



# Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

Friday 25th February 2022

**From our headteacher:** We have enjoyed a busy week back at school. The pupils from Iris and Zeus have moved into their new base which provides them with extra space for learning, a kitchen area and accessible facilities. Although exciting it has provided a few challenges that we were not expecting so thank you to everyone for being patient whilst we work these out. Pupils from Cleveland House enjoyed accessing the pool session at the leisure centre and the Vocational 6<sup>th</sup> Form were enjoying their Circuit Training as part of their PE sessions.

I thought that it was important that I took the opportunity in this newsletter to update you about the changes to guidance linked to Covid 19 and the special school response to the Pandemic that will come into place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please be aware that there is additional guidance in place for special schools (different to mainstream schools) and that if there were an increase in cases the UK Health Security Agency can direct us to bring in restrictions if needed.

- Staff and pupils can wear masks in school if they want to (these will no longer be compulsory). Staff will continue to wear face masks with pupils who have individual risk assessments in place.
- Staff and secondary aged pupils will continue to take part in voluntary twice weekly testing (Sunday/Monday and Wednesday/Thursday). Positive results for pupils will be recorded by contacting the school office to report your child absent (these no longer need to be recorded on the Google Form)
- Primary aged pupils can no longer be involved in testing (even if you give permission we are not allowed to test your child)
- Anybody with Covid 19 symptoms should isolate, test and remain away from school until they have had 2 negative lateral flow tests (testing can begin on day 5 of the isolation period)
- We will no longer send notifications when there have been positive cases unless this is part of an individual risk assessment for a pupil or you have asked us to provide this information

The school staff have worked hard throughout the pandemic to ensure that everyone is safe and your support with this has helped us during what have been challenging times. As we move forwards please continue to support us by keeping your child at home if they display symptoms. If they are well enough we will provide access to online learning through Google Classroom.

We are looking forward to the learning that lies ahead this term which will include visits out of school for Key Stage 1, expeditions for some of the pupils involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and a residential visit for those pupils who are in their last year at school. It is going to be a busy half term!



Date	Event	Location/Info
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
<b>Thur 7th July</b>	<b>Last Day of School for Summer</b>	

# Notices



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**<sup>®</sup>

3 MARCH 2022

**25 YEARS**

Thursday

3rd

March

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



COOMBS  
CATERING PARTNERSHIP

**LUNCHES**

COOMBS  
CATERING PARTNERSHIP

w/c 28th 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.

Caudwell Children work in partnership with Auriga, a specialist advice organisation, Caudwell children can offer families:

1. Practical Family Support. Up to 6 home visits (remote options available) working through a tailored plan.
2. Home Energy and Family Needs assessments.
3. Money Management and Budgeting Tips.
4. Energy Efficiency guidance.
5. Funding for essential appliances/household items including white goods and beds
6. Onward referrals to specialist organisations and agencies.

Families can self-refer via an online form found at: [www.caudwellchildren.com/warmhomes](http://www.caudwellchildren.com/warmhomes) this then triggers the referral process and we aim to make initial contact by phone with a family inside 1 week.

For further information or to apply, please contact us at:

[caudwellchildren.com/warmhomes](http://caudwellchildren.com/warmhomes)

0345 300 1348

[familyservices@caudwellchildren.com](mailto:familyservices@caudwellchildren.com)

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## CLASS REQUESTS/MESSAGES

IF YOU HAVE BORROWED ANY SCHOOL CLOTHES, PLEASE COULD THESE BE RETURNED, THANK YOU - LEMURS CLASS

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME IN WITH THEIR PE KITS ON MONDAY - TIGERS + TURTLES CLASS

PLEASE RETURN TUPPERWARE SENT HOME ON A FRIDAY WITH COOKING CREATIONS IN, SO THEY CAN BE REUSED. THANK YOU. - LIONS CLASS

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT ON SATURDAY 26TH FEB AT BROOKVALE GROBY COLLEGE.. - SATURN + NEPTUNE CLASS

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH STUDENTS ARE TAKING PART IN A TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY WITH HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS SUITABLE WARM CLOTHING AND IF POSSIBLE WELLIES (WE DO HAVE SOME SPARES) - SATURN + NEPTUNE CLASS

