

# Duncombe Digest



This week has seen a focus on Internet Safety with lessons and assembly time dedicated to looking at safe use when online. Please do look out for Mrs Micele-Jones piece about this and the associated materials. The pamphlets from Cognita focusing on screen time makes for excellent reading not just in the context of our children, but also very much for ourselves.

I have greatly enjoyed reading the mid-year reports for Nursery to Year 5 this week. Again, these provide a very positive picture of hard work, progress, challenge and clear next steps to assist in the learning journey. Do take some time to read through with your son or daughter looking at what is going well and how it can be even better going forward. I am delighted that we have had nearly all offers in for Year 6 for the 11+ Independent schools with yet another overwhelmingly positive set of outcomes. To date we are the largest feeder school for offers to Haileybury, Bishop's Stortford College and St Edmund's. This really is testament to the excellent work of our pupils and staff and underscores the consistent outcomes that are secured year on year for Duncombe pupils.

Our Relationships Education and Diversity Evening was well to attended. Thank you for all who came and to Miss Sands and Mrs Sutton who ably led the evening which was extremely well delivered and informative. Slides will be available on our school website soon.

Our U11 Netball team are heading off for the finals of the IAPS Netball Tournament hosted at Framlingham College this Friday. This will no doubt be a very enjoyable and highly competitive experience. We look forward to hearing how they progress and wish them every success.

With the half term now upon us I do hope you all have the opportunity for an enjoyable and safe break. When we return we have the Year 4 Come Dine with Us experience, several matches and 3S's Assembly on the 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a wonderful half-term.

*Mr Phelan.*

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

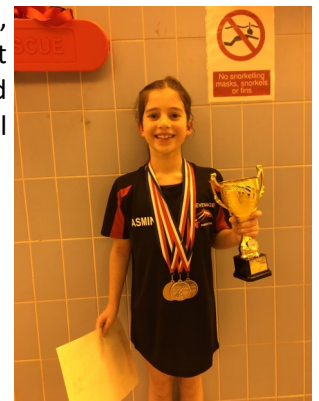


## Well done to the Lower School Stars of the Week



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jasmin who swam in the Stevenage Swim club Turtles gala at the weekend and was awarded the top girl swimmer award, swimming four personal best times and winning two gold and one silver medal. Well done Jasmin!



## Nursery Goal

Well done to Conor who reached his class goal this week!



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## Diary Dates

### **Monday 24th February**

School resumes

### **Tuesday 25th February**

Year 4 York Meeting and Come Dine with Us. 4.30pm in 4C.

### **Monday 28th February**

3S Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am in New Hall.  
Upper School Bake Off (Round One). 2pm in New Hall.

## Looking Forward

### **Thursday 5th March**

World Book Dress Up Day.  
Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

### **Friday 6th March**

6T Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am in New Hall.

### **Monday 9th March**

Year 6 to Crucial Crew at Morgans School.  
Harmony Choir to The Royal Festival Hall.

### **Tuesday 10th March**

Year 4 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 8.30pm in New Hall.

### **Thursday 12th March**

Open Morning for Prospective Parents. 9.30am start.

### **Friday 13th March**

Year 3 to The Natural History Museum in Tring.

## Sports Fixtures

### **Wednesday 26th February**

U11 Boys' Hockey v St Joseph's in the Park, at Broxbourne.  
Time TBC.

### **Thursday 27th February**

U8 Rugby v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.15pm start.

### **Monday 2nd March**

U11 IAPS Swimming Gala.

### **Wednesday 4th March**

U10 Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). 2.45pm start.  
U10 & U11 Rugby v Heath Mount (away). 2.30pm start.

### **Thursday 5th March**

U9 Netball v Stormont (away). Time TBC.

## Important Notices

After half term Year 5 and 6 girls will be having Netball and Football lessons. Please ensure they have trainers and shin pads, along with their normal PE kit, for every games lesson.

Thank you.

*Mrs Hayley Johnson, Head of Sport*

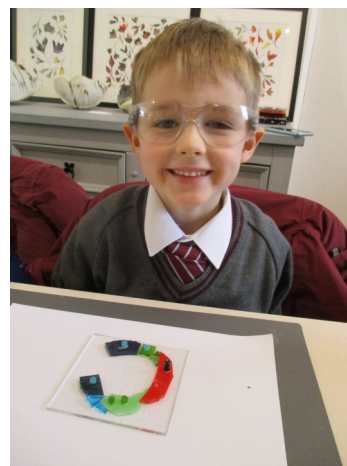
## Year 1 Glass Workshop

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week Year 1 went to the Nico Brown Glass Workshop in Ware. We had a lovely time looking at all the different colours and shapes of glass to design our coasters.

