

Friday 23rd September 2016

Duncombe News

The weeks have already begun flashing by and our pupils have greatly enjoyed the Children's Book Festival Events including an audience with Jacqueline Wilson for Year 4 and Year 3 listening to James Mayhew. The literary buzz continues with our much anticipated Roald Dahl Day on Monday. I have heard lots of exciting chat about which costumes and characters will be on display and have to admit I'm getting quite carried away with it myself! I shall look forward to our special assembly in the morning where we will be starting the day off with a focus on some of Dahl's characters and admiring the different outfits on show. If you get the chance to look at one of his books over the weekend, I'm sure that will really get the children in the phizzwizzard spirit!

We have our PA Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Thursday 29th September and details of how to contribute and take part are contained within the newsletter. It would be lovely to see as many of you as can make it for a coffee, cake and chat whilst supporting the work of Macmillan Cancer Support. The PA Annual General Meeting is also taking place that day and I would very much like to encourage you to come along to help generate teams to lead on individual events for the coming year. To all our new families, this is a great way to make new friends and help create some wonderful family focused experiences for our pupils.

We have our first Class Assembly on Friday next week with 6LT leading the way. I shall look forward to sharing with you the theme and no doubt a picture too. Rumour has it that this may be staged in our Dell area, weather permitting. We have been invited by local Estate Agents, Steven Oates, to partake in a creative arts competition aimed at pupils in Upper School. Information has been shared with the pupils and a flyer included in this newsletter, so please do look out for it. The winner, amongst other things, has their work on the front cover of the monthly magazine shared with some 35,000 households. All very exciting!

Do have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

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



Diary Dates

Monday 26th September - Dress up day to celebrate Roald Dahl's 100 birthday.

Wednesday 28th September - Year 1 to Audley End.

Thursday 29th September - Year 2 Trip to Affinity Water Education Centre.

Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.30am in Old Hall. Miss Ord, Mrs Frost, Mrs Watson, Miss Angus, Mrs Galaska, Mrs Howes, Mr Sopher and Mrs Bonanni will be in attendance. PA AGM. 7.30pm in Old Hall.

Friday 30th September - 6LT Assembly. Parents welcome. 8.50am start in New Hall.

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 27th September - U11A&B Football v St Joseph's (away). 2.30pm.

Wednesday 28th September - U11 Netball v The Walden School (home). 2pm start.

Tuesday 11th October - U11 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (away). 3.45pm start.

Wednesday 12th October - U11A, B & C Football and Netball v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

Thursday 13th October - U9 A& B Football v Heath Mount (away). 2.30pm start.

Looking Forward

Wednesday 5th October - Year 5 to Hertford Theatre to see King Arthur.

Friday 7th October - Music Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am in Old Hall.

Monday 10th October - Year 5 visit Hindu Temple.

Tuesday 11th October - Years 1, 2 & 3 Nasal Flu Vaccination.

Wednesday 12th October - Individual and Sibling Photographs.

Wednesday 13th October - Reception visit Bekonscot Model Village.

Open House Coffee Morning 8.30am in Old Hall. Mrs Durham, Miss Burton, Miss Varney, Ms Rea, Mrs Pannett, Miss Theobald, Mrs Marrion, Miss Barton, Miss Flowers and Mrs Sheriff will be in attendance.

Friday 14th October - Lower School Harvest Festival (children only).

Upper School Harvest Festival (Parents welcome). Holy Trinity Church at 2.30pm.

After School Club Contact Number

May we remind you that the After School Club Team can be contacted on 07594 583595 from 4.30pm until 6.30pm.

Drop off and Pick up

If you are using the school car park can you please drop off in the morning as quickly as possible to avoid a build up of traffic and a delay in children getting to their class in time. Thank you.

Late Arrival

If your child arrives at school after registration closes at 8.45am could you please sign them in at the School Office.

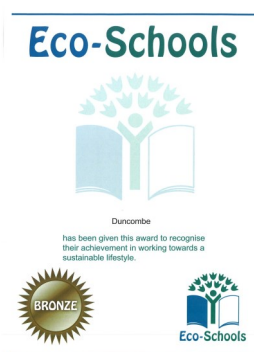
Congratulations

Congratulations to Elliot F (5S), Boris D (5V) and Edward F (3B) who all took part in their first West End show in the summer holidays. The performance took place at Her Majesty's Theatre and during the performance they were judged for their Trinity Exam which they all passed with distinction. Well done to them all!

Duncombe gets Eco Schools Bronze Award!

I am delighted to share the news that Duncombe has been awarded the Eco Schools Bronze award! I am hugely proud of our Eco Council who were very conscientious and enthusiastic throughout the whole of last year. I am now forming the Eco Council for this academic year and we will be working hard towards the Silver Award. Well done to all the Green Gang!

