



Duncombe News

13th October 2017



This week started with a Music Concert with performances on piano, violin, guitar, trumpet and voice. All performers spoke clearly when introducing their pieces and treated the audience to a wonderful selection of musical genres. A great way to kick start the week.

There have been a number of trips recently across the year groups so please do look out for the reports contained within the newsletter. As a school we have been getting increasingly more excited about the astro cover and the 'mega-structure' which is taking greater and greater form. Do keep a look out for image updates from Mr Thomas over the coming weeks and days. We have a handover date of November 4th, so we are within touching distance!

We have celebrated Harvest Festival today and thank you for all your donations for the Hertford Foodbank. Our Lower School service was led by Year 3 who took us through a number of readings and songs supported by some delightful singing from Year 1 and 2. The Upper School service at Holy Trinity was again a most enjoyable occasion. It is always good to gather as a school community and to take some time to reflect on the many wonderful things we have access to. The reading and singing was, as ever, engaging and great to hear. What a lovely way to bring the week to a close.

Do have a restful and enjoyable weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

Well done to this week's Pupils who received a Headmaster's Award.



Diary Dates

Monday 16th October - Nursery Parents' Evening in Treetops. 4pm to 8pm.

Tuesday 17th October - Reception to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Wednesday 18th October - Year 1 to Audley End.

Reception to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Thursday 19th October - Nursery and Reception sharing afternoon. 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

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

Friday 20th October - Half Term begins.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 18th October - U11 Hockey v Heath Mount (away). 2.30pm start.

U11 Football v St Christopher School (away). Time TBC.

Tuesday 31st October - U11 Football v Sherrardswood (away). Time TBC.

Wednesday 1st November - U11 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (away). Time TBC.

Thursday 2nd November - U9 Football v St Edmund's Prep at Hartham. Time TBC.

U8/U9 Netball v St Edmund's Prep (away). Time TBC.

Looking Forward

Monday 30th October - PHC Singing Workshop for Year 5 and 6 Choir.

Tuesday 31st October - Year 4 to Paradise Wildlife Park.

Thursday 2nd November - Year 4 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 8.30pm in New Hall.

Thursday 3rd November - PA Firework Event. 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jaxon C (5T) who got through to the Badminton doubles final for the U13 Bronze at the East London Tournament last weekend. Jaxon and his partner narrowly lost but achieved a fantastic second getting the silver medal. Well done Jaxon.



Nursery and Reception Parents' Evenings

Please note the locations for the Parents' Evenings for Nursery and Reception:

Monday 16th October

Nursery Parents' Evening 4pm to 8pm

Location = Treetops Nursery Classrooms

Tuesday 17th October

Reception Parents' Evening 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Location = Reception Oak in 5T

Location = Reception Apple in 6T

Wednesday 18th October

Reception Parents' Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Location = Treetops Reception Classrooms

Super Heroes To The Rescue!

Nursery became super heroes this week at Forest School. They had to complete a series of super challenges including balancing on logs, demonstrating super sonic sight, completing an obstacle course and showing off their super strength. All of the children completed the tasks and were awarded their super hero medals. A big thank you to Zoe Bateman for supplying us with capes and masks from **Zoe's Superhero Capes**. She can be found on facebook or email her at Zoemorgan1@me.com



Music Assembly

This week we were treated to the first of this year's music assemblies. We enjoyed piano music from Isaac Francis, who played with confidence and good tone. Lucy Harris performed *Praeambulium supra Jesu, meine Freude* a piece which was almost as difficult to play as to pronounce, but which she performed exceptionally well. First on guitar was Elliot Fergus-Fuller, who treated us to a lovely rendition of 'Riptide' with confident vocals and great strumming technique. Also on guitar was Jonathan Drewitt performing a traditional Spanish piece with lots of very complicated finger work which he handled beautifully. Lucy Munro sang 'Tick, Tock, Grandfather Clock' with style and captured the lilting melody very nicely. Also singing, Charlotte Phelan performed 'If I Had a Boat', a very tricky song which she made look effortless. Jordan Homann, performed in his first Duncombe concert and tackled a difficult duet with Mr Patterson. He produced an amazing sound and gave a very impressive performance. On violins we were treated to performances by both Leah and Maya Barnes. Both girls showed great technique and played some difficult pieces with great confidence and musicality. Many thanks to Mr Patterson for joining us for the concert and to Mrs Turner for her superb accompanying. Our thanks also to the children, whose performances were truly wonderful to listen to. **Jo Sutton, Music Team Leader**

Year 3 Visit Celtic Harmony Camp

We got on the coach and went to Celtic Harmony Camp. When we got there, there were two big gates with a Celtic shield in the middle and Angus the Celt asked us if we were the enemy! To get through the gates we had to put our hands up and as we walked through we had to shout our names and we time travelled to 2000 years before, back to Celtic times. *Mia Norman-Greenaway.*

