

06.10.2023

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Duncombe. We have welcomed some new families to the school and the children are all settling in beautifully.

We also had an exciting visit from the actor Jason Isaacs. He played Lucius Malfoy in Harry Potter and has starred in many films throughout his career, the Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a very interesting workshop with him. Hopefully, some of them will now be inspired to look at careers in the creative industry.

Many parents, quite rightly get frustrated when their child loses a jumper or coat and already there is a huge pile of uniform in the lost property boxes. Please make sure that you label all clothes clearly, especially coats and jumpers. We will encourage children to look after their clothes but cannot help if clothes aren't labelled. We all need to teach the children how to look after their property.

Finally, as part of Black History Month we would love as many parents as possible to attend a celebration lunch with your child/children on Wednesday October 18th. I will send a letter out but please look at the menu below.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Helen

Important messages:

JustGiving™

Donate to Duncombe Food Bank
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/duncombeprimaryschool>

We are also collecting food items for Duncombe's food bank. If you would like to donate, please leave non-perishable food items into the basket at reception. We appreciate all donations made, no matter how small.

Important dates:

School Wellbeing Service Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th October – 8:40am
(See flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information)

Year 4 trip to the British Museum

Thursday 12th October

Year 3 trip to the British Museum

Thursday 12th October

Black History Month Lunch Celebration

Wednesday 18th October

2YO & Nursery closed

Thursday 19th October

**See more important dates for
this term below.**

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Thursday 19th October – Year 1 Phonics Screen parents meeting 3:30pm

Thursday 19th October – 2YO & Nursery closed (Staff training day)

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October – Half Term

Monday 30th October – INSET day (school closed)

Tuesday 31st October – Children back to school

Wednesday 8th November – Year 6 SATs & Boosters parents meeting 3:30pm

Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December –

Year 4 swimming (class TBC)

Monday 4th December – Friday 8th December – Year 4 swimming (class TBC)

Tuesday 12th December – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 13th December – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6pm

Tuesday 19th December – Reception class Nativity

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term (1:45pm finish)



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson
93%

Isaac Newton
93%

Eric Carle
83%

Michael Faraday
85%

Tony Ross
95%

Charlotte Bronte
94%

Harriet Tubman
89%

William Shakespeare
95%

Greta Thunberg
92%

Emmeline Pankhurst
92%

Florence Nightingale
95%

Martin Luther King
76%

Marie Curie
96%

Marcus Rashford
98%

Nelson Mandela
97%

The whole school's attendance for this week is **92%**



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2YO Nursery: Amine

For being a brave boy and coming into nursery on his own. He has also started to explore the nursery independently.

Eric Carle 3YO Nursery: Lizzie

For always being so kind and caring, never letting anything bother you! So sensible Lizzie!

Tony Ross Reception: Riley

For being such an enthusiastic member of the class, you are a great role model and kind friend.

Harriet Tubman Year 1: Lucas

Lucas has been so enthusiastic during our English lessons this week. It's been great watching him retell our story 'I will get you' with such expression. Well done Lucas!

Greta Thunberg Year 1: Matthew

For showing independence in maths when writing number sentences. Your positive attitude to learning makes you a great role model. Well done Matthew!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Kizzy

Kizzy has worked extremely hard in maths this week. She was able to recall her number bonds to 10 independently. Well done Kizzy, keep up the excellent work!

Marie Curie Year 2: Marwa

Marwa tries her best at all times and is a role model to her peers. She is enthusiastic about her learning and she is a joy to teach!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Amira

Amira's enthusiasm during her English lessons has been amazing this week. She is very eager to share her ideas with the rest of the class and is having a great start to Year 3!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Kerim

Kerim has impressed me so much this week with his positive attitude to learning. He has applied himself fully in class and shown enthusiasm in all lessons. Keep it up Kerim!

William Shakespeare Year 4: George

For showing a positive attitude to all his learning this week. He also persevered when the questions became tough in Maths. Well done George.

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Diana

Diana has been so engaged in lessons this week and showing great enthusiasm in her learning! She asks questions, contributes to discussions and has been a pleasure to teach. Keep it up Diana!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Lisa-Marie

Lisa has shown great enthusiasm in class and in her home learning. She puts in a huge amount of effort and engages well during class discussions. Well done!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Dijana

Dijana has been exceptional in MLK this week. She has pushed herself in all of her lessons - producing some brilliant work. Dijana has been nothing short of a great role model for her classmates. Well done!

