

# Duncombe Digest



It's been another busy and productive week here at Duncombe. In assemblies we have focused on our Character Education looking at the importance of working together towards common goals. The High School Musical number 'We're all in this together' made an appearance and in truth it has been an ear worm in my head for the remainder of the week (I caught myself humming it on the tube yesterday)! We also spoke today about the importance of Agency, the ability to take independent actions when needed. This building of Character Education is something we will continue to develop over time and to that end I am delighted that we will be involved in the Steer AS Tracking programme. My letter to Upper School gives greater detail about the programme and some really useful links to find out more. Having spent time with a number of school leaders over the past two years who have used this and listened to Sir Anthony Seldon speak on the issue, I am certain this will be of significant benefit to our pupils over time.

On Wednesday we hosted eight Heads from sister Cognita schools to talk about developing outdoor learning where our Forest School was showcased as an excellent example of integration into school curriculum. I was delighted with feedback from the Heads who were extremely impressed with the entire school, our pupils, staff and facilities. I found this a very confirmatory experience, an opportunity to stop, take stock and look at Duncombe from a visitor's perspective. This positive view is coming through strong and clear in the Voice of Parent survey. Thank you to all who have already engaged and if you have yet to do so thank you in advance.

Next week we have The Romans visiting on Monday with Year 3, where history really does come off the page and to life in a fully interactive and immersive day. Matches begin in earnest and 2A will be entertaining and informing us in their class assembly on Friday. Friday also sees the first of the Woburn Charity event days with pupils invited for the princely sum of £1 to dress in green or as wild animals in support of wildlife charities in Australia. A great deal to look forward to!

Have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

## Well done to these pupils who received a Headmaster's Award today.



## Well done to the Lower School Stars of the Week



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Toby and Monty who were selected at the end of last year as the Lower School Sports Personalities of the year. Toby has enjoyed the trophy for the first half of the year and is now handing it over to Monty to enjoy. Well done boys!



Congratulations to Iyah who was lucky enough to go to the annual Lord Mayor's Children's Party last Saturday and won the dancing competition. Here is Iyah proudly receiving his competition prize from the Lord Mayor and his wife.



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## Diary Dates

### **Monday 20th January**

Year 3 History Off the Page at Duncombe.

### **Thursday 23rd January**

Open Morning for Prospective Parents. 9.30am start.

### **Friday 24th January**

2A Class Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start in New Hall.

Dress Up Day for Woburn Charity.

## Looking Forward

### **Wednesday 29th January**

Nursery and Reception Drama Workshop at Duncombe.

### **Thursday 30th January**

Future Schools Evening. 7pm start in Old Hall.

### **Friday 31st January**

2W Class Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start in New Hall.

### **Monday 3rd February**

4S Class Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start in New Hall.

### **Thursday 6th February**

Chinese Workshop for Years 1 to 3 at Duncombe.

### **Friday 7th February**

Music Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start in Old Hall.

## Sports Fixtures

### **Tuesday 21st January**

U10 Netball v Stormont (away). 2.30pm start.

### **Wednesday 22nd January**

U10 and U11 Rugby v Aldwickbury (away). 2.30pm start.

U10 and U11 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (away). 2.30pm start.

### **Thursday 23rd January**

U9 Netball v Edge Grove (away). Time TBC.

### **Wednesday 29th January**

U11 Rugby v Westbrook Hay (away). Time TBC.

### **Thursday 30th January**

U9 Rugby v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.15pm start.

U9 Hockey v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.15pm start.

## Long Service Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Coley who has worked at Duncombe for 25 years this month. Mr Phelan presented Mrs Coley with an engraved Dartington crystal vase and a bouquet of flowers to thank her for her wonderful commitment to Duncombe School.



## Important Notices

### Woburn Charity:

The Woburn Charity Team have decided to change the charity they are supporting this term to one which supports the wildlife in Australia following the devastating bush fires. The charities we are supporting are Wildlife Victoria and WIRES (Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service).

WIRES is rescuing and caring for thousands of injured, orphaned, and homeless native animals and Wildlife Victoria are currently helping dozens of wildlife shelters and carers around the state that have been affected by the Victoria bushfires and extreme heat events.