SWIMMING ON MONDAYS THIS TERM AND HYDRO POOL ON THURSDAYS. - ATLAS CLASS

REMEMBER SWIMMING KITS ON MONDAY - JANUS CLASS

PLEASE REMEMBER SWIM KITS FOR THE DAYS NEEDED. THANK YOU - DEMETER CLASS

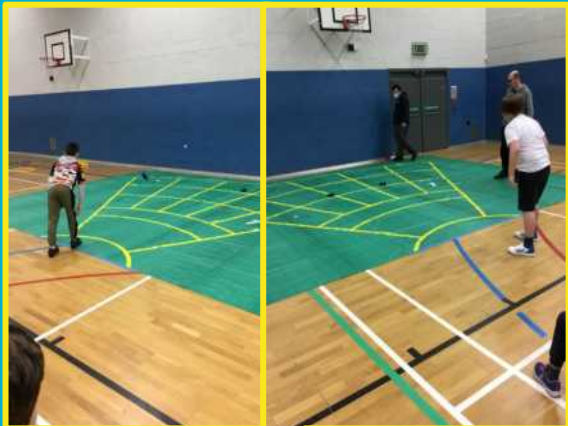
PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN WALKING BOOTS/SHOES SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE OUR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. - IRIS / ZEUS CLASS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND STUDENTS IN WITH A PE KIT - PE CLASS





# This week in pictures







# PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

**Highlight of the week:** KS2 Richmond attended our first external sports event for almost 2 years this week. They took part in the Primary Sportsability competition at Green Towers and claimed 1st and 2nd place for our 2 teams that entered. The students did a carousel of multi-skill activities and did a fantastic job of representing the school

## KS 1

We were working on movement and agility this week, exploring new equipment and the different ways to move around it.

## KS 2

We continued to develop our coordination, but this term we will be using equipment and focusing on striking. This week we tried our hand with tennis rackets and played games that involved making lots of 'mess'.

## KS 3

We have been introducing tennis this week as our topic. Our focus this week was striking through the ball and introducing basic rules of game play.

## KS 4

This week we introduced basketball and did a carousel including all of the skills involved in basketball. Whilst covering basketball this term, we will be trying to develop our confidence to try new things.

## KS 5

Continued to work towards our goals set last term, with running, workout and yoga groups.

Primary  
Gianna for  
fantastic effort  
in PE this week.

Secondary  
Rohaan for  
excellent  
engagement  
in his PE  
lesson.

## KS 1

- Llamas:** Lovely engagement and participation during our parachute and circle games
- Lemurs:** The whole class taking part in our currant bun bakery shop
- Leopards:** What in the bucket communication session
- Lions:** Engagement in Topic
- Tigers & Turtles:** All of us engaging in PE together

## KS 2

- Earth:** Engagement and discussion about the new topic
- Jupiter:** Fantastic social interaction and positive attitudes to work
- Mars:** A delivery of a new mud kitchen for our outdoor area
- Neptune:** Starting our Sunflower competition and attending Sports Feasibility
- Saturn:** Lacey-Mae saying that she has now has more stories published than Harry Potter as she received another certificate for a story writing competition.
- Venus:** Pupil's loved learning about finances and role playing restaurants.

**Cleveland House:** Fantastic Mock GCSE results for our YR 11 Students

**Iris & Zeus** Moving to our new building!

# Highlights of the week

## KS 3

- Apollo:** Working together as a class when completing the Sherborne story on Money/ Budgeting
- Kites:** Our art lesson making papier mache witches' heads
- Owls:** Going on a planets themed scavenger hunt !
- Poseidon:** Exploring the story of Macbeth

## KS 4

- Atlas:** All of Atlas class working together in RE exploring the different religious themes in modern music.
- Hera:** Great teamwork in Science testing reactions of substances.
- Hercules:** History- Famous people from Leicestershire
- Janus:** Red cabbage litmus experiment and making a volcano in science.

## KS 5

- 6th Form:** Ruby helping a peer during Forest school activity.  
Adam making great progress with braille reading working through several chapters of a Harry Potter book.  
Kristian and Josh.W doing some really focused maths work.
- Demeter:** Everyone participating in learning new badminton skills during PE on thursday.
- Nike:** Sharney has been great at communicating with students and staff throughout his week!

# Key Stage 1

**Lions:** We have began our new Topic this week. Our focus is 'food'. In our Topic lesson we began our journey in Mexico! We arranged our seats as though we were on an aeroplane and 'flew' to Mexico. We danced to Mexican music with red, green and white scarfs. Everyone loved the experience. We then explored Mexican art and food. There were pupils who loved the food items on offer, and those who did not! We saw some lovely independent creations when developing the their Mexican art.

Bertie

**Lemurs:** This week we have started our new topic which is food and we will be thinking about different foods from around the world. This week we have been exploring food from Australia, we have seen lots of independent work from the students when spreading the vegemite on toast, however not many wanted to try it. In music we have been making our own creative sounds and noises using the cooking utensils which everybody engaged with really well. In art we have been using vegetables to create faces and in maths we focussed on the song 5 currant buns.

