in their sensory Science lesson. Some really nice social interactions in the class this week too - Matthew and Tegan enjoyed kicking a ball to one another and when Heidi was upset Erin helped Amber take her for a walk around the courts which made her giggle and smile!

Mollie

Cooking highlights: Manav was very excited to make cheese sauce again - he nailed it and engaged for the whole of the practical lesson. Jareth and Amy also displayed great teamwork while setting up the hall for dinner.



Hera: In Computing we worked on using step by step instructions to program a person, still on the algorithm theme. In PSHE we learned about food banks, who uses them and how we might be able to support a local food bank. In PSHE we used a compass to find hidden objects both in the classroom and outside. The calendar and time has been our topic in Maths - we felt we had made great strides when Olivia pointed at the clock to remind me that she will be sitting her AQA assessment in 5 minutes. The assessment involved telling the time ! There has been so much positive behaviour during mental health week in Hera. We are very proud of our Hera pupils.

Olivia

Jareth

Janus: All the students are looking forward to a deserved break at half term, This week we started the week doing our final preparations for the Cruyff run, and looking more at resilience, in the afternoon we tried a range of foods for PSHE looking at different cultures. Tuesday afternoon the students did brilliantly going out and doing the Cruyff run for the afternoon and there was lots of good participation. The students were excited on Thursday to being doing the turn decks again in their music lesson and in the afternoon began painting the day of the dead masks they had made. Hope everyone has a good half term and takes a good rest.

Hercules: We enjoyed finding out how modern day children would cope with wartime evacuation, in English. In geography, we looked at global warming, and what we can do, individually, to help the planet. The class also enjoyed the 'cross country run' for the Cruyff Foundation (who gave us our ball court)

Whole Class

Iris & Zeus: Another super week filled with lots of different activities - including packing to move to our new building! Throughout the week in English all pupils have been doing independent writing. Following on from the war poetry theme we have been writing different scripts; conversations between soldiers in the trenches in WWI to evacuees and their emotions in WWII. All our pupils became engrossed in this and produced some excellent pieces of writing. On Thursday many pupils visited Queen's Park again to see how the trees they had helped plant were doing. Our highlight of the week was in taking part in the cross country running. Everyone may have been a bit muddy but HAJC won a trophy - Group Best Effort Award! And Joseph won the race so he got the Cruyff T-shirt - a big well done to everyone! Have a good half term break!

Amelia
KS3

Kyle
KS4

Bradley
KS5

Corey

Amber

Bradley

Cleveland House: KS3-YR7 were continuing their study of Midsummer Nights Dream and in Music they were understanding what different musical instruments sound like. In YR9 Students were finishing off there hedgehog's in Engineering and completing an assessment on the Tempest. KS4- Students completed their last mock GCSE exams. Our students have worked really hard to reach there term targets and are looking forward to the holiday next week. KS5- A big well done to Alex and Bradley for all their hard work to prepare for the Biology Mock A Level. Some of our students made bird feeders from coconuts which were very creative.

Key Stage 5

Mia

Nike: Students enjoyed celebrating Cruyff Court on Tuesday. They got their steps in doing laps around the hill and basketball court. Some students went to Asda to donate to the foodbank and to do the shopping for our weekly cooking lessons. We continued our book 'Dracula' in English and looking at the calendar in maths. In cooking, students made jam tarts and Valentine's shortbread this week. Have a great half term break!

6th Form: Students have worked together to select new menu choices ready for the new term, this enables them to improve and develop their cooking skills following new recipes and carrying out new tasks. In Maths we have been solving real life examples relating to time. The couch to 5k group have made great progress and are tracking this as part of the physical element of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Gardening pathway group went to a local garden centre to research and source seeds and other essential items.

Marco
Triton

Josh B
Kratos

Finn
Helios