



Duncombe News

11th May 2018



Even though this has been a shorter week, thanks to the sunny May Bank Holiday, we have certainly not been lacking in exciting and challenging activities at Duncombe!

Mr Phelan has been away at a number of meetings this week, so I have had the pleasure of summarising all that has been going on. This week our Year 6 pupils sat their GL Assessments; one of the many ways in which we monitor the progress and achievements of our children throughout the year. Our Year 5 girls played their first U10 Cricket Match against Westbrook Hay, in which one team drew and the other lost by two runs – a super gain for such a young team, both in age and experience. Mid-week, our Reception to Year 6 pupils were once again engaged and challenged by the visiting Happy Puzzle Company, who encouraged a renewed love of maths through their engaging and stimulating brain teasing conundrums – the full report on this event is published later in the newsletter.

On Thursday morning, our intrepid Year 3 set off for their Bushcraft overnight camp in the forest, set in the grounds of Hatfield House Estate - they will get the chance to be immersed in nature and experience the real outdoors! All were in high spirits and we await the news of the trip upon their return - a full report will be in next week's newsletter. With slightly fewer children in school, we were able to invite our Year 2 parents to come in for lunch with their children, a simple event which is nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults alike.

The week ended with an awesome assembly from 4MJ which served to remind us of some incredible women throughout history who still impact our lives today. It was a focus on standing by your beliefs and never giving up. Via Doc Brown and Marty McFly, Bill and Ted, and Doctors Who and Why, we were treated to drama, singing, humour and incredible stories - a fitting way to start our day. Well done 4MJ!

Next week we are already looking forward to the Lower School Latin Day but before I end this roundup, I must mention the outstanding performances of two of our Year 6 pupils. At the IAPS Clay Pigeon Shooting competition on Friday and Saturday, **Bethany Norton** stormed through each round, finishing in first place! This is such a huge achievement and a full report can be found later in this newsletter. **Maddi Beard** participated in the BYC U12s Fencing at the weekend, where she won all her matches in the first pool and then faced a very tense Direct Elimination round, which saw her come overall 17th in the country for the group above her age group - a great result. We are all extremely proud of both girls.

I hope that this glorious weather keeps up for a while longer and that we see as many families as possible at our May Fair on Sunday from 12 noon. *Miss Sands*.

Diary Dates

Sunday 13th May - May Fair. Midday to 3pm.

Monday 14th May - Exam Week.

Year 4 River Trip to Ware.

Friday 18th May - Music Assembly (Parents welcome). 8.50am in Old Hall.

Looking Forward

Monday 21st May - Year 6 to Normandy.

Tuesday 22nd May - Year 1 Parent to Lunch. Times TBC. Year 4 Come Dine with Us and York Meeting.

Thursday 24th May - Year 2 Sleepover

Friday 25th May - Half Term - School Closed.

Monday 4th June - Second Half of Summer Term starts. Year 6 Cycle Proficiency Week.

Tuesday 5th June - Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park. Reception Parent to Lunch. Times TBC.

Wednesday 6th June - Year 5 to RAF Museum.

Thursday 7th June - Open Morning for Prospective Parents.

Friday 8th June - Sports Day (Reception to Year 6) at Wodson Park.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 16th May - U11 Cricket v Sherrardswood (away). 2.30pm start.

Wednesday 23rd May - U10 Cricket v Westbrook Hay (away). 2.30pm start.

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



Well done to 4MJ for an excellent assembly today!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Jaxon C (5T) who worked hard at the weekend to win bronze in the singles, bronze in mixed and a silver in the doubles at the Warwickshire Badminton U12 Tournament. More excitingly Jaxon has been invited onto the Pathway to England (England squad) by Badminton England.



Well done Jaxon!

Congratulations to Jake C (6S) and Archie D (6T) who went on their U11 Football Tour last weekend in Selsey with their club Ware Youth. Their team beat 7 other teams with 6 wins and 1 draw and they were the U11 champions once again.

The team have their cup final this weekend against Hertford. If they win this it means they have done the treble this year as they have also won the Emerald League which is the highest league in the Mid Herts Minors league. Good luck Jake, Archie and all the team!



