

Friday 17th Mar 2017

Duncombe News

Congratulations to our Year 5 Netball team who were unbeaten and winners of the Haileybury Prep Schools Netball Tournament this week. A tremendous outcome and one in which we are all very proud. Both Miss Varney and Mrs Price were extremely pleased, not only with the level of play, but the sportsmanship on display. Well done all.

There have been trips galore this week with Year 1 going to the Glass Workshops in town, Year 2 at the Roald Dahl Museum and Year 5 attending a series of lectures and experiencing a science display at GSK. An enriching experience for all involved and one which I know the children have been sharing in follow up lessons. Do look out for the pictures and reports in the newsletter.

Our young musicians performed this morning at an early morning concert which also involved all of Year 2 on recorders. Always a lovely assembly, the standard continues to show progression and the opportunity to stand in front of parents and peers is an excellent one in preparation for later life. Well done to all who performed. A lovely way to start the day and, as ever, wonderful leadership from Mrs Turner and the team.

We have a truly jam packed week ahead of us with the Upper School Swimming Gala on Tuesday, Year 6 to a Science Workshop at Princess Helena College on Wednesday and dress up in blue or as your favourite animal for charity on Thursday. Add to this plenty of matches, the Cognita Festival of Sport and the Lower School and Treetops Mother's Days assemblies on Friday morning. Along with all the demands of a normal week, the children are sure to have a great deal to take with them into the Easter Holidays.

I do hope to see you at tonight's Parents' Association Quiz Night for what I am sure will be a most enjoyable evening. Thanks in advance to all who are supporting and helping to organise the event. Do have a very restful weekend.

Mr Phelan.

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



Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st March - Non Uniform Day for Hatfield.
Upper School Swimming Gala at Hartham. 9.00am start. (No swimming for Years 2 and 3) .

Thursday 23rd March - Knebworth Charity Dress Up Day.
Friday 24th March - Nursery and Reception Mothers' Day Assembly. 9.00am to 9.20am in New Hall.

Lower School Mothers' Day Assembly. 9.30am to 10.15am in New Hall.

End of Term.

Treetops and Years 1-3 - finish time 2.45pm,

Years 4-6 - finish time 3.00pm.

There will be no After School clubs but after school care will be available until 6.30pm. Please let us know if your child requires care.

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 2nd May - U11 Cricket v St Joseph's in the Park. 2.30pm start.

Wednesday 3rd May - U10 Rounders v Westbrook Hay. Time TBC.

U11 Cricket v Westbrook Hay. Time TBC.

Thursday 4th May - U9 seven-a-side Rounders v Westbrook Hay. 2.30pm start.

Friday 5th May - U9 Cricket v St Christopher School. 2pm start.

U11 Tennis v St Edmund's Prep. 3.45pm start.

Looking Forward

Wednesday 19th April - School resumes for Summer Term.

Thursday 20th April - Year 6 Enrichment and Normandy Meeting. 7.00pm in Old Hall.

Speech and Drama resumes.

Friday 21st April - Shaking up Shakespeare for Years 3 to 6.

Monday 24th April - 5V Assembly (Parents welcome).

Toddler Group resumes.

Tuesday 25th April - Year 5 to Colchester Zoo.

Wednesday 26th April - Class and Sports Team Photographs.

NACE Evening Challenge Workshop for Parents. 7pm start in New Hall.

Thursday 27th April - Open Morning for Prospective Parents.

Friday 28th April - Happy Puzzle Company Challenge Day for Pupils.

Speech and Drama

Please note that Speech and Drama resumes on Thursday 20th April 2017.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the U10 Netball Team who won the Haileybury Netball Tournament on Wednesday this week. More information on this game will be shared in the next edition of Duncombe Sport.



Congratulations to Jamie W (NB) who reached his class goal this week. Well done Jamie.



Winning House

Congratulations to **Hatfield** who won the most House points this term and can come to school in non uniform on Tuesday 21st March.

Treetops Mothers' Day assembly

Just a reminder that the Nursery and Reception Mothers' Day assembly is on Friday 24th of March. If your child does not usually attend on a Friday then please bring them in at the normal time and in their school uniform. The assembly will start at 9am and will last about 20 minutes.

Thank you. *Mrs Copeman.*

Year 1 get creative at a Glass Workshop

1D and 1T greatly enjoyed creating glass coasters this week, when they went to the Nico Brown Glass Workshop on Folly Island in Hertford. The brightly coloured glass pieces are fused in the kiln for 19 hours and then slowly cooled.