"We got there on a bus then we had a little road to cross. Then we walked to the glass shop. I designed a coaster it was colourful. I had a really good time. Some pieces were really little. The colours were red, green, orange, pink and blue." (1A)

"First I went on the minibus. Next I thought of my design. Then I put the colourful glass on the coaster." (1TG).

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## Reminder of Book Week Events

**Send us Your Shelfie!** - Help us create a display for Book Week reflecting the books you really enjoy to read. Share a photo of you against the backdrop of your bookshelf at home, with us here at school! The 'shelfie' is the perfect way to showcase your most treasure titles. Please email pictures to: [office@duncombe-school.co.uk](mailto:office@duncombe-school.co.uk) by **Tuesday 3rd March**. Prizes will be on offer for fantastic photos!

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Buddy Reading** - Children across the school will be enjoying books together. Pupils in different year groups will be buddying up and sharing a story to celebrate the importance of reading.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Treetops pupils will be treated to a book tasting experience in the Reading Café.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Book Swap** - If you have any children's books that are no longer age appropriate, then please do donate your books for our book swap on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring them to the Old Hall and leave them in the relevant area on the tables provided. Children will be given the opportunity to swap books throughout the day.

**World Book Day Fancy Dress** - To enter into the spirit of celebrating World Book Day, we are inviting both staff and pupils to dress as a book character on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. Children can wear costumes of any character from children's literature. The outfit can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish! Some ideas can be found on the following website:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/dressing-up-gallery/>

Alice Hemming will be joining us to celebrate with a special assembly and children and staff will be invited to participate in a Costume Parade at breaktime to showcase their efforts. Please could children bring in £1 on the day, as a donation to our House Charity. We look forward to seeing the children in character and on the playground catwalk!

Thank you

*Miss Cartwright, Head of English.*



## Safer Internet Day



This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day encouraged young people to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. The focus was to celebrate difference and help us work towards creating a truly inclusive internet. Our assembly at the start of the week looked at what makes up an online identity – such as the facts or characteristics about you, how others perceive and interact with you, as well as how online services identify you. During lesson time, our pupils worked on how to best keep safe whilst using the internet. Below are some key websites that parents and carers can visit to find out further information about online safety.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>  
<https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

## Social Media and Screen Time



Additionally, Cognita has identified a theme for each month to help maintain our focus on wellbeing. The theme for February is Social Media and Screen Time. Cognita has also produced some information for parents regarding social media and screen time. Please take a look at the two attached documents which are based on published research by UCL.

*Mrs Micele-Jones*



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## Parent Information Evening Relationships Education and Diversity

Thank you to those parents who attended this event last night. The information shared at the meeting will be available in the Parent Portal area on our website early next week.

If you have any queries on the Diversity information please contact Mrs Sutton. For queries on the PSHE information please contact Miss Sands.

## Warren Restaurant Menu Week commencing 24th February 2020

*Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 2*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>MULTIPLIOUS LEAVES Menu</b>					
<b>TACO ENTREES</b>	Mince Beef Bolognaise with Tri Colour Pasta	Sticky BBQ Chicken with Soy Sauce Noodles	Sausage and Butterbean Casserole	Roast Gammon with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Gravy	Beef Burger with a Floured Bap and Ketchup
<b>VEGGIE LOVERS</b>	Root Vegetable Pie with Flaky Pastry	Vegetable and Kidney Bean Chili with Nachos, Sour cream and Salsa	Cauliflower and Roasted Butternut squash Cheesy Bake	Meatless Sausage Rolls with a Warm Onion Relish	Mixed Bean and Lentil Burger
<b>Light BITES</b>	Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Vegan Red Lentil and Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Creamy Chestnut Mushroom Sauce with Penne Pasta	Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
<b>on the SIDE</b>	Garlic Bread Green Beans New Potatoes	Sweetcorn Cauliflower Boiled Rice	Broccoli Peas Mash Potato	Roast Potatoes Steamed Green Cabbage Lightly Boiled Carrots	Oven Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans
<b>TASTY PUDS</b>	Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Custard	Yoghurt Sundae with Fruit Coulis	Apple and Forest Fruits Crumble	Lemon Cheesecake	Shortbread /Cookie

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

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