Woburn Charity

Woburn are currently fundraising for CHIPS (Children's Integrated Playschemes) which is a local charity that offers play and social opportunities for children with additional needs aged 3 to 19. Please come along to our stall at the May Fair this Sunday where you will find:

Lucky 'CHIP' dip -50p

Guess the name of the 'CHIP' munk - £1

Where is 'CHIPS' hiding? - £1

Guess the Dip -£1



Bethany Wins the U11 IAPS Clay Pigeon Shoot

Following on from the article in last week's Newsletter we are delighted to share the news that Bethany N (6S) won the U11 IAPS Clay Pigeon Shooting competition! Here is the official press release:

Hertford School Girl hits the target at her first competition.

School Girl is Top Gun at her first competition

Hertford school girl, Bethany Norton (11), took to the stand at the historical West London Shooting School on 4th May, as a team of one, to compete in the IAPS Clay Pigeon Tournament.

Having held a shotgun for the first time only 2 months before, her target was simply to 'not come last'. After a morning of shooting across five clay disciplines, she was delighted to be awarded under 11s female champion, and amazed to learn her score was higher than the champion in the age category above, as well as beating "many of the boys".

"After watching shooting at the Olympic and Commonwealth games I noticed it was a sport that England does well at, I also noticed we had few female competitors. So I thought why not give it a go. After a couple of taster sessions at Lee Valley Shooting Ground with Ken Rist, I was hooked. I hit the first few clays and loved it."

"There is a lot more to think about than you might think, and the language is a bit confusing, eye dominance, Teal, Bateaux, Crossing Birds etc, but it is a great feeling to smash a clay that's quickly disappearing away from you, between the trees."

The competition venue is the oldest shooting club in the world, and Madonna's home club. "I have to admit I was a little nervous watching the schools arrive in larger squads with their instructors and kit – compared to me and my dad. But the organisers were very kind and the marshalls at each stand were very supportive, so as soon as I walked into the first stand I felt confident."

"Clubs all over the UK are trying to encourage girls to try shooting, and we have a few local female shooters that could represent the country in the future, so I know I have to improve – which means a lot more practice, some coaching and eventually some specialist equipment.

I'm grateful to Duncombe School for taking a chance on me and putting me forward, and for IAPS for encouraging girls to take part in what is traditionally a boys' sport."

Happy Puzzle Company Day

The children from Reception to Year 6 were all very excited to experience the new challenges brought by the Happy Puzzle Company this year. The first challenge for some of the children was to balance penguins on a very wobbly ship. The hall rang with shrieks of laughter whenever their penguins toppled off into the sea, and then was full of busy chatter as they talked together about how to solve the various shape and colour challenges that followed. Each workshop was age and ability appropriate, so all the children found something that challenged them. Whilst being a lot of fun, each activity challenged the children's logical thinking and problem-solving skills, their team skills, their communication skills and their ability to persevere when things got tough! By solving problems and conquering challenges that at first seemed too difficult, the children started to see that, together, they can achieve goals which previously may have seemed too hard for them. At the end of each puzzle workshop the children were asked what they felt they had learned. They answered 'to keep trying!' and 'to work as a team and help each other!' They can apply these skills both inside and outside the classroom in future. Well done to everyone who took part and had a go!

If you are interested in purchasing any items from the Happy Puzzle Company, please see their website for details: <http://www.puzzlechallengedays.co.uk>



Nursery Trophies

Well done to Eva L (NM) and Cameron P (NB) who were awarded the trophies this week in Nursery.



Treetops Learn about Road Safety

Treetops learnt how to stop, look and listen this week to safely cross the road. They all took turns to cross the road and had the chance to wear some of the dressing up outfits that you might see when out and about near the road. They all had great fun while learning how to stay safe.



Nursery Enjoy a Visit from Hertford Museum

Nursery were very lucky to have a visit from the Hertford Museum this week. They listened very carefully to the history of a little girl called Nelly, whose grandfather was the curator of the museum. Nelly's toys have survived over the years and the children were privileged to be able to hold her teddy bear which was over 100 years old.

We then got to play and learn about toys from different decades, from wooden toys made in the 1930's, to plastic Fisher Price tills, which any of you born in the 70's will probably remember. A fun and informative morning!

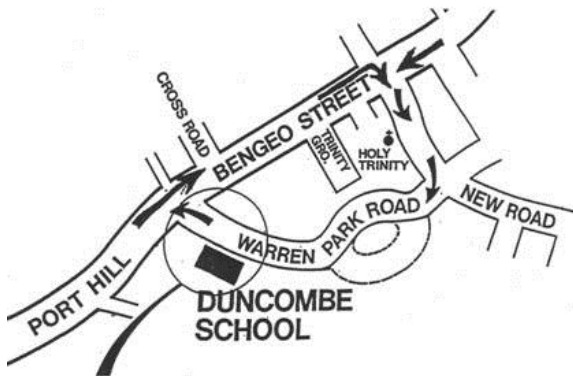


Music Tuition:

We currently have limited spaces available for violin lessons in September. Pupils currently in year 2 or above are able to take up these spaces. Please let Mrs Sutton or Mrs Selwood know as soon as possible if your child would like to learn the violin.

