



7th June 2019

Welcome back to the final half-term of the academic year where our pupils have been fully engaged in a number of activities. Monday saw an assembly led by Miss Kyriakou with a focus on World Environment Day and the impact of plastic on our world, in particular our oceans and seas. The children listened exceptionally well and follow up discussions showed a genuine concern and willingness to do even more for the environment around us. To that end, a crack team of pupil council pupils took part in a local clear up in the Bengo area. In Hi-Viz jackets, a health and safety talk and litter picking sticks were deployed with Miss Sands and Mrs Webb leading the way as we sought to highlight our commitment to World Environment Day. In addition, in Science, Mrs Marrion led an Upper School assembly focusing on ways to care for the environment including going meat free for the day! Señor Torres' classes joined up with our global schools as part of the Cognita Calling initiative where they linked up with schools in Chile looking at recycling ideas.

Two Year 6 pupils, Connie and Grace had been moved earlier in the term to take advantage of the Freepost initiative run by Lush UK. They wrote to Lush about Duncombe's commitment to caring for the environment to find out if the programme could be extended further to include a collection point at school. Lush UK responded this week thanking the girls and the school for their hard work; explaining that at present with over 8.5 tonnes of plastic bottle tops they would not be able to accommodate a collection bin here. We are looking for alternatives currently, but I do want to congratulate the girls for taking such a strong and positive lead.

Our whole school photograph went well, and I am greatly looking forward to the picture arriving to be displayed proudly in Old Hall. It is always a moment of great importance when the entire Duncombe pupil and staff body come together to capture a single moment permanently. The weather was kind which was of great relief as reports had been for a heavy downpour.

Unfortunately, the weather forecast for Friday's planned Sport's Day was not what we had hoped for and the event was postponed. The first under my time here at Duncombe. Storm Miguel may have prevented today's planned excitement, but I am very hopeful that Miss Varney and her team will wipe away the disappointment with a rescheduled event here at Duncombe on Thursday 20th June. Please do look out for further details which will be shared shortly.

Year 5 enjoyed a visiting NatWest Financial Workshop as part of their maths experience this week. An excellent opportunity to learn from the financial world about money management. This will be built upon further next week with Financial Capability Week events. This always proves to be a most engaging and valuable experience for all pupils, where hands on learning meets maths in the most exciting of ways.

Next week our Year 4 classes head off to York for what I am sure will be another wonderful learning experience. We are certainly looking forward to hearing all about it. Our Treetops Dads come to play on Friday morning and a team representing Duncombe will be taking part in the STEM

Challenge at Haileybury. We wish them all the very best and I know they will get fully stuck in.

Do have a wonderful and hopefully drier weekend!

Mr Phelan

Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th June - Knebworth Dress Up Day.

Wednesday 12th June - Year 4 to York.

Friday 14th June - 1T Class Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start time in New Hall.

Dads to Play at Treetops.

LAMDA Exams for Year 6 candidates and some Year 5 candidates.

Looking Forward

Monday 17th June - LAMDA exams for some Year 5 candidates and some Year 3 candidates.

Year 6 to Paradise Wildlife Park. 6pm start.

Tuesday 18th June - Year 6 at Paradise Wildlife Park.

Wednesday 19th June - Year 2 to Southend.

Thursday 20th June - Lower and Upper School Sports Day at Duncombe.

Friday 21st June - Year 6 to Herts Young Mariners.

Treetops Sports Afternoon.

LAMDA exams for some Year 3 candidates and all Year 4 candidates.

Monday 24th June - Breakfast Concerts Week.

Year 6 Speech and Drama Concert. 2pm in the Music Studio.

Tuesday 25th June - Nursery to Paradise Wildlife Park.

Year 6 to Rye Meads Nature Reserve.

Reception Parent to Lunch. Times TBC.

Wednesday 26th June - Reception to Willows Farm.

Kindergarten to Lee Valley Park Farm.

Nursery Parent to Lunch. Times TBC.

Thursday 27th June - Last Speech and Drama Lessons.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 12th June - U10 Cricket v St Christopher School (away). 2.15pm start.

Wednesday 19th June - U10 Cricket v St Joseph's in the Park (away). Time TBC.

Thursday 27th June - U9 Cricket v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3pm start.

Well done to these pupils who received a

Headmaster's Award Today



Congratulations

Congratulations to Alex M-L and James W who have also both started their County hockey journey today as they have been nominated a year early for Herts U13 Development Camps and Academy trials. Only approx 30 U13 boys across the County have been nominated to take part and it involves several County training sessions over the next month. Well done to them both.



