



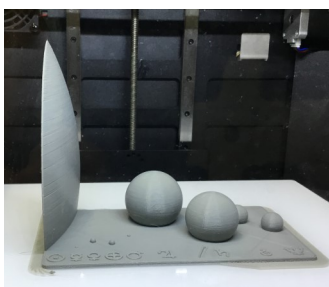
5th Oct 2018

It's World Teacher Day today and I have been enjoying watching the pupil and staff reflections on teachers who have inspired them. I have to say that as I reflected myself for a video clip, I found I was delighted to recall the memories of a number of teachers and coaches who had such a positive impact on my own learning. I watched a clip from an interview with the former Chief Inspector of Schools Sir Michael Wilshaw <https://vimeo.com/276275476>. In it Sir Michael reflects on the significance of the role of a school leader to positively influence young people and their future. I'd take that a step further and apply it to all teachers and staff. The opportunity to positively impact on the learning, skills, experiences and character development of our young people is such a privilege and one that we take very seriously. Do get involved in the [#teachertribute](#) and celebrate the teacher who impacted on your learning positively.

We have focused on Space somewhat this week and who can forget the inspirational space odyssey of Duncombe Bear nearly 2 years ago? Building on that intrepid exploration pupils have been wowed with the 3D digital printer in Science where a model of our solar system was created. From this, pupils have worked on a number of activities, not least the excellent scaled model from our recipient of the Headmaster's Award this week. Both models are pictured below.

There are a number of trips next week along with the Hatfield House Charity Coffee Morning in aid of RP Fighting Blindness. You can find out more about the charity and how it assists people at <https://www.rpfightingblindness.org.uk/home.php?home=yes>. We look forward to seeing a good number of you there where we will also be showcasing some of the Science and Technology work that pupils have been involved in, including our new laptops, interactive tablets and 3D printer.

We are also looking forward to the first class assembly of the year with 5SU taking the lead next Friday. This will be, I am sure, the start of an excellent series of assemblies lead by the children across the school year. Have a wonderful weekend. Mr Phelan.



Diary Dates

- Tuesday 9th October** - Year 5 to the Hindu Temple.
Wednesday 10th October - Year 3 to the Celtic Harmony Camp.
Thursday 11th October - Reception to Bekonscot Model Village.
 Hatfield Charity Coffee Morning. 8.30am in Old Hall.
Friday 12th October - 5SU Assembly. Parents Welcome. 8.50am start in New Hall.

Looking Forward

- Tuesday 16th October** - Year 4 to Cambridge Science Centre.
 Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 6.30pm.
Wednesday 17th October - Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.
Friday 19th October - Lower School Harvest Festival (children only).
 Upper School Harvest Festival (Parents welcome). Holy Trinity Church at 2.30pm.
Monday 22nd October - Music Assembly. 8.50am in Old Hall.
Tuesday 23rd October - Year 4 to Cambridge Arts Theatre to see Horrible Histories Awful Egyptians.
Wednesday 24th October - Year 5 to Cambridge Arts Theatre to see Horrible Histories Terrible Tudors.
Thursday 25th October - Sharing afternoon for Treetops. 2.45pm to 3.30pm.
 School finishes at normal time and all After School Clubs will be on as normal.
 PA Laser Show Event. 6.30pm for 7.15pm start.

Sports Fixtures

- Wednesday 17th October** - U10 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (away). 3.15pm start.
 U11 Football at St Joseph's in the Park (away). 2.30pm start.
Thursday 18th October - U10 Football at Hartham. Time TBC.
 U9 Netball v St Edmund's Prep (home). Time TBC.
Wednesday 24th October - U11 Netball v Stormont. Time TBC:
 U11 Football v St Christopher School. 2.30pm start.

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



Well done to this week's Lower School Stars of the Week



'We're going on a leaf hunt'

Nursery's Autumnal Forest School lesson taught us how to identify different leaves and which trees they had fallen from. The children worked very effectively in pairs to tick off the leaves they found.

We learnt about the seasons and why the leaves fall off some, but not all, trees in the Autumn.

We then made use of the leaves we had collected by making leaf crowns. The children loved throwing the leaves in the air and watching them fall!



Hatfield Charity

As you know this term Hatfield charity will be fund raising for RP Fighting Blindness. The first fund raising event is a bake sale on Thursday 11th October at 8.30am in Old Hall.

We would be most grateful if the children in Years 1 to 6 could bring in cakes or biscuits, nut free (including ground almonds and almond essence) to the Old Hall. The tasty treats will be delivered to classrooms at first break with the remainder of the cakes being sold after school. Please could the children also bring in £1 to donate to the charity. Thank you. *The Hatfield Charity Team*

Green Gang 2018/19

A huge welcome to all my new Eco Council members for this year. We are going to be working hard towards the Platinum award and encouraging the whole school to participate in different activities. We already have a lot of ideas and cannot wait to get started.



