

Friday 30th September 2016

Duncombe News

We said goodbye to September in spectacular fashion starting the week with our Roald Dahl Day. A truly sublime way to get things underway with our pupils and staff really going the extra mile with costumes, assembly pieces and work galore. Today we hosted our first Class Assembly in the Dell area with all pupils and parents of 6LT. A heady mix of comedy, thinking about the future and exploring the foundations laid here at Duncombe. We were all transported via the 'Magic Slide' (who knew?) to an exceptionally engaging and brilliantly executed performance. The pupils used the space of the developed Dell area to great effect and had clearly rehearsed to ensure that they projected well, enabling all to hear and see. Closing with a song, I think it was fair to say that the bar has been set so high it is tricky now to see it! Well done 6LT and Mr Le Tissier, a truly excellent experience for us all.

You may have read that the Rosetta probe crashed today into a Comet, but have no fear because Duncombe is launching its very own space mission! Duncombe Bear is to be launched into space during the week commencing 17th October. Yes it's true! Working with a company called Sent Into Space, our pupils will experience an assembly and a series of scientific activities which will culminate in a space launch that will be filmed. A truly excellent experience for the entire school community and one which I believe will inspire us all. Please do look out for more information over the coming weeks as we build to what will be something pretty extraordinary!

There have been a number of trips and events throughout the course of this week. Please do look at the articles in the newsletter to find out more. Thank you to all who supported the Macmillan Coffee morning. A great buzz and tasty cake available to boot. Thank you to the PA and team who helped organise this. The PA held its AGM this week and will be sharing the outcomes of the new team appointments very soon. Needless to say we are extremely grateful to Mark Armitage and his team who have lead the way over the past two years.

Next week sees plenty of activities in the calendar including a Music Assembly at the end of the week. Always a great favourite of mine.

Have a restful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

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



Diary Dates

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

Thursday 6th October - Open Morning for Prospective Parents. 9.45am start.

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

Sports Fixtures

Friday 7th October - ISFA U11 Tournament at Westbrook Hay. 12.15pm 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

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.

Monday 17th October - Year 3 to Celtic Harmony Camp. Year 5 Parent to Lunch.

Tuesday 18th October - Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Year 6 Parents' Evening in Old Hall. 6.30pm to 8.30pm..

Wednesday 19th October - Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Thursday 20th October - Treetops sharing afternoon. 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

School finishes at normal time and all After School Clubs will be on as normal.

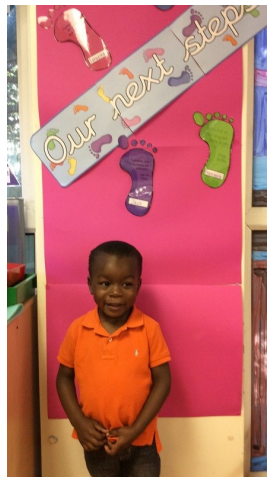
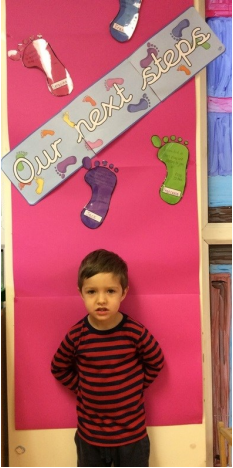
Friday 21st October - Half Term begins.

6LT Assembly



Congratulations

Well done to Fraser F, Serafina F and Jack W in Kindergarten who who achieved their next step in class this week!



Nursery Create an Enormous Crocodile

This week Nursery have been reading 'The Enormous Crocodile' by Roald Dahl. At Forest school they worked as a team to create their own Enormous Crocodile using natural resources.



Year 4's Marvellous Medicine!

Year 4 really got into science mode during this week. As part of our Roald Dahl celebrations the Science Department, not wanting to be left out, decided to have a go at our own Marvellous Medicines. Wow, what a phizzwhizz of a time we had! The young scientists all dressed appropriately and really got stuck in. There were gasps of amazement as concoctions fizzed and bubbled, changed colour and grew!! A truly marvellous time was had by all and a lot of investigating took place. Roald Dahl would have been proud!

Judith Marrion - Science Leader



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. 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..

Roald Dahl Day

Our week began with a phizz-whizzin bang as we paraded into school with our extraordinary costumes to celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th birthday. Both staff and children completely immersed themselves in the day; dressing proudly as a character from the beloved author's books. From Treetops to Year 6, the children produced some beautiful artwork, imaginative writing and even concocted some marvellous medicines.

A huge thank you to all parents for the brilliant costumes which really set the tone for the day and helped everyone get into the spirit. Overall it was a *splendiferous* day!
Miss A Micele, Head of English.



“Roald Dahl Day was magic. Characters were everywhere you looked. Our headteacher was Willy Wonka and you could easily spot Matilda, the BFG and plenty of Oompa Loompas and even a Miss Trunchbull or two!

There were all sort of activities; posters on how to recognise a witch, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory maths as well as an awesome book cover hunt!

