

Duncombe Digest



We have had such wonderful feedback regarding our Global Be Well Day at Cuffley. It was a tremendous event which really underscored the clear community we have here at Duncombe and the opportunity to stop and think about how we can keep ourselves well. Please see the link here which builds on our recent work and I believe will be of great benefit to us all. www.cognita.com/cognita-be-well/be-well-resources-for-families/

In assembly on Monday we discussed the International Languages focus of the previous week. It was particularly striking to see how very well the pupils had retained key information and skills and responses demonstrated exceptionally well the degree of learning and understanding. This vibrant, exciting and challenging curriculum experience really does allow for transferable skills and knowledge which I see so frequently in my observations of lessons and discussions with pupils and parents.

Next week, World Space Week will celebrate humanities' exploration of space and the awe and wonder that all things Space provides. Across the week a number of activities and experiences will be held. Do look out for more information from Mrs Ferguson in the Newsletter and also why not take a look at <https://www.solarsystemscope.com/> as a starter for 10 over the weekend?

The Senior Schools' Fair was a most enjoyable and informative event and I'm delighted to say that the feedback from the schools was overwhelmingly positive about how our Duncombe pupils are settling in and getting on at the 11+ schools. We know that our provision really is setting the children up for a smooth and successful transition to Year 7.

Next Friday will see us celebrate Harvest Festival. Please do look at the instructions for donations in the newsletter. Treetops and Lower School celebrate this with staff at school and Upper School attend Holy Trinity Church where parents of Upper School children are very welcome to join us.

Good luck to our U11 Footballers who are competing as I write in the IAPS Regional Finals at Chigwell School. I am sure they will give their all and be outstanding ambassadors for Duncombe both on and off the pitch.

I am away training for much of next week as an ISI Team Inspector. This is an excellent development opportunity both personally and for Duncombe helping with our own preparation for future inspections and also sharing of best practice from around the UK. I'll be sure to share some of my experience and reflections with you in the coming weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

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



Well done Lower School Stars of the Week



Half Marathon for Mr Sopher

Mr Sopher is about to take up the challenge of running a half marathon for Parkinson's UK on Sunday 13th October. Here is a link to Mr Sopher's Just Giving page in case you would like to donate. Good luck Mr Sopher and we look forward to hearing how you get on!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamessopher>



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Diary Dates

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. 4C at 12.45pm and 4S at 12.50pm.

Friday 11th October

Lower School Harvest Festival (children only).

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

Looking Forward

Tuesday 15th October

Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Wednesday 16th October

Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Thursday 17th October

Year 4 to Hertford Theatre to see Ancient Egyptians.

Friday 18th October

Music Assembly in Old Hall from 8.50am.

Year 5 to Hertford Theatre to see Terrible Tudors.

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 8th October

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

Wednesday 9th October

U11 Netball v Sherrardswood (away). Time TBC.

U11 Football v Heath Mount (away). 2.30pm start.

Thursday 10th October

U9 Netball v St Francis' (away). Time TBC.

Monday 14th October

U9 Netball v St Edmund's Prep (home). Time TBC.

U9 Football v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3pm start.

Wednesday 16th October

U11 Football v Heath Mount (away). 2.30pm start.

Important Notice

Mothers' Day Assembly 2020

Please be aware that the Nursery and Reception and Lower School Mothers' Day assemblies will now take place on **Monday 23rd March 2020** instead of Friday 20th March.

Space Week

07.10.19 – 11.10.19

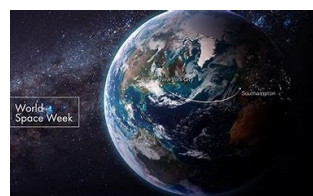
Next week Duncombe will be launching our 2019 Space Week. World Space Week is an international celebration of space science and technology that will improve conditions for humans on Earth. It usually begins on 4th October as Sputnik, the first man-made Earth satellite, was launched on 4th October 1957. This year is a special celebration as it marks the 50th anniversary of the first footprints on the Moon.

Space Week is an excellent opportunity for us to use space-based activities to excite students about science and technology! The whole school will be taking part in hands on cross-curricular space activities. Treetops will be using the Stories 'Whatever Next' and 'Back to Earth with a Bump' as a stimulus for their learning. Lower School will be taking part in Space themed English and Art lessons. Whilst Upper school will be learning about Space during Maths, English and Science lessons to name but a few.