Unofficial One Way System

May we remind you to please continue to use our unofficial one-way system in order to ease congestion getting in and out of school.



Support Mrs Takawira.

Next weekend Mrs Takawira will be taking part in the London Moon Walk, which involves walking 26 miles in the middle of the night around the picturesque parts of the city. This is all in aid of raising money for Breast Cancer Research and treatment. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

<https://moonwalklondon2018.everydayhero.com/uk/adrienne-2>

Thank you, Mrs Takawira.

Latin Challenge Day for Lower School

On Wednesday, the whole of Lower School will be participating in a Latin Challenge Day, where they will be introduced to the wonders of this ancient language, as well as to the history and culture of the Romans. Year 5 pupils are excited to perform a play they have been practising in Latin Club and they will also be assisting me with teaching Lower School some songs in Latin. This will be followed by an interactive session to learn the Latin names for some popular animals.

Traditional Roman games, which foster logic and reasoning skills, will be enjoyed by children in their year groups. We will also be learning all about Roman Numerals as a Maths focus. Lower School pupils will then be invited to follow a Roman Numeral Treasure Hunt with their class teacher around the school site and crack the Latin code!

The day will culminate in a mock Roman dig, where Lower School pupils will be introduced to some key archaeological skills. As real-life History Detectives, pupils will be tasked with discovering Roman artefacts in our 'excavation site', identifying their purpose and finding their Latin names.

Carpe Diem!
Miss Cartwright

Dogs on Site

May we remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. Thank you.

PIPPA & LIZZIE'S 
BIG SING
for Adults **AND** Children
Saturday 9th June, 2018 - 1.30-4pm
Holy Trinity Church, Bengoe, Hertfordshire SG14 3JJ
Learn a song in 3 part harmony PLUS a Beatles Medley
and a Disney Medley Singalong
... All with LIVE musicians

£10 A TICKET
£20 A TICKET FOR A FAMILY OF 3
£25 A TICKET FOR A FAMILY OF 4
£30 A TICKET FOR A FAMILY OF 5

Price includes tea, coffee & Pretty Gorgeous cakes

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or email boxoffice@parishofbengeo.com

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 14th May 2018



THIS WEEK'S MENU

Homemade Soup and Fresh Baked Bread Available Daily

Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free **Week 1**
Equivalent dishes will be offered

Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Dish of The Day Italian Beef Ragu Served with Tagliatelle Pasta G</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Roasted Butternut with Courgette, Feta and Cherry Tomato D</p> <p>Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise D</p> <p>Sides Tagliatelli Pasta Steamed Green Beans Ratatouille</p> <p>Dessert Apricot Crumble with Cream G,D Fruit or Yoghurt</p>	<p>Dish Of the Day Lamb Rogan Josh Curry with Onion Salad, Chutney & Raita D</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Cheesy Layered Sweet Potato bake D</p> <p>Pasta Bar Tomato and Basil</p> <p>Sides Steamed Brown and White Rice Steamed Sweetcorn</p> <p>Dessert Jam Sponge with Vanilla Custard G,D Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Dish of the Day Mexican Chicken Tacos With Salsa G,</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Mixed Bean and Quorn Tacos with Salsa G</p> <p>Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans</p> <p>Sides Rissolle Potatoes Sauté Courgettes with Mixed Peppers</p> <p>Dessert Oaty Cookies G Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt</p>	<p>Dish of the Day Roast Shoulder of Pork with Gravy and Apple Sauce</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Veggie Sausages with Warm onion Gravy G</p> <p>Pasta Bar Cheese Sauce</p> <p>Vegetables Rustic Roast Courgette Gratin Medley of Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Dessert Meringues with Cream and Strawberry Sauce Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt</p>	<p>Dish of the Day Pupils Choice Cod Fillet Fingers with Homemade Tartare Sauce G</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Oriental Vegetable Noodles with Tofu G</p> <p>Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw</p> <p>Vegetables Oven Baked Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans</p> <p>Dessert Lemon Drizzle Cake G Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt</p>

