



Duncombe News

It was lovely to see so many of you at the PA Fireworks Event last week. A lovely occasion and the weather was kind to us too. I have sent my thanks on behalf of the school to the PA team for their very fine efforts. I am greatly looking forward to the Christmas Fair next month which is the next PA event. 1T wowed us with their class assembly today. With the theme of light and dark inspired from their scientific studies, they took us on an amazing journey of the senses. As ever, the pupils proudly represented their form and I know that Mrs Turner and Mrs Watson were delighted and most proud of the children's efforts. Well done to all involved; an excellent experience for all of us.

I received the most lovely feedback from the Mayor of Hertford, Dr Linda Radford, following her visit and tour around the school this week. She was exceptionally impressed with the learning in class, politeness of the pupils and the exciting activities and experiences our pupils have each day. She was most taken with the space exploits we have been involved with in recent weeks and, as a keen user of twitter, had a post up celebrating her wonderful experience in no time at all! A big well done to Freddie and Amelie who accompanied the Mayor so very well.

We took a moment today to stand silently at 11.00am as we collectively joined in the Act of Remembrance. I know several of our pupils are involved in a variety of services and parades this weekend. In a busy, bustling world it is exceptionally important to have such moments to reflect quietly and take stock.

Do look out for Mr Le Tissier's equation about pineapples, Fibonacci Spirals and President Elect Trump. A whole new take on this week's most spoken about news event!

I do hope you all have a restful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

1T's Assembly



Here are this week's Pupils who received a Headmaster's Award. Well done to them!



Diary Dates

Monday 14th November - Upper School assembly at Holy Trinity Church (children only).

Year 4 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Wednesday 16th November - Year 3 Roman Day.

Moving to Kindergarten Meeting. 6.30pm in Treetops.

Thursday 17th November - Open House Coffee Morning 8.30am in Treetops. Miss Ruskin, Mrs Vinall, Mrs Wiscarson, Mrs Hills, Mr Foley, Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Sopher and Mrs Turner will be in attendance.

Woburn Charity Dress Up Day.

Friday 18th November - 2LA Assembly. (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start.

Year 6 to Amaravati Buddhist Monastery.

Sports Fixtures

Monday 14th November - U7 A&B Football v St Edmund's Prep (home). 4pm start.

Tuesday 15th November - U11 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (home).

Wednesday 16th November - U11 A&B Hockey v Heath Mount (away).

Thursday 17th November - U8 A&B Football v St Edmund's Prep (away).

Tuesday 22nd November - U11 5-a-side Hertford & District Prep Football Tournament (home). 2.30pm start.

Wednesday 23rd November - U11 A&B Football and Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). 2.30pm start.

Looking Forward

Tuesday 29th November - Shaking Up Shakespeare for Years 3 to 6.

Wednesday 30th November - Year 6 to the Natural History Museum.

Thursday 1st December - Last Speech and Drama Lesson

Friday 2nd December - Music Assembly for invited performers. (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start.

Ice Skating at Van Hages. 5pm start.

Sunday 4th December - Christmas Fair. 1pm to 3pm.

Monday 5th December - Years 1 to 6 Carol Service Rehearsal at Haileybury.

Tuesday 6th December - Carol Service Years 1-6 at Haileybury Chapel. 5pm start.

Wednesday 7th December - Last ballet lesson.

Thursday 8th December - Nursery Christmas Play. 9.20am in New Hall.

Friday 9th December - Reception Christmas Play. 9.20am in New Hall.

Tiny Tots on Tenterhooks

Archie, Charlotte and Annabel took part in the first toddler reading session of this year at the Leaf Cafe. Despite feeling slightly anxious, the three Duncombe pupils read brilliantly! They remembered to read with ample expression and enthusiasm as well as show the little ones the illustrations to keep them engaged. The Tiny Tots audience were enthralled and sat silently throughout. *Guess how much I love you* by Sam McBratney proved to be a worthy favourite. Well done to our Year 5 storytellers shown below!



The Green Gang!

This Year's Eco Council, (affectionately known as The Green Gang) started off the new academic year with lots of new ideas. After the success of last year and gaining the Bronze Award we are now aiming for Silver.

This year we are starting off with "Switch It Off" fortnight. The gang will be placing stickers around the school reminding people to turn off lights or electrical items in order to save money and the Planet's resources. They will be sharing the information with their classes and their teachers.

We are continuing with our drive on litter and ensuring that the school has an eco friendly environment. Green Gang members will also be on the look out for wasting water, so make sure all those taps are turned off!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Judith Marrison, Head of Science

End of Autumn Term Date

We would like to remind you that we break up for Christmas on **Thursday 15th December**. As this is the end of Autumn term school will finish early as follows:

- Treetops and Years 1-3 finish at 2.45pm
- Years 4 - 6 finish at 3.00pm.

Please note that no after school clubs will take place but after school care will be available.

