



Duncombe News



23rd March 2018

A short piece today as I will write over the holidays celebrating the many successes of the term and things to look ahead to. The end of term has been pacy with lots for the children to be fully engaged in. I greatly enjoyed our 4G Assembly focused on their studies of The Victorians. An informative and well taken look at the positives and negatives of the era including improved schooling, technological breakthrough but also perilous jobs for both children and adults alike. Well done to Mrs Galaska and 4G for a well delivered and thought provoking assembly. We enjoyed the Lower School Easter Egg Rolling and Rev Thompson led assembly today focusing on Easter and the message of hope it brings. Do look out for this term's Duncombe Sport which will be making its way to you today. In the meantime, I do wish you all a restful and wonderful Easter Holiday. *Mr Phelan.*

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



Well done to 4G for a brilliant Assembly



Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th April - School resumes for Summer Term. Swimming for Year 4 resumes.

Thursday 19th April - Year 5 to Rye Meads Nature Reserve. Year 6 Enrichment and Normandy Meeting 7.00pm in New Hall.

Friday 20th April - Shaking up Shakespeare for Years 4 to 6. Swimming for Years 2 & 3 resumes.

Looking Forward

Tuesday 24th April - Year 2 to Roald Dahl Museum.

Wednesday 25th April - Class and Sports Team Photographs.

Thursday 26th April - Open Morning for Prospective Parents.

Tuesday 1st May - Upper School Bake Off.

Wednesday 2nd May - 6T to Eureka Workshop at Princess Helen College.

Thursday 3rd May - Woburn Charity Open House Coffee Morning. 8.50am in Old Hall.

Lower School Bake Off.

Friday 4th May - 3C Class Assembly. Parents welcome.

Nursery and Reception to Hertford Theatre to see Tiddler and other Fun Tales.

Mon 7th May - Bank Holiday - school closed.

Thur 10th May - Year 3 Bushcraft.

Year 2 Parent to Lunch. Times TBC.

Fri 11th May - 4MJ Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start in New Hall.

Year 3 Bushcraft.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 25th April - U11 Cricket v St Joseph's in the Park (away). 2.30pm start.

Wednesday 2nd May - U11 Cricket v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

U11 Rounders v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

Friday 3rd May - U11 Girls and Boys Tennis v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

Wednesday 9th May - U10 Girls Cricket v Westbrook Hay (away). Time TBC.

Friday 11th May - U11 Tennis v Queenswood (away). Time TBC.

Nursery News

Our Nursery children have been raising the bar again this week and working very hard towards achieving their class goal. Our two champions this week are Oliver K from Nursery Birch and Annabelle H from Nursery Maple. Well done to you both for your hard work!



Treetops Science Day

This year our topic was 'The Seaside'. The children became explorers for the day and learnt about water, ice, sand, floating and sinking, fossils, shells, sea creatures and the sounds of the sea. They carouselled around each room in Treetops where they investigated using all of their senses. It was fantastic to have a whole day focused on science and we are certain we have many 'Einsteins' and 'Newtons' in our midst!

Mrs Copeman.



Year 6 to Wipsnade Zoo

On Thursday 15th Year 6 went to visit Whipsnade Zoo on a Science field trip. They took part in some Darwin's Dilemma workshops and explored the Zoo looking at different habitats and features of adaptation. Although the weather was a little wet it didn't stop all the children and staff enjoying the day. The children were able to stroke a snake, see African hunting dogs playing, bears climbing a tree, elephants playing with a football and giraffes, lions, rhinos and learn about many more protected species. A great day was had by all and many thanks to Miss Sands, Ms Norton, Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Sopher and Ms Rae for all their invaluable support.