It was easily one of the best days I've ever had (and I have been here since Early Kindergarten) so thank you to the staff and thank you Roald Dahl!” *Alastair Readman (Y6)*



Early Kindergarten and Kindergarten Celebrate Roald Dahl Day

To celebrate the great works and 100th birthday of Roald Dahl, all of Duncombe participated in a day dedicated to the author. The children were invited to come into school dressed up as a character from one of his books and we had an exciting collection of Eseo trot, Willy Wonka and Fantastic Mr Fox to name but a few. In KG and EKG we enjoyed lots of activities such as giant peach colouring, designing a chocolate wrapper and we all got to eat peach at snack time.



Hertford Children's Book Festival

Last week Year 3 and 4 celebrated Hertford Children's Book Festival at Hertford Theatre. Year 3 watched in awe as James Mayhew painted whilst Year 4 listened to poems by John Hegley followed by a talk from Jacqueline Wilson. Here are some of the children's experiences of their visits:

“On Friday it was amazing. We took a trip down Port Hill to Hertford Theatre. James Mayhew painted so fast in time to the music. It couldn't have been better, we loved it!”
William Stroud (Y3)

“We went to see James Mayhew. He created some lovely paintings. A man called Alexander played the piano whilst James Mayhew was painting. At the end we got one of his paintings. It was fun!” *Lois Pearce (Y3)*

“On Friday, Year 4 went to see Jacqueline Wilson and the poet, John Hegley. I really liked when John told us lots of jokes and gave us actions to do whilst he read one of his poems. I also found it interesting when Jacqueline Wilson said she had written 107 books. I enjoyed taking home 'I am Poetato' by John Hegley and reading all the poems in the book.” *Elliot McGee (Y4)*

Harvest Festival Friday 16th October

A Harvest Festival celebration will be held for Lower School (EKG - Year 3) on the morning of Friday 14th October which will be for children only.

A service for Upper School (Years 4, 5 & 6) and parents will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bengoe in the afternoon of Friday 14th October at 2.30pm. Children may leave with their parents after the service, or return to school with staff for After School Club.

As usual we ask that children who are not of school age do not attend the Upper School service to ensure the enjoyment of everyone. We do offer a crèche service from 1.45pm to 3.30pm on the day. If you would like to book your child into crèche please fill in a form which can be found in the School Office.

We invite all the children to bring in a small parcel of non-perishable items on the day (a shoe box without a lid for example). These will be donated to the Hertford Foodbank (located on Cowbridge in Hertford) to help support local people in crisis. For more information please visit <http://hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>. Children in EKG, KG and Nursery should bring in one item each, rather than a small box. Children will have to carry the boxes so please ensure that they are not too heavy!

The foodbank has a 'shopping list' of items they are running low on and these would be greatly appreciated:

- UHT milk in 1 kg cartons,
- Long life fruit juice 1 lt,
- Jars of cooking sauce (chilli/sweet & sour/curry),
- Instant mashed potato,
- Instant custard powder in packets,
- Jars of instant coffee (100 g),
- Skimmed milk powder,
- Tinned potatoes,
- Tinned garden peas,
- Tinned carrots,
- Tinned tomatoes,
- Tinned spaghetti hoops,
- Jars of pasta sauce,
- Granulated sugar 1 kg,
- Rice 1kg,
- Tinned ready mixed custard,
- Tinned rice pudding,
- Packets of sweet biscuits,
- Treats: i.e. boiled sweets, Penguin, Club, Crunchie, Wispa or other chocolate bars.

Upper School Art competition - What will your futuristic ideal home look like?

Draw, paint, colour on A4 landscape your ideal futuristic home – 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

Emma Morgan , Marketing Manager, Interim.

Lost

Named school bag belonging to Farrah Ball.

Named cap belonging to Ollie Bensley.

One named ballet shoe size 12 belonging to Isla Colletti.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 3rd October

Warren restaurant		Weekly Menu			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Dish of the Day Beef Pasta Ragù	Dish of the Day Country Chicken Stew	Dish of the Day Beef Chilli Tacos with Sour Cream and Salsa	Dish of the Day Roast Turkey with Gravy and Cranberry Sauce	Dish of the Day Poached Salmon and Broccoli Pan	
Vegetarian Option Roasted Vegetable with Halloumi Gratin	Vegetarian Option Brie and Red Onion Tart	Vegetarian Option Cheese and Spring Onion Quesadilla	Vegetarian Option Sweet Pepper and Mushroom Prittata	Vegetarian Option Mac n Cheese	
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayo/salad Cheese	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Pasta Bar 3 Cheese Sauce Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw Cheese	
Vegetables Steamed New Potatoes Broccoli	Vegetables Savory Potatoes Steamed Green Beans Peas with Carrots	Vegetables Steamed Rice Steamed Sweetcorn Mixed Salad	Vegetables Roast Potatoes Honey Roasted Carrots Cauliflower and Broccoli Gratin	Vegetables Jacket Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans	
Dessert Creamy Rice Pudding with Jam Sauce or Choc Chips Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Bakewell Tart with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Jammy Shortbread Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Orange Jelly with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Banoffee Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	
Daily Salad Bar With a Selection of Home cooked Meats & freshly Prepared Salads Fresh fruit salad available daily					