The Spring Term commences on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Woburn Charity Dress Up Day

Thursday 17th November

May we remind you that the Woburn Charity Team have organised a fund raising event for this term's charity on Thursday 17th November. We are inviting children in Treetops, Lower School and Upper School to dress up in The Art Room's most recognisable colours of pink, purple blue and green. Please join us by coming into school in your colourful and artistic clothes. It is £1 to take part.

As you know the charity Woburn are supporting is The Art Room which is a charity aimed at 5 - 16 year olds who are experiencing emotional and behavioural difficulties. They offer art as therapy to increase children's self-esteem, self-confidence and independence.

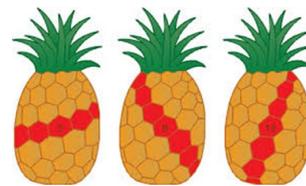
Thank you for helping us support this worthy cause.

The Woburn Charity Team – Mayze Mustoe, Madeline Parry and Zoe Drewitt

1 President Elect + 1 Pineapple = Fibonacci Numbers discussion!

Ahead of the American Presidential Election, some of my Year 6 pupils were discussing who would win. Freddie declared, rather confidently "If Donald Trump wins, I'll give Mr Le Tissier a pineapple!" True to his word, on Thursday morning Freddie presented me with a pineapple.

In class I thought I would make good use of this unexpected offering. Writing on the board the sequence 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34 and so on. The children were very quick to notice that the following number was the sum of the two previous numbers and I shared that this was called the Fibonacci Code. There were a few heads being scratched as to how this related to the pineapple... I then asked Freddie to count the rings around the pineapple and sure enough they were all Fibonacci numbers:



Some impromptu and fun cross-curricular learning...all thanks to the recent Presidential Election!

Mr Tom Le Tissier

Director of Learning

Phil the Bag - Reminder

On 23rd November the ladies from the School Uniform Shop are arranging a Phil the Bag collection. The PA will receive a payment based on the weight of clothing items donated, so please look out any garments you no longer want, pop them in a black bin sack and bring them in on the morning of 23rd. Please place your bags outside the Music Room for collection. Please do not bring bags in before the 23rd as there is nowhere to store them. This is a great opportunity for a clear out while helping to reach our fundraising goal!

Many thanks.
The PA Team

Games Kit for Year 4

Please can all Year 4 children have shin pads for Games lessons on a Monday and Friday and football boots for Games lessons on a Friday.

This is an absolute necessity due to safety reasons. Pupils may not be able to participate in Games without these items. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please also note that Year 4 boys will be doing contact Rugby from the beginning of December. They will therefore require a gum shield in order to participate.

Miss Varney and Mr Sopher.

Speech and Drama

Please be aware that the last Speech and Drama lesson will be on Thursday 1st December 2016.

Ice Skating at Van Hage Friday 2nd December

The booking forms for Ice Skating at Van Hage have been sent via parentmail. Ticket requests are coming in thick and fast so if you haven't already booked your places then please do so. There are spare booking forms in the main school office.

For Sale - Trophy / Display Cabinets

Following the refurbishment of the Reception Area, the two trophy/display cabinets that used to be in the foyer area are no longer required and therefore are offered for sale.

There are two cabinets available priced at £75.00 each. You would need to make your own collection arrangements.

If you are interested please contact me on:

ian.thomas@duncombe-school.co.uk

Ian Thomas, Business Manager

After School Clubs this Term

As this is such a long term some of our clubs that are just 10 week courses are about to finish.

Can I take this opportunity to let you know when the following will finish:

Horse riding = 14th Nov
Tennis = 15th Nov
Cookery = 15th Nov
Fencing = 17th Nov
Gym Club = 21st Nov
Golf = 25th Nov

As usual we will be offering care as an alternative to the clubs for the remainder of the term and request that you please the School Office know if you require care.

Thank you
Mrs Price

Lost

Named shin pads belonging to Rupert Douglas.
Red Kath Kidston hat with blue pompom belonging to Hamish Douglas.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 14th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the Day Cajun Chicken with lightly spiced Vegetables	Dish of the Day Freshly made Shepherd's Pie	Dish of the Day Traditional Beef Lasagne	Dish of the Day Roast Gammon with Gravy	Dish of the Day Lemon Herb crusted Fish of the Day
Vegetarian Option Vegetable and Cheese Wraps	Vegetarian Option Three Cheese and Chive Tart	Vegetarian Option Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetarian Option Courgette and Mushroom Frittata	Vegetarian Option Stir Fry Vegetable Noodles
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayo/maise Cheese	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Pasta Bar 3 Cheese Sauce Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Colislaw Cheese
Vegetables Steamed Rice Green Beans	Vegetables Rissole Potatoes Steamed Broccoli	Vegetables Steamed Rice Steamed Sweetcorn Sauté Courgettes with Peppers	Vegetables Roast Potatoes Steamed Carrots and Broccoli Leek Mornay	Vegetables Jacket Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans
Dessert Apple and Blackberry Crumble with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Syrup Sponge with Custard Served with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Cherry Day Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Eton Mess Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Chocolate Beetroot Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

Daily Salad Bar
With a Selection of Home cooked Meats & freshly Prepared Salads
Fresh fruit salad available daily