Jack

**Llamas:** This week we have introduced our new topic- food. In literacy we have started our new story - Pancakes to Parathas-This week we embarked on our journey around the world by making passports and tickets and role playing going to the airport and boarding a plane. In topic we are going to be learning about the origins of different types of food and this week we have been exploring and naming vegetables, vegetable printing and sorting by colour.

Rene

**Tigers & Turtles** Tigers and Turtles have enjoyed learning all about food this week. We made marmite on toast in our Literacy sensory story, and ham sandwiches in cooking. In Maths, we have been working on one more and one less, number formation and sharing amounts. We all really enjoyed learning about air in Science, blowing up balloons and loving watching them fly around the room!

Ellis

Oliver

Whole  
Class

**Leopards:** This week in Leopards we have jetted off to Mexico! We all worked together to get onto a plane on Tuesday morning, collecting the tickets with our faces on and working with a peer/adult to move our arms like we were flying. In our communication session we tried lots of different foods such as sour cream, limes; which saw some very funny faces and nachos which were a big hit. Next week we will be going all the way to India to try some food!

# Key Stage 2

**Earth:** We have lots of fun creating our worm cakes in cookery following instructions and reflecting on their creations. In English we had great engagement and focus in write dance creating different shapes, letters and recreating these on different surfaces and different materials. In Science we started our new lifecycle topic, had fun on our bug hunt and grouped and sorted a selection of animal pictures to there natural habitats using different habitat sensory trays

Kaspar

Edward

**Jupiter:** We have introduced out new topics exploring ecosystems with a focus of rainforests in Geography, Bugs and insects in English and Maths where we have been exploring various materials and resources through sensory stories, sensology and massage. We have been getting creative in cooking and art making bugs habitats and bug printing and in PSHE we have started to explore finance with some pupils extending their money knowledge and others focusing on token exchange and communication.

**Neptune:** We have started this half term with a bang! Mondays swimming lesson was brilliant, everyone was an absolute superstar!!! In Cultural studies we started to investigate Hinduism, we are all looking forward to the Holi Day celebrations. In science we planted our sunflower seeds, the competition has started!! Everyone wants to grow the biggest plant?!?!?! In maths we investigated Tally marks and using them when we count objects, and in geography we started learnt where the big rainforests are in the world. The Sports Feasibility was a great success! Everyone had a wonderful time, thank you for you support. In our Friday morning social everyone enjoyed eating the pancakes!! In our PSHE lessons this term we are going to investigate money. Fridays lesson was about only spending what you have got, and no more!

**Saturn:** The students started watching the DVD 'Bugs Life'. When the DVD was paused they drew a picture trying to predict what would happen next. In maths they have been working on addition, with some of the students working on column addition with and without regrouping. In science they worked in teams to order the instructions of how to plant a sunflower seed and then they had to follow those instructions. A group of students went to Green Towers to take part in a sports event with students from other schools. They represented the school well and took part in the carousel of activities. They were excited to return and tell the others that they had won.

Rishi

Joshua

Macie

**Mars:** Mars Class have started their growing topic this week. In art, we practiced folding paper to make flowers and using hands to print butterfly wings. In science, we have started to learn the lifecycle of a butterfly and enjoyed a sensory exploration session with different materials. In cooking, we baked cookies and then ate them for our snack today-yum

**Venus:** This week in English we began our new story 'A Bug's Life'. Pupils enjoyed learning about 3 main characters by drawing them and using adjectives to describe them. In maths we explored different methods for addition to master our understanding of place value. In ICT we have began to learn about data through the use of tally charts and asking people their favorite rainforest animals. In Science the children have learnt about the parts and functions of a plant. Well done Venus!

Jenny

George



# Key Stage 3

**Owls:** This week owls class started their new topics this half term Macbeth in English - we did some research on William Shakespeare and compared book covers-the class have predicted it's going to be a book with witches and blood so they are excited ! In maths we have began by looking at the the 4 operations and putting them into everyday skills such as sharing chocolate ! In science we have started looking at the planets some of the class made their own planets using paper-mâché and the rest of the class did a scavenger hunt to find items with the same attributes as the planets !

Thank you to Libby and Ellis H who used their Art session to create a bulletin board for the Redmoor base to showcase their best work at the lower site !

Libby

**Kites:** In maths we have been looking at fractions as well as practising the four operations. Macbeth is our text in English and we have met some of the main characters. Household budgeting has been the focus for PSHE and we have explored essential and non-essential expenses - that was quite enlightening!