You can see some of the work by Nico in her Gallery in Ware.



Instrumental Lessons

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving late for their instrumental lessons and would like to remind parents of the following arrangements:

- The instrumental timetable is sent home via parent mail. Your child will need to bring their instrument on the day of their lesson.
- The instrumental timetable is displayed on the Music notice board in the school corridor near to the main office.
- Children in Year 3 are collected from their classroom by their instrumental teacher and taken to their lesson.
- Children from Years 4 to 6 are expected to make their own way to their lesson at the correct time. Please encourage your children to check the noticeboard at the start of the day and write their instrumental lesson time in their Homework Diary.
- If a child is more than 10 mins late for a lesson the instrumental teacher collects them from their class. It is important that children attend on time as unfortunately we cannot reimburse parents for time taken in finding children.

Instrumental teachers do keep a register of attendance and where children are arriving late regularly we will inform parents so they may address this with their child.

Your support with these arrangements is greatly appreciated. *Mrs Sutton.*

Flute Teacher

Mrs Sutton Muldoon will be leaving Duncombe on Monday 20th March.

Our new flute teacher, Ms Jane McNeill, will be starting with us after Easter. Ms McNeill is a very experienced and accomplished flute and recorder teacher and is keen to develop the flute and recorder teaching here at Duncombe.

I would like to thank Mrs Sutton Muldoon for all her hard work and wish her well for the future. *Mrs Turner.*

Class & Sports Team Photos

Class and Sports Team Photographs will be taken on Wednesday 26th April. All children must wear their summer uniform and blazers please. If your child does not attend Treetops on a Wednesday and you would like them to participate, please speak to the class leader.

Early Finish Time on Friday 24th March 2017

As always on the last day of term, we will be finishing early as follows:

Lower School will finish at 2.45pm.

Upper School will finish at 3pm.

There will be no After School clubs but after school care will be available until 6.30pm. Please let us know if your child requires care.

Music assembly Report

What a wonderful concert we had this morning, two recorder groups and 18 performers all giving of their best.

Our concert opened with 2LA playing a piece called 'Thinking' all on the note A, well done! Scarlett, Hannah, Sophie and Henry, all pupils of Mrs Burgess then followed playing the piano. Scarlett and Sophie, relatively new to performing in public played delightfully, Hannah showed great poise and lyricism. Henry played with an incredible dynamic range and an obvious talent and love of the piano. Our guitar trio George, Boris, Freddie followed next. George and Boris played Mona Lisa - a great piece, with tricky spread chords, well done to both of you. Freddie played an Ed Sheeran number with confidence and aplomb. Reece and Harriet, two vocal students, followed next. Well done to Reece a first performance for you and you performed so well and controlled those nerves right to the end. Harriet is showing with each performance how her voice is becoming more controlled and her technique is developing.

After our vocal students Aderike, James and Amelia, pupils of Mrs Robinson, all played. Well done to all of you, Aderike's performance was assured, James and Amelia showed great promise for their first solo performances.

Maya followed next with an exam piece, Si Je Si. I know how hard Maya has worked on all her pieces and, judging by today's performance, Maya should do very well!

Olivia then played a lovely Minuet, also an exam piece, showing lovely slurring of notes and expressive playing. Well done to Ellie who showed what a lovely sound she is making on the clarinet with her piece entitled 'SHHHH'. It was a fun piece and very well played.

Our last three performers were all pupils of Mrs Burgess. Kea played with lovely dynamics and control. Then we heard Moonlight by Nicholas which was a challenging piece taking his hands all over the whole keyboard. Well done to Nick a beautifully expressive piece. Our last pianist was Lucy who played one of her Grade 4 pieces with such confidence and control, it was a joy to listen to.

Then as a rousing finale, 2JA leapt to their feet and played B B Blues, a jazzy piece all on one note. Well done to all of you, it was a lovely finish to our concert.

I am always so overwhelmed by the talent that we have here at Duncombe whether from a beginner who performs for the first time or a child who performs regularly. Each performance requires dedication and absolute control of the nerves. All of this takes practice and taking that risk of putting yourself into that performance position. So well done to all of the players today you equipped yourself so well and everyone is extremely proud of you. *Mrs Turner.*



Eco Warriors

Our Eco warriors have been hard at work upcycling and have come up with a range of fantastic ideas. Amelie in 6LT made a super bag out of an old T-shirt; Charlie and Amelia from 3F have both made fantastic pencil holders from a baked bean can and egg boxes and even went a step further and combined it with a crocodile! Louisa made a lovely soft toy out of old socks. How clever. Emily in 5T came up with the ingenious idea of turning an old John Lewis box into an incredible invention for folding clothes - and it really works!!!