Marcus Rashford Year 6: India

For her enthusiasm and perseverance in our writing lessons. India has worked really hard this week in writing, using her research to draft an autobiography. She persevered and pushed herself to include dates and other Year 6 statements to improve her work. Great job India!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Nahla

Nahla has shown great independence and a fabulous positive attitude towards her learning. Her writing is ambitious and she has been striving to use the features we have been learning about in class - her work is a pleasure to read! Well done Nahla.

Fantastic Work and Learning at Duncombe this week:

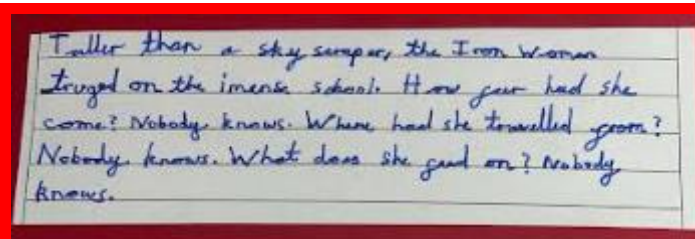
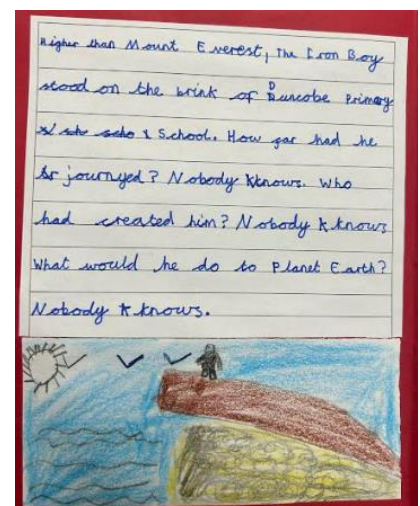
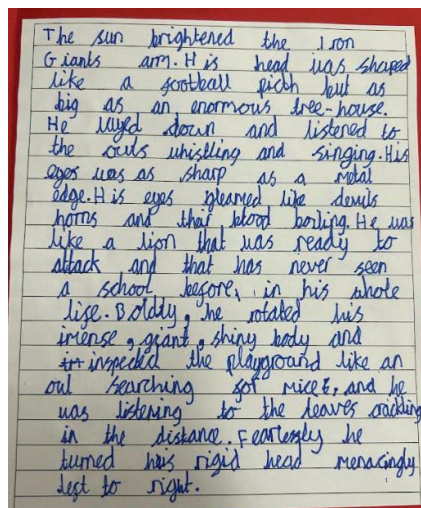
Year 6

Year 6 were extremely lucky to be invited to participate in a series of workshops for the Africa Writes festival at the British Library last Friday. Professional poet, Kat François, and the author and illustrator Dapo Adeola, helped us to produce our own poetry and design original characters.



Year 4

Inspired by Ted Hughes, Year 4 wrote their own story about an Iron Giant who comes to Duncombe. They used onomatopoeia, powerful verbs and character description to create suspense.



Year 1

This week year 1 have been exploring primary and secondary colours in art. They mixed primary colours together to make another colour and created a colour wheel.



Reception

Reception have been learning about comparing in maths. Looking at odd ones out and then comparing numbers, thinking about who has more or less in games like 'grab a handful of conkers'.



Nursery

Nursery have been busy practising their scissor skills this week, making animal masks and acting out 'From Head to Toe'. We have also enjoyed sorting objects into different colours in maths.



2YO

Well done to little nursery. We have got the attendance prize for 2 weeks running. We had 100% attendance which was the top of the school and 96% which was top in early years.

Congratulations to you all.



Black History Month

special menu

18th October

Elsie's Ghanian Chicken
with Jollof rice

(None)

or

Plantain with blackeye bean sauce

(None)

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Yam with spinach sauce

(Se)

Okra gumbo

~

Puff puff

(G)



Ce = Celery
Cr = Crustacean
E = Eggs

F = Fish
G = Cereals containing Gluten
L = Lupin

Mk = Milk
Mo = Molluscs
Mu = Mustard

N = Nuts
P = Peanuts
Se = Sesame Seeds

So = Soya
Su = Sulphur Dioxide



Coffee Morning



School Wellbeing Service



Thursday 12th October 2023 at 8.40

in the Learning Space

Are any of these problems affecting your child?



Having fears
or worries



Feeling sad
or angry



Difficulties sharing feelings
and having outbursts



Difficulties following
rules and requests



Difficulties with
friendships or siblings

The SWS can help!

Meet our school practitioner.

Find out how the SWS could support your child.