Judith Marrion - Head of Science



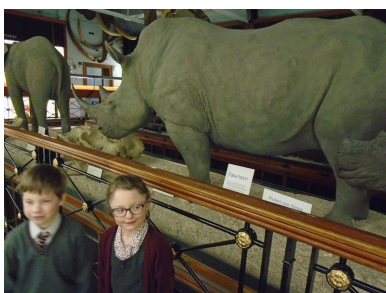
Year 3 Visit to the Natural History Museum in Tring

At the start of the day, we all got on the coach and were on our way to Tring Natural History Museum in Hertfordshire. When we arrived, we had a wander around looking at all of the fascinating animals in Gallery 1. Some of the preserved animals that we saw were gorillas, lions, tigers, birds, an albatross and even a giant polar bear! Then Abbie, who works at the museum, ran a special workshop with us. First of all, we talked about different types of skeletons – exoskeleton, endoskeleton and hydrostatic. Then, in small groups, we handled different animal skeletons and we had to use the clues from the skeleton to help us guess which animal it belonged to. In the end, we found out that the skeletons were a squirrel, a little owl, a hedgehog (very tricky!), a mole and a pigeon. We also had to identify bones in the skeleton. The vertebrae were the hardest to work out!

After the workshop, we had lunch, then visited all of the other galleries which were filled with glass cases of preserved animals. There was a model skeleton of a gargantuan prehistoric sloth, a tiger shark, lots of dogs and some very stealthy snakes. We also saw a model of a white rhino, which we all found very important because of the news about Sudan, the last male white rhino. Our favourite exhibit was 'The Into The Wood' section, where we were able to stroke preserved badgers and foxes and clamber through a forest tunnel.

We got on the coach to come back to Duncombe, feeling very tired but happy. We all had had a great day!

By our 3C roving reporters, Oliver S and Jamie W.



Kindergarten have fun learning Mandarin

On Tuesday this week Kindergarten Blossom experienced a taster session in learning Mandarin! The children were very excited as we listened and answered Clara the crocodile, we learnt to say: 'hello' and 'how are you' in Mandarin and even had a go at singing some nursery rhymes! The children really embraced this opportunity and stayed focused throughout, well done! *Mrs Baxter.*



Pi Competition Fun!

Congratulations to Arya P (6S) for winning the Pi Competition by being able to recite Pi to 178 decimal places. The prize was playing against Mr Le Tissier, Mrs Takawira and Jaxon C (5T) (who was able to recite Pi to 156 decimal places) in Pie Face. As you can see they all had a lot of fun. *Mrs Takawira.*



Duncombe Sport

We are pleased to attach Issue 3 of Duncombe Sport. Please take some time to read this over Easter Holidays to find out about all our sporting achievements.

Class and Sports Team Photos

Class and Sports Team Photographs will be taken on Wednesday 25th 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.

Bryant Blades Fencing

Bryant Blades Fencing are running a 5 week beginner course starting on 18th April. Please see the attached application form will full details if you are interested.

Lost

Named school coat belonging to Jordan Homann.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 16th April 2018.



THIS WEEK'S MENU

Homemade Soup and Fresh Baked Bread Available Daily

Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free
Equivalent dishes will be offered

Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Seasonal Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Seasonal Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Seasonal Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Seasonal Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread
EASTER HOLIDAY	Dish Of the Day Lamb Rogan Josh Curry with Onion Salad, Chutney & Raita	Dish of the Day Mexican Chicken Tacos With Salsa	Dish of the Day Roast Shoulder of Pork with Gravy and Apple Sauce	Dish of the Day Pupils Choice Cod Fillet Fingers with Homemade Tartare Sauce
	Vegetarian Option Cheesy Layered Sweet Potato bake	Vegetarian Option Mixed Bean and Quorn Tacos with Salsa	Vegetarian Option Veggie Sausages with Warm onion Gravy	Vegetarian Option Oriental Vegetable Noodles with Tofu
	Pasta Bar Tomato and Basil	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans	Pasta Bar Cheese Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw
	Sides Steamed Brown and White Rice Steamed Sweetcorn	Sides Rissolle Potatoes Sauté Courgettes with Mixed Peppers	Vegetables Rustic Roast Courgette Gratin Medley of Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetables Oven Baked Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert Marble Sponge with Vanilla Custard Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Dessert Oaty Cookies Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Dessert Meringues with Cream and Strawberry Sauce Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Dessert Lemon Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