Well done to all the upcyclers and recyclers, you are all really helping our planet and supporting our Green Team!

Mrs Marrison.



Book Week Competition Winners

Here are our wonderful winners of our book week competitions.

Madeline P (6LT) guessed which adults were behind their favourite book. Whilst Nathan M (2LA) correctly counted 29 Wally figures that were hidden around the school.

After so many fantastic entries, Elaine Penrose judged our sock puppet competition. Treetops winners were Esme S (NB), Harry M (2LA) and Monty D (2JA). Our Lower School runner up was Isla C (1D) and our winner was Freddie B (1D). Our Upper school runner up was Florence D (6S) and our winner was Louisa S (6S).

Thank you to pupils for their brilliant participation and our parents for their ongoing support. *Miss Micele.*



Year 2 Trip to Roald Dahl Gallery, Aylesbury

On Thursday 16th March Year 2 went to the Roald Dahl Gallery. We travelled by coach and when we arrived we had a five minute walk and then we were there. It was amazing because there was so much to see and do! A lady called Ashleigh asked us to be inspired to create our dream bottles so we looked all around the gallery. Then we had so much fun creating our sparkly dream bottles which are going to be displayed in our classroom.

After lunch we went to the Children's Gallery which was spectacular, amazing and superb. We learned all about Roald Dahl's life and his books. We went in Mr Foxes Tunnel, we got shrunk on Television (and so did our teachers!) we went in Matilda's Library (luckily we didn't go in the Chokey!) and inside the Giant Peach. We did some role play from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and travelled in the Great Glass Elevator! Time flew and it was soon time to come home again. We all had such fun.

By Year 2.



Jokes for Red Nose Day

Don't forget to let us know your funniest joke in aid of Red Nose Day. Simply write it down, including your name, form and a 50p donation to be in with a chance of winning a prize for making us laugh the most! Post your entries into one of the PA Boxes situated in Old Hall and Treetops by Friday 24th March. All proceeds are in aid of Red Nose Day. *The PA Team*

May Fair

In preparation for this year's May Fair on Sunday 7th May, we would be grateful for any donations of wrapped sweets, bottles and children's toys and books. These can be left at the School Office. *Many thanks from the PA Team*

Driving Carefully

We have had another instance of a pedestrian having to move out of the way of a car as they were coming out of school. Can we please ask you once again to drive slowly and carefully when entering and exiting the school. Thank you.

Uniform

Please check all uniform during the holiday to ensure it is correctly labelled and belongs to your child. Either summer or winter uniform may be worn at the beginning of the Summer Term but summer uniform is compulsory after half term.

After School Football Club Kit

May we remind you that children taking part in After School Club Football should wear either the school sports kit or the school football kit. These can both be purchased from Henry Tilly. No other football kit should be worn. Thank you.

Music Stands

We have five music stands that need a home (free of charge). If you would like one please get in touch with Rebecca Selwood in the School Office.

Lost

Named fleece belonging to Jessica McAllister.

Two named white blouses belonging to Connie Nichola.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 20th March

Homemade Soup and Freshly Baked Bread available Daily				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish of the Day Italian Pasta Ragù	Dish of the Day Sweet and Sour Pork with Prawn Crackers	Dish of the Day Lamb Kofta with Pita Bread and Tzatziki	Dish of the Day Roast Pork with Apple Sauce and gravy	Dish of the Day Pork Sausage Hot Dogs
Vegetarian Option Cheese and Caramelized Onion Tart	Vegetarian Option Butternut and Potato Layer Bake	Vegetarian Option Roasted Vegetable and Halloumi Bake	Vegetarian Option Spanish Omelette	Vegetarian Option Quorn Hot Dogs or Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce	Pasta Bar 3 Cheese Sauce Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw Cheese
Vegetables Creamy Mash Potatoes Broccoli	Vegetables Steamed Rice Steamed Garden Peas With Sweetcorn	Vegetables Steamed Rice Steamed Garden Peas With Sweetcorn	Vegetables Roast Potatoes Green Beans and Carrots Cauliflower Cheese	Vegetables Jacket Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans
Dessert Jam Sponge with Vanilla Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Peach and Apple Crumble with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Ginger Cookie with Milk shake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Strawberry Jelly with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Red Nose Day Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

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