During the week, children will have the opportunity to take part in 'Mission: Space Week' to find space related images around the school and enter a competition to design their own planet.

The week will conclude with a virtual reality space workshop. The children will wear VR headsets which will simultaneously transport them into space with a 360° view in order to learn all about our solar system. A very exciting week ahead!

Mrs Ferguson, Head of Science.



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Congratulations

Congratulations to Thomas, George and James who were part of the Hertford U11 Rugby Team who played at Allianz Park, Saracens pitch in a Haileybury tournament last week. They had a fantastic evening playing 5 other Prep schools and stayed to watch Haileybury's 1 XV win over Llandovery College. Well done boys!



Congratulations to Zadie who swam 3 events last weekend for Ware Swimming Club Championships 2019 and came home with 3 worthy medals:

Breaststroke 50m - Zadie achieved a new Club Championship Record of 00.55.28 and the overall gold medal for girls aged 9 in this event.

Freestyle 25m - Silver medal and a personal best at 00.19.58

Backstroke 25m - Bronze medal, just missing out on the silver medal by a nail biting 1 second gap, finishing at 00.22.88.



Well done Zadie!

Congratulations to James who was presented with two awards by St Margaretsbury Cricket Club last weekend.

James was awarded the Batting Award for U11 and also the Most Promising Colt of the Season. Well done James!



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 today, 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 pots of instant coffee 100g
 - UHT milk 1 lt cartons
 - Long life fruit juice 1 lt cartons
 - Tinned potatoes
 - Packets of instant mashed potatoes
 - Pouches 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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Year 6 History Trip to Duxford

Year 6 had an experience of a lifetime during their visit on Wednesday 25th September to Duxford Museum. Linking to our studies in History on the Second World War, we were transported back to a different era for the day and learned so much about this fascinating and moving period in our history. Below are accounts of their experiences by some of our Year 6 Roving Reporters:

I loved the 'We Were There' talk because we got to talk to the ex-servicemen Alex, John and Robert. I especially liked talking to Robert and John because they were children during the war and were living in London at the time. John was evacuated to Cambridge with his sister and Mum, but Robert stayed in London, where bombs were being dropped. *Erin*

We were able to talk to eyewitnesses of the war or some type of conflict. It was extremely interesting to understand, with a full definition, what exactly happened in that awful war. *Isla*

My favourite part was going on Concorde and looking at all the planes. We saw a bi-plane take off at the end. It was the best time EVER! *Maggie*

My personal highlight was visiting the concorde. It was massive – I could not believe it. We went to a mini section all about the events of war. It gave me goose-bumps. *Thomas*

Miss Cartwright

Charity of the Term

This term Knebworth House will be raising money for The Brothers Trust. The Brothers Trust was set up in 2017 by Nikki and Dom Holland, parents to four boys; Tom, Sam, Harry and Paddy - the 'brothers'. Tom Holland is the focal point of the charity and its fund raising efforts, but he is ably supported by his younger brothers. The purpose of the Trust is to shine a light on charities that are small and where your generous donations can be used to maximum effect.

The Knebworth Charity Team will be launching all their exciting fundraising events in Monday's assembly. All key dates will be detailed in next week's newsletter.



Warren Restaurant Menu

Week commencing 7th October 2019

Duncombe School Lunch 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
Minced Beef Pasta Bake	Chicken Tagine	Ham and Pineapple Pizza	Roast Beef Yorkshire puddings and Gravy	Breaded Fish Fillet
Thai Green Quorn and Vegetable Curry with Siamizi Rice	5 Bean and Soya mince Tagine	Pizza Margarita	Stuffed Roasted Butternut squash	Vegetable Spring Rolls
Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Penne Napolitana	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Pasta in 3 Cheese sauce	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special
Green Beans Sweetcorn	Roast Cauliflower Cous Cous and Pomegranate	Potato salad Red Cabbage Slaw Corn on the cobs	Roast Potatoes Parsnips Broccoli and Carrots	Chips Mushy Peas Baked Beans
Yoghurt Sundae with Sliced Peaches	Banana and Cinnamon Cake	Yogurt With Fresh Fruit and Coulis	Orange Jelly and Fruit	Chocolate Brownie

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