We gathered in the Chieftain's Roundhouse. 3C were renamed the Snakes and 3FH were renamed the Stags. We practised warrior skills. Lots of children had to pretend to defend their clan from Roman soldiers, who were played by Miss Cartwright and Mrs Hills. The children won the battle! Afterwards, we walked to the woods and did some archery. After that, we had Woad face paint and made reed headbands. *Jamie Weech*

After our packed lunch, we learned about Celtic trading. We pretended to visit a market and we were given different objects, like wool and gemstones, and we had to trade or swap them. We then bought some souvenirs in the shop with three gold coins. I chose a bracelet and a shark tooth pendant. Finally we completed a woodland quest. We collected Celtic letters and had to solve a riddle. I cracked the riddle - it was 'shield.' We then got on the coach to return to school. Year 3 had had a fantastic day and we learnt all about how Roundhouses were made and how Celtic people lived. *Monty Douglas*



Reception Trip to Bekonscot

Reception were very excited this week to go on their school trip to Bekonscot Model Village. Our enthusiasm built during the journey there and the teachers and parents were very impressed with how well behaved the children were during the traffic delays. When we arrived we were sprinkled with magic dust to make us grow into gentle giants! We loved walking around the little towns and villages, crouching down to peep into windows and spy on the people inside. We saw tiny people going about their business at the shops, schools and houses, and there was even a zoo, funfair and circus there! The best part of the day, however, was watching the trains on the model railway – we got very excited each time one came whizzing past! After looking around we had our lunch at the picnic tables. We then had time to play on the adventure playground before returning to school. A wonderful day was had by one and all! We'd like to thank our parent helpers for the trip, who all did an amazing job!



Housekeeper Appointment

I am delighted to be able to share with you that we now have a Housekeeper who will be working across the school each day from 11.00am through until 5.00pm.

Mrs Bareham joined us on Tuesday and having someone here during the school day to support the Site Team has already made a difference.

This housekeeping role will develop over time but the duties will include the checking and cleaning of toilets during the school day across the school, infection control cleaning, general spot cleaning, damp dusting of skirting boards, picture frames etc. *Ian Thomas, Business Manager*

Bhaktivedanta Hindu Temple visit

Namaste! This is the traditional Hindu greeting which we received when we visited the Bhaktivedanta Hindu Temple last week. As part of learning about Hinduism we were able to discover how Hindus who live at the manor House follow their beliefs. A great surprise was the cart ride pulled by two bulls! As a sacred animal we discovered how the cow is treated with great respect in Hindu society and in the farm section we were able to feed the cows and see how they are cared for. The House was bought by George Harrison, the famous member of The Beatles, after he had travelled with the group to India. He left the house and all the grounds to continue to be used as a place of worship and learning for Hindus. We were able to try different food and the paneer cheese was brilliant! After dressing in traditional Indian dress and having decorations on our hands and faces we listened to the story of Ganesh and how he got his Elephant head. A great trip which was really interesting and very peaceful.



MUGA Tensile Roof Update

Those of you that have been into school this week will have seen the very exciting developments taking place for our Tensile Roof over the MUGA. The first braising cross beam went into place on Monday and work is progressing at a good pace. The photograph shown below was taken on Thursday afternoon.



I hope you will agree it is starting to look amazing and once work is complete is going to be a fantastic facility for Duncombe. Work is currently scheduled for completion by the 4th November 2017.

Ian Thomas, Business Manager

Lost

Named blazer belonging to Lucas Collins.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 16th October



Homemade Soup and Fresh Baked Bread available Daily

Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free
Equivalent dishes will be offered

Week 1

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	½ Term
Dish of the Day Pork Sausages with Onion Gravy	Dish Of the Day Chicken Noodle Stir Fry	Dish of the Day Freshly made Beef Burgers on ½ Bap with Side Salad	Dish of the Day Roast Chicken with Gravy and Cranberry Sauce	
Vegetarian Option Quorn Sausages with Onion Gravy	Vegetarian Option Greek Filo Pie	Vegetarian Option Quorn Steak Burger with Side Salad	Vegetarian Option Spanish Omelette	
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise	Pasta Bar Tomato and Basil	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans	Pasta Bar 3 Cheese Sauce	½ Term
Sides Creamy Mash Potato Steamed Broccoli	Sides Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables Steamed Peas	Sides Jacket Wedges Steamed Sweetcorn Side Salad	Vegetables Rustic Roast Cauliflower Cheese Medley of Steamed Vegetables	
Dessert Apple Charlotte with Cream Fruit or Yoghurt	Dessert Chocolate Brownie Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Dessert Cherry Oaty Cookie Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Dessert Raspberry Ripple Mousse Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	

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TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Week commencing: Week 1 4th September, 25th September,
16th October, 6th November
, 27th November 2017