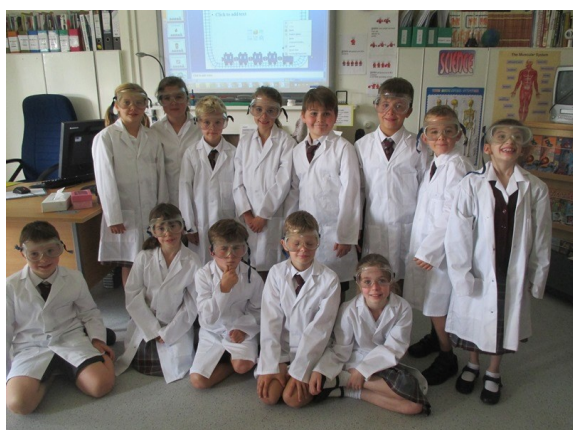
Judith Marrison -Science Leader



Year 4 Ready for Action in the Lab

A very enthusiastic bunch of young Scientists are all keen to get started on some serious investigations.

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PA News & Events

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The PA are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 29th September to raise money for Macmillan Nurses. Please bring in your nut free (including ground almonds and almond essence) cake donations on the day. Your child may also bring in 50p or £1 to buy a cake at break time. Please join us for coffee in the Old Hall from drop off time to raise money for this good cause.

Parents' Association AGM

The Parents' Association AGM will take place on Thursday 29th September from 7.30pm in The Old Hall.

If you are interested in joining in with decision making, helping out at events or just want to see what goes on please join us for a glass of wine from 7.30pm.

We are looking for new committee members and helpers for up and coming events. Please support us if you can, just a little of your spare time will help us to continue to run the events that the children enjoy so much.

Thank you.
The PA Team

Christmas Fair

We are delighted to inform you that the Christmas Fair will take place on Sunday 4th December from 1pm to 3pm. If anyone is interested in joining the committee for this event please contact Alison Hargreaves on:

alisonholly@hotmail.com

Stalls will be available on a first come, first served basis at £25 for a covered table. Thank you.

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Individual and Sibling photographs will take place on Wednesday 12th October. Please be aware that all children need to have smart hair and uniform and wear their blazers (no jumpers please). Photographs of sibling groups are only available for children attending Duncombe. If your child does not attend Treetops on this day and you would like their photograph to be taken, please advise the School Office who will make the necessary arrangements.


We would also like to inform you that there will be an early registration on Wednesday 12th October at 8.15am in order to get the photographs started. Please can you ensure your child is in school by 8.15am on the 12th. Thank you.


 Duncombe School
Upper School
ART COMPETITION



What will *your* futuristic ideal home look like?
Draw, paint or colour, using your imagination, on A4 landscape
 A Prize of a £50 gift voucher with the winner's artwork to be featured on the front cover of a magazine that will be distributed to thousands of local homes by estate agents Steven Oates and will also feature on Duncombe Facebook and website

Entries, with name, class and age on the back, in an envelope to the school office by
3pm Thursday 6th October
 Duncombe Upper School pupils only this time - keep your eyes peeled for more competitions
 Any questions please email emma.morgan@duncombe-school.co.uk


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Year 5 PGL Lost Property

I still have two bags of lost property from the Year 5 PGL trip. If you are missing any of your child's belongings from PGL please come to 5V and have a look through the bags. Please be aware that any unclaimed items will be disposed of after Tuesday 27th September. Thank you. *Miss Varney.*

Lost

Named cardigan belonging to Estelle Olivier.
 Named blazer belonging to Daniel McDauid.
 Named water bottle belonging to Rupert Douglas.

We have a black Speedo swimming costume in the school office with no name in it. Please come to the office if you think it is yours.

We have pair of boys size 2 M&S shoes in the office. Please come and collect them if you think they might be yours.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 26th September



Warren
restaurant

Weekly Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Roald Dahl Menu				
Dish of the Day Mr Fox's Boggis' Chicken Chicken and Vegetable Puff Pie	Dish of the Day Chicken Burgers in a ½ Bap with Side Salad	Dish of the Day Mild Chicken Curry with Poppadam's and Chutney	Dish of the Day Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and gravy	Dish of the Day Lemon and Herb Oven Baked Cod with Lemon and Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Option The Twits' Worm Spaghetti Vegetable Spaghetti Bolognese with Jumbly Vegetables	Vegetarian Option Quorn Burgers on a ½ Bap with Side Salad	Vegetarian Option Roasted Vegetable Strudel	Vegetarian Option Butternut Risotto	Vegetarian Option Cheese and Pasta Bake
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Pasta Bar 3 Cheese Sauce Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw Cheese
	Vegetables Rissolo Potatoes Steamed Sweetcorn	Vegetables Steamed Rice Sagaloo Steamed mixed Vegetables	Vegetables Roast Potatoes Green Beans and Carrots Roasted Beetroot	Vegetables Jacket Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans
Dessert Matilda's Bogrotton Style Chocolate Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Chocolate Chip Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Orange Jelly with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Strawberry Cheesecake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

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