Our first 3 events are:

- Dress in green or as a wild animal on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**. Please bring in £1 on the day to take part in this event.
- Build Your 'Wild Self' Competition. Please return your entry to the Woburn Charity Team or Mrs Johnson by **Wednesday 29th January**.
- On **Monday 3rd February** we are going to fill a koala image with money. We would be very grateful if you could bring in some loose change on that day and the Woburn Team will put them together to create a koala from all the coins we collect.

### Snack Pots

We have a lot of unclaimed snack pots which unfortunately are not named. Could we please ask you to name all snack pots and water bottles so that they can be easily returned. Thank you.

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## Knebworth Charity

The Knebworth Charity Team are delighted to announce that with your help we raised an amazing £1,324.80 for The Brothers Trust last term.

We are also pleased to announce the winners of our 'Design a Mask' competition. It was a very hard decision as we received many wonderful creative designs.

The winners are:

Lower School 'Design a Mask' winner is Mia in 3CW

Lower School 'Make a Mask' winner is Ashan in 2A

The overall winner for Upper School is Isla in 4S.



A big thank you to everyone who entered the competition and supported all our charity events last term.

*The Knebworth Charity Team*

## Upper School Swimming Gala

Our Upper School Swimming Gala will be taking place on the morning of Tuesday 24th March at Haileybury. As usual parents are invited to come and watch and support their child/children. We will be sending full details out about this event very soon.

In the meantime we would like to inform you of the following changes to swimming lessons:

### Tuesday 11th February

Years 5 & 6 will be swimming

No swimming for Years 2 & 3

### Tuesday 24th March

Upper School Swimming Gala day

No swimming for Years 2 & 3

*Mrs Johnson*

## REMINDER: Games Kit for Years 3 to 6

<b>Year 3 to Year 6 (Boys) P.E. &amp; GAMES KIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maroon &amp; sky hoop rugby top (winter)</li><li>• Maroon shorts</li><li>• Maroon football socks</li><li>• Trainers</li><li>• Maroon full-zip fleece top</li><li>• Navy &amp; maroon Duncombe tracksuit</li></ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR BOYS IN YEARS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Football boots and shin pads</li><li>• Gum shield</li></ul>
<b>Year 3 to Year 6 (Girls) P.E. &amp; GAMES KIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sky blue polo shirt with embroidered badge</li><li>• Maroon 'skort'</li><li>• Maroon hockey socks</li><li>• Trainers</li><li>• Maroon full-zip fleece top</li><li>• Navy &amp; maroon Duncombe tracksuit</li><li>• Maroon PE rucksack</li></ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR GIRLS IN YEARS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shin pads</li><li>• Gum shield</li></ul>
<b>OPTIONAL: BOYS &amp; GIRLS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Duncombe baselayer (Playerlayer) or plain navy baselayer</li></ul>



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## Warren Restaurant Menu Week commencing 20th January 2020



### Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 3

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Minced Beef Pasta Bake	Chicken Balti with Braised Basmati Rice	Pepperoni Pizza with a Wholemeal Base	Roast Beef Yorkshire puddings and Gravy	Breaded Fish Fillet with Homemade Tartar Sauce and lemon
Sweet Potato and Quorn Moroccan Tagine with Cous-Cous	Winter Vegetable Cottage Pie	Margarita Pizza with a Wholemeal Base	Roasted Beetroot with Herby Crust	Freshly Made Vegetable Samosa
Baked Jacket Potato Baked Beans/Cheese	Penne Napolitana	Baked Jacket Potato Baked Beans	Tomato and Basil Sauce with Lightly Boiled Pasta	Baked Jacket Potato Baked Beans
Green Beans Sweetcorn Freshly Baked Focaccia Bread	Roast Cauliflower Bombay Potatoes Sauté White Cabbage	Warm Potato Salad Red Cabbage Slaw Ratatouille	Roast Potatoes Steamed Broccoli and Carrots	Potato Wedges Baked Beans Peas
Yoghurt Sundae with Sliced Peaches	Banana and Cinnamon Cake	Rice Pudding with a Mixed Berry Compote.	Orange Jelly	Cookie/ Shortbread

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





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