

Duncombe Digest



It's Cognita Global Be Well Day tomorrow and we are very much looking forward to our day at Cuffley with the whole school community coming together in what is shaping up to be a most wonderful event. In lessons building towards the day, we have looked at the importance of sleep. It is fascinating to understand why it matters so much and we shall be looking to share these videos and content with you in the coming few days as I'm sure you will find this to be most interesting not only for our children but also for ourselves.

Our Year 6 and Reception classes both enjoyed visits to Duxford and Bekonscot. Do look out for their reports in next week's newsletter. The trips and residential programmes here at Duncombe are extremely well developed and continue to support the acquisition of key knowledge, skills and experiences upon which our children draw upon right across their learning.

With a focus on International languages across the week, our pupils had the opportunity to learn some new languages with the expert help of some of our parent body. I observed both German and Mandarin in my travels around the school and was impressed with how well the pupils threw themselves into the opportunities. Children in Year 1 also had a live link with schools in Spain sharing English and Spanish learning experiences. Do look out for the report in the newsletter and thanks to all who supported this excellent series of events led by Mrs Thomas and Señor Torres.

Thank you to all who supported the Macmillan Coffee morning this week. As ever, the PA were extremely well organised and thanks to all for donating cakes and helping with distribution in the morning. Thanks also to all who came along for a coffee and a chat. I greatly enjoyed catching up with you all. Thanks to those who attended the PA AGM where the wonderful work from the past year was reviewed and plans for the coming year were discussed. Please look out for sign-up sheets for the events plan for the year and do get fully involved.

David Baldwin our Director of Education and Stuart Rolland, CEO of Cognita Europe visited on Wednesday and shared about the wider group and Duncombe's place within it. It was a most enjoyable evening. Thanks to all who attended. I would have liked more of you to have come along as this was a great opportunity to hear from someone other than me about just how well Duncombe is doing. One parent commented 'It was so impressive to see just how well the school is doing across all areas.' My response was 'I have been telling you!' The reply was 'I know, but I hadn't realised just how good it is!' I hope to have the presentation available on our website in the Newsletters section in the coming week.

Next Wednesday is the Senior School's Fair from 6.30pm. There are 16 leading Independent Schools admissions teams to meet along with the New Head of St Edmund's College, Matthew Mostyn, Principal of Queenswood School, Jo Cameron and Martin Collier, Head at Haileybury confirmed to be joining us also. This is a wonderful opportunity to speak to a number of schools all in one place and I hope to see you all there. *Mr Phelan*



Well done Lower School Stars of the Week



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd October

Individual and Sibling Photographs.
Senior School Fair, 6.30pm in Old Hall and New Hall.

Looking Forward

Tuesday 8th October

Year 6 Parents' Evening in New Hall from 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

Wednesday 9th October

Year 3 to the Celtic Harmony Camp.
Year 4 Parent to Lunch. Times TBC.

Friday 11th October

Lower School Harvest Festival (children only).
Upper School Harvest Festival (Parents welcome). Holy Trinity Church at 2.30pm.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 2nd October

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

Thursday 3rd October

U9 Football Tournament at Lochinver House. 1pm start.

Friday 4th October

IAPS U11 Football Tournament. 1pm start.

Tuesday 8th October

U11 Netball v St Francis (away). 3.30pm start.

Importance Notices

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Individual and Sibling photographs will take place on Wednesday 2nd October. Please be aware that all children need to have smart hair and uniform and wear their blazers (no jumpers please). Photographs of sibling groups are only available for children attending Duncombe. If your child does not attend Treetops on this day and you would like their photograph to be taken, please advise the School Office who will make the necessary arrangements.

Please note that there will be an early registration at 8.15am to ensure we start on time. Please could you get your child/children in for this time.

Please can you ensure your child arrives at school promptly on the 2nd so that we can start the photos on time. Thank you.

Duncombe's 2019 Senior School Fair

We will be hosting our bi-annual Senior School Fair on **Wednesday 2nd October from 6:30pm to 8pm.**

Duncombe will once again be host to an array of Independent Senior Schools, where you will have the opportunity to informally meet with representatives from the schools and find out more about them.

We would like to welcome all our families to the Fair, especially those in Upper School who may be starting to think about the next steps in their child's education.

Lost

Named cap belonging to Jamie Wackett.
Named school coat belonging to Lucy Richards.