Financial Capability Week

Next week, Duncombe School will be learning all about Financial Capability and the importance of spending and saving money. Activities that will be included during the week are:

- House points will be exchanged for tokens, which can be used at the Tuck Shop in Old Hall on Friday.
- Year 6 will be creating pop up businesses to sell lemonade to the rest of the school.
- A whole school money treasure hunt.
- The teachers have anonymously entered the competition, "My worst splurge or my best bargain was..." The children have to decide which teacher said what.

Mrs Takawira, Head of Maths.

NatWest Workshop

Year 5 took part in a fraud scene investigation lead by NatWest. They had to critique 5 pieces of evidence and determine how the crime had been committed.



Year 1 Visit Woburn

On Tuesday Year 1 went to Woburn Safari Park. We had a very exciting morning walking around the park looking at lots of different animals. We saw the sealions and the penguins being fed and learned how they are looked after by their keepers. Then we went into the Learning Centre and stroked zebra and cheetah skins and the most exciting thing of all was when Naomi our teacher got a real snake out and we felt its scales. After all this excitement we were all ready for our lunch!

In the afternoon we went on a coach safari with our guide Richard who was funny and told us all about the animals. The rhinos and elephants were amazing! The wolves were very old. The best bit was when the monkeys climbed on the top of the coach at the end of the safari.

We had a great day even though it rained a little bit.

Year 1



Knebworth House Charity Events

Just a reminder that dress up day for Knebworth Charity (Herts Young Homeless) is on Tuesday 11th June. The children can bring in £1 and wear purple and green the colours of the logo or blue for Knebworth or a combination of all three.

Coming home with the children on Friday is a Design Our Future Home competition. The children have to design a home for a future that is environmentally friendly. We look forward to receiving your ideas. The closing date is Friday 28th June. The competition is £1 to enter.

Thank you, *The Knebworth Charity Team*

Duncombe Eco Warriors

Here are the Pupil Council after finding a lot of plastic waste after just an hour of walking around Bengo for World Environmental Day.



Music Concerts Week

We are looking forward to our Breakfast Music Concerts which will take place on the dates below. Please be aware that all pupils learning these instruments will be taking part.

Here are the dates, times and locations:

- **Flute** - Monday 24th June at 8.50am in the Music Studio
- **Piano** (Mrs Davis) - Monday 24th June at 8.50am in Old Hall
- **Brass** - Tuesday 25th June at 8.50am in Old Hall
- **Clarinet** - Tuesday 25th June at 8.50am in the Music Studio
- **Guitar** - Wednesday 26th June at 8.50am in Old Hall
- **Drums** - Wednesday 26th June at 8.50am in the Music Studio
- **Voice** - Thursday 27th June at 8.50am in the Music Studio.
- **Violin** - Thursday 27th June at 8.50am in New Hall.
- **Piano** (Mrs Robinson) - Friday 28th June at 8.50am in Old Hall.

Thank you. *Mrs Sutton, Head of Music.*

Lost

Two pairs of named shorts belonging to Alfie Akers.



Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 10th June 2019



Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 2 (29/04, 20/05, 10/06, 01/07)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SOUP The Soup Kettle	The Soup Kettle Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	The Soup Kettle Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread			
TACO ENTREE	Tuna and Spinach Pasta Bake	Jamaican Style Jerk Chicken with Rice & Peas	Beef Lasagne	Roast Turkey Breast & Cranberry Sauce with Gravy	Breaded Fish Finger
VEGGIE Lovers	Quorn Cottage Pie	Sweet Potato and Corn Patties	Cauliflower and Roasted Butternut squash Cheesy Bake	Meatless Sausage Rolls with a Warm Onion Relish	Brie & Tomato Quiche
Light BITES	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Vegan Red Lentil Bolognese with Penne Pasta	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Cream of Mushroom and Dill Sauce with Pasta	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special
on the SIDE	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Green Beans Cucumber Salad	Broccoli and Cauliflower Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Braised White Cabbage Lightly Boiled Carrots	Potato Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans
TASTY PUDS	Chocolate Cookie	Yoghurt Sundae with Fruit	Peach Crumble	Strawberry Jelly	Vanilla Ice-Cream

Salad Bar available everyday
Chunks of fresh fruit and Homemade Wholemeal Bread