Hoi-Wing

**Apollo:** A great week back after half term, I hope you all had a lovely break. This week we have started to look at our new text, Macbeth. We have looked at the three witches by making dramatic masks in Art and used adjectives to describe the witches in English. We even made our weekly drama games into a witches version of 'wink murder'.

Seb

**Poseidon:** This week has been a busy week in Poseidon class. In English we have started a new topic which is based on the play Macbeth we have been exploring different events in the play and practiced role playing different parts.

In maths we have started to explore measurement through empty, half full and full and following a recipe to make playdough and pizzas. In RSE we went sightseeing to France and took photos with the Eiffel Tower and other different landmarks. Aidan loved posing for the camera and John was super at finding the different landmarks. In Science our new topic is the solar system and we have explored the different planets and started to recreate the planets using paper mache.

Daisy

# Key Stage 4

**Atlas:** It's all go again now we're back to school. In PE we've been learning about and trying out sports from the Winter Olympics.

We've also begun a new topic in RSE and enjoyed a tattoo themed sensory story. On Tuesday we journeyed through time and across the country through Sherborne to learn about famous people from Britain and what they've achieved. In computing we've been learning how to categorise information. In Maths we've had a trip to Las Vegas and had our very own 'Deal or No Deal' game show! More experiments and sensory stories in Science to finish the week.

Lewis

**Hera:** In PE Hera did basketball skills, in RE it was all about forgiveness. The pupils discussed what art is - they all agreed that art is all about painting and drawing and were surprised to find that dance, drama, song, poetry and writing are all forms of art. Hera pupils enjoyed the first lesson in Computing about databases. We are making a class database and gathered lots of data for it on Thursday. Friday is a busy day with the KS4 assembly, RSE (Heraldry this lesson) Maths, English and Humanities - celebrities through time. Another week of hard work and lots of great teamwork.

Cassie

PJ

**Iris & Zeus:** A huge thank you to everyone who helped us get into our new building on Monday. The pupils have been absolutely fantastic in helping unpack boxes, sort out our new reading area and generally being very flexible and adaptable to all the changes. We have had a couple of issues to sort out along the way but everyone has worked together to find a way forward. We are slowly but surely finding new routines and new ways of working so well done to every single pupil and parent! You are all stars!

Everyone

**Janus:** This week we've had a nice calm return to half term starting the week with swimming and then looking at different celebrities for humanities. In science we started looking at Acids and Alkalis and doing a litmus test by using red cabbage solution to test various things. In Art we began to look at pop art and students started designing their own pop art designs.

**Hercules:** In art we learned about advertising. In RSE we looked at visiting Scotland. in IT we looked at coding and following instructions. In PSHE we looked at gambling.

Ethan

**Cleveland House:** KS3- YR 7 students in Maths were using function machines. In science Force and Gravity were the focus of their study. In YR 8 Pupils were writing a message in a bottle(creative writing) and in Textiles they were working on Tech pillows. KS 4- Our YR 11 Students achieved some outstanding grades in their mock exams-A BIG WELL DONE !!! All of our students have settled back in really well and have worked hard both in their inclusion lessons and in the Unit.KS5- Henry really enjoyed his first swimming session and also did some great work in DIY. Brad, Jake and Henry made Jackfruit wraps and chicken Korma in cooking a delicious treat!!! and Alex and Brad achieved some great marks in their mock exams.

## Key Stage 5

MacKenzie  
KS3

George  
KS4

Henry  
KS5

**Demeter:** This week has been a great start back after the half term. In English we have started to look at our new story 'Blood brothers' and in Maths we have been exploring and matching shapes. In Art we have been painting and making bricks to build castle walls for our theme Medieval England. Everyone has been very relaxed and well engaged! A great week back for all.

Mollie

**Nike:** This week students started a new sensory story in English, Blood Brothers. Students really enjoyed talking about twins and finding/creating their own 'twin'. In PE, students talked about the Winter Olympics, did yoga, and explored cricket/badminton. In cooking, students made pizza and hummus. In art, we started exploring the middle ages. Students continued to enjoy our 'helping others' unit by donating to the food bank and cleaning up the park.

Sharney

**6th Form:** Leo has begun a new work experience placement at Witham Villa Horse Stables. He mucked out the stables, put in clean bedding and groomed and fed the horses. He enjoyed his first week and is looking forward to gaining more experience.Carla shopped independently for her hospitality group ensuring all the correct quantities and products were purchased for the student lunches. Emma and Tahlia worked hard at Pamela Mann on Tuesday, working together to place label stickers on 300 packs of tights. In PSHE we have learnt about climate change and students engaged in activities linked to sea and land ice and considering temperature differences and the impact of climate change on the environment.

Kristian  
Triton

Krystal  
Kratos

Carla  
& Ruby  
Helios