Nursery and Reception Parents' Evening Tuesday 16th October

We would like to inform you that Nursery and Reception teachers will meet with parents in Main School classrooms on Tuesday 16th October from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. The classrooms will be clearly labelled and will be as shown below:

- Nursery Maple - Library (up the main stairs to the left)
- Nursery Birch - 6TH (up the main stairs to the left)
- Rec Apple - 6TA (top of the main stairs)
- Rec Oak - 5SA (up the main stairs to the right)

Please note that on Wednesday 17th October Nursery and Reception Teachers will meet with parents in their own classroom in Treetops.

Social Media

Just a reminder that Duncombe are now on Twitter as well as Facebook. Please do follow us if you don't already and feel free to like and share our posts. We use social media to share those "Moments of Joy" that make Duncombe so special, as well as for topical educational highlights.

T - @duncombe_school

F - www.facebook.com/DuncombeSchool/

Ian Thomas, Business Manager

Harvest Festival - Friday 19th October

A Harvest Festival celebration will be held for Treetops and Lower School (EKG - Year 3) on the morning of Friday 19th 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 19th 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 2pm 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 no later than Friday 12th October.

This year we are donating our gifts to the Young Persons Service who are the leading provider of supported accommodation for young people aged 16 to 25 in Hertfordshire. They support over 140 vulnerable young people across Hertfordshire who are homeless or in need of housing. Part of this service involves helping them with cooking and hygiene and so we are asking for donations of this nature.

We therefore invite all the children to bring in a **small** parcel of non-perishable items on the day (a small box without a lid for example). 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!

Please donate any non perishable food items such as; UHT in cartons, tinned meat, pot noodles, packets of biscuits, packets of soup, tinned food, tinned fruit etc.

Also any of the following toiletry items; toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, deodorant etc.

NB: Please do not donate anything in glass jars.

Thank you.

Potential Water Bottle Cleaning Issue

SISTEMA have brought to the School's attention that there may be a potential problem surrounding its popular water bottle used by pupils. Bacteria can build up around the cap on the SISTEMA TWIST 'N' SIP bottle if it is not cleaned correctly which can result in illness.

The manufacturer is aware of the difficulty in cleaning the bottle thoroughly and has issued guidance which can be found on their website shown in the link below:

<https://sistemaplastics.com/news/entry/twist-n-sip-caps-cleaning-instructions-announcement>

If you do use this bottle I urge you to read the guidance SISTEMA have issued.

Ian Thomas, Business Manager



Here is the next recipe card 4 for the Thomas Franks competition.

BAKED CAJUN WEDGES
Serves 6

- 6 Medium Potatoes
- 3 teaspoons Cajun Spice
- 150ml Olive Oil

METHOD

1. Cut potatoes length wise into wedges and wash. Pat dry with paper towel.
2. Mix Cajun Spice and Olive oil together and brush over the potatoes.
3. Oven Bake at Gas Mark 4 / 175 °C for 50 minutes.
4. When cooked shake off any excess oil and serve.

CARD 4 OF 9

Lost

Named school cap belonging to Harrison Green.
 Unnamed brand new coat belonging to Solomon Ray.



Only £120 for the whole week



Tiger cheer PRESENTS CHEER TO OZ



29th October to 2nd November 2018
 At Wodson Park, Ware

- Five day cheerleading event from 9am to 3pm daily (October half term)
- All children will work on a week long cheerleading fun production
- Booking is essential as places are limited. All children aged 7 upwards
- Great fun for October half term, learn new skills and make new friends.

EVERY CHILD WILL RECEIVE A PERSONALISED T-SHIRT, MEDAL, CERTIFICATE AND AN ONLINE DVD OF THEIR PERFORMANCE

Contact Head Coach Claire Statham
 www.tigercheer.co.uk hello@tigercheer.co.uk



Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 8th October 2018



Homemade Soup and Freshly Baked Bread available Daily

Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free equivalent dishes will be offered

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Week 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread
Dish of the Day Pork Sausages with Onion Gravy	Dish of the Day Soy and Honey Glazed Turkey Strips with Egg Noodles	Dish of the Day Build a Burger Homemade Beef Burger or Chicken Burgers built with your choice of Toppings	Dish of the Day Roast Gammon with Gravy and Cranberry Sauce	Dish of the Day Freshly made Salmon Fishcakes with Lemon and Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Option Veggie Sausages with Gravy	Vegetarian Option Quorn with Stir Fry Vegetables and Noodles	Vegetarian Option Sweet Potato and Five Bean Burgers with your choice of Toppings	Vegetarian Option Three Cheese Puff Slice	Vegetarian Option Mixed Bean Burritos
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese	Pasta Bar Tomato and Herb Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans	Pasta Bar Cheese Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw Cheese
Vegetables Steamed Green Beans and Carrots Cheesy Mash	Vegetables Stir fried Cabbage Sweetcorn and Peas	Vegetables Oven Baked Chips Steamed Sweetcorn	Vegetables Rustic Roast Leek Mornay Steamed Carrots and Broccoli	Vegetables Oven Wedges Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert Bramley Apple Pie with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Ginger Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Victoria Sandwich Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Berry Cheesecake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