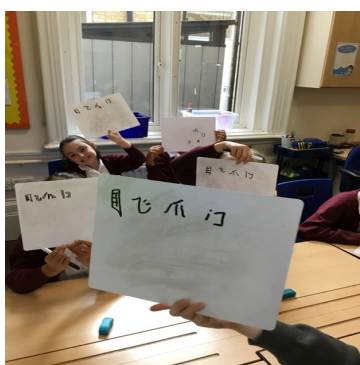
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Duncombe's Amazing Language Week

In our MFL lessons this week, we celebrated languages around the world. The children in Years 1 to 6 each had a taster session in Mandarin or German delivered by our fantastic parent helpers. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and eager to try out a new language. They discovered some interesting facts, held basic conversations and learned songs. Some children even began to write a few words in their target language. In maths and art lessons, the children in Years 5 and 6 researched the languages spoken around the world and created a pie chart to show their findings using collage. This is now on display in the Old Hall. We finished our celebrations with a video call to the Colegio Europeo Madrid, where the children practised basic greetings and introducing themselves in Spanish. Throughout the week, we were very impressed with the children's confidence, enthusiasm and active participation as they embraced the challenges we set for them. Our children are becoming increasingly aware of their role as global citizens. Well done to all of Team Duncombe and we look forward to Languages Week 2020! Many thanks to our parent helpers Mrs Harris, Mrs Yao, Mrs Stopps for giving up their time to deliver the taster lessons and to Mrs Takawira for her cross-curricular activities.

Mrs Thomas and Señor Torres



Harvest Festival

A Harvest Festival celebration will be held for Treetops and Lower School (EKG - Year 3) on the morning of Friday 11th 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, Bengo in the afternoon of Friday 11th 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 4th October.

We invite all the children to bring in a small parcel of non-perishable items on the day (a shoe box without a lid for example). These will be donated to the Hertford Foodbank (located on Cowbridge in Hertford) to help support local people in crisis. For more information please visit <http://hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>. 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!

Here is the Foodbank's Harvest shopping list for 2019:

- Small jars of instant coffee 100g
- UHT milk 1 lt cartons
- Long life fruit juice 1 lt cartons
- Tinned potatoes
- Packets of instant mashed potatoes
- Jars of chilli, curry or sweet & sour cooking sauces
- Tinned meat
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned peas or carrots
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned ready mixed custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned fruit
- Small packets of sweet biscuits.
- Small bottles of cooking oil
- Washing up liquid
- Shaving foam in spray cans
- Deodorant / Antiperspirant
- Baby wipes

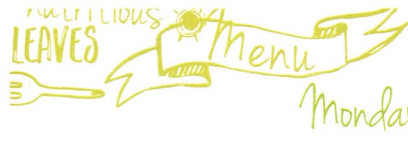
NB: Please do not donate anything in glass jars.

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Warren Restaurant Menu

Week commencing 30th September 2019



Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 2

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

MEAT FREE



The Soup Kettle
Seasonal soup
with 50/50 homemade
bread

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Tomato and Fresh Basil
Pasta Bake with a
Parmesan Crisp

Korean Style Chicken with
Egg Noodles

Butchers Choice
Sausages and Mash
Potato

Roast Chicken
with Gravy

Homemade Salmon and
Cod fish cakes



Quorn and vegetable
Hotpot

Vegetable Chili with
Nachos, Sour cream and
Salsa

Cauliflower and Roasted
Butternut squash Cheesy
Bake

Meatless Sausage Rolls
with a Warm Onion Relish

Brie & Tomato Quiche



Baked Jacket Potato
Chef's Special

Vegan Red Lentil
Bolognese with Penne
Pasta

Baked Jacket Potato
Chef's Special

Creamy Mushroom and
Dill Sauce with Penne
Pasta

Baked Jacket Potato
Chef's Special



Garlic Bread
Sweetcorn
Roasted Vegetables

Green Beans
Cucumber Salad

Broccoli and Cauliflower
Peas
Mash Potato

Roast Potatoes
Steamed Green Cabbage
Lightly Boiled Carrots

Potato Wedges
Garden Peas
Baked Beans



Yoghurt Sundae with Fruit
Coulis

Chocolate Cookie

Apple and Pear
Crumble

Chunky Fruit and
Strawberry Jelly

Vanilla Ice-Cream

Salad Bar available everyday

Chunks of fresh fruit and Homemade Wholemeal Bread

