

13.10.2023

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week at Duncombe. Children have been doing some writing about influential people for Black History Month. I have been particularly impressed by Year 3's work on Mae Jemison, the first black female astronaut and Year 5's information text on Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks.

Year 3 and 4 went to visit the British Museum this week, as part of their history study. Reception children continued with Forest School and Nursery began to plan for Halloween by making some scary pumpkins. In Year 2, the children have been working hard on their writing, using Talk for Writing techniques.

Across the school it is always so wonderful to see how diverse and multi-cultural our school is and how children work together, not seeing religion, race or heritage as something that should be a cause of hatred and violence towards each other. In the present situation in the world, this feels more important than ever.

Next Wednesday, we hope to see many of you for the Black History Month celebration lunch - details below.

Have a great weekend and peace to all.

Helen

Important messages:

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Donate to Duncombe Food Bank
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REMINDER: Please do not leave children unattended in the playground before 8:30am. For their safety, they will be taken to Breakfast Club and a charge will be applied to their account.

Important dates:

Reception trip to the Post Office

Monday 16th October

Black History Month Lunch Celebration (Non-uniform)

Wednesday 18th October

Year 1 trip to Whittington Park

Thursday 19th October

2YO & Nursery closed

Thursday 19th October

Half Term

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

INSET Day

Monday 30th October

See more important dates for this term below.

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Wednesday 18th October – Non-uniform day

Wednesday 18th October – Black History Month Lunch Celebration

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

Thursday 19th October – Year 1 trip to Whittington Park

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)

Black History Month 2023

Wednesday 18th October will be non-uniform day to celebrate Black History Month. Children can wear colours of their cultural flag or wear traditional dress.

We look forward to seeing you at the Black History Month celebration lunch next Wednesday 18th October! Please read the following information carefully. If you have children in different year groups you can only attend one lunch sitting – this is due to space and seating constraints. Please opt for your youngest child KS2 children are old enough to understand that their younger siblings should get priority for the shared parent lunch. There is plenty of cross over time in KS1.

Lunch seating times for Wednesday 18th October:

Year Group:	Parent arrival time:	Parents leave by:
Nursery/reception	11.15	11.45
Year 1	12	12.30
Year 2	12.15	12.45
Year 3	12.30	1
Year 4	12.45	1.15
Year 5	1pm	1.30pm
Year 6	1.15pm	1.45pm

Our drumming club will be playing live music from 12.30pm in the entrance hall.

The theme for Black History Month 2023 is *Saluting our Sisters*. We will focus on inspirational people, both in our own lives and people from the past. Many of these are women but we are also celebrating men.

The inspirational person/people who are being studied in each year group:

Year 1 - Harriet Tubman

Year 2 - Mary Seacole

Year 3 - Mae Jemison

Year 4 - Claudia Jones

Year 5 - Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks

Year 6 - Maya Angelou

EYFS - inspirational people in our lives: parents, carers, grandparents, people within the school community.

We look forward to sharing the children's work for Black History Month in the Duncombe newsletter next week.

We also know that you, as parents, carers, grandparents, aunties and uncles, provide so much inspiration to our children at Duncombe. If you would like to come in and talk to the children as part of our Black History Month celebrations, please leave your details with the office and Ruth will call you back.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson

87%

Isaac Newton

97%

Eric Carle

86%

Michael Faraday

96%

Tony Ross

95%

Charlotte Bronte

88%

Harriet Tubman

96%

William Shakespeare

95%

Greta Thunberg

96%

Emmeline Pankhurst

96%

Florence Nightingale

97%

Martin Luther King

96%

Marie Curie

97%

Marcus Rashford

95%

Nelson Mandela

97%

The whole school's attendance for this week is **95%**



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2YO Nursery: Aslam

For settling in so well and he is becoming more independent around the nursery. Well done.

Eric Carle 3YO Nursery: Amelia

For being brave, leaving mummy in the mornings to come to nursery. Well done Amelia!

Tony Ross Reception: Sonaii

For your kindness, manners and being a wonderful, funny member of reception class.

Harriet Tubman Year 1: Hediye

For showing so much enthusiasm in her learning. She always stays focussed and perseveres when completing challenging work! Well done Hediye.

Greta Thunberg Year 1: Gabriella

For always showing enthusiasm to learn, amazing us with your reading and for being a great role model to your friends. Gabriella, you are a pleasure to teach.

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Trey

For working extremely hard in maths this week. He was able to recall his number bonds to 20 completely independently. Keep up the amazing work.

Marie Curie Year 2: Dylan

For his exemplary behaviour. Dylan is a role model to his peers and a joy to teach. Well done Dylan - you are a star!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Seb

For the example he has shown this week of the Duncombe rules of ready, respectful and safe. He is always kind to his peers. It is a joy to teach Seb!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Beth

Beth has produced really amazing writing this week. I loved seeing her paragraphs include interesting detail, conjunctions and fronted adverbials. Go Beth!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Alex

For showing enthusiasm in singing assembly. Alex puts energy into his singing and encourages others to join in. Well done Alex.

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Isabella

For always showing independence when it comes to Duncombe school rules and is a role model to others. She is always ready to learn, respectful and safe. Well done and keep it up!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Jacob

Jacob has shown great independence this week and he has made all of us very proud. I have enjoyed reading his introduction to his information text! Great job!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Lexi

Lexi has shown great independence during her Maths lessons. She is focused and always ready to learn. Keep up the good work!

Marcus Rashford Year 6: Jack

Jack has shown great independence this week and we are so proud. He has shown a teacher he is ready to learn and follows instructions first time. He also independently made a code to create a game! Great job Jack.

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Amon

Amon has shown a great attitude towards his learning in both reading and English. He has been independent, shown he is ready in every lesson and worked well with others.

Fantastic Work and Learning at Duncombe this week:


Year 3

Here is some excellent and neat Maths work from Seb (IN) and Naeemah (MF), adding tens across hundreds!

Find the missing numbers.

a) $50 + \boxed{50} = 100$ ✓ d) $610 + \boxed{90} = 700$ ✓
b) $250 + \boxed{50} = 300$ ✓ e) $560 + \boxed{40} = 600$ ✓
c) $370 + \boxed{30} = 400$ ✓ f) $540 + \boxed{60} = 600$ ✓

Use base 10 to help you complete the additions.




a) $261 + 10 = \boxed{271}$ ✓ c) $261 + 30 = \boxed{291}$ ✓
b) $261 + 20 = \boxed{281}$ ✓ d) $261 + 40 = \boxed{301}$ ✓

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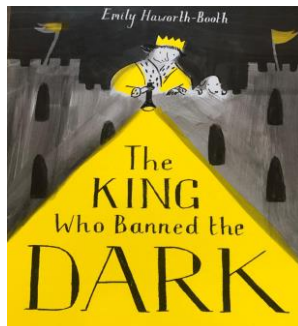
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Year 2

We are reading *The King who Banned the Dark*. The children are writing descriptive phrases to persuade the king to bring back the dark.



I miss the bright, glowing city. Ismail



I miss the flying bombs and exploding rainbows. Ayaz

Reception

In Reception we have been busy learning about animals, their habitats and have enjoyed painting our pet fish. We have also been looking at letter writing to an inspirational person, ahead of our Post Office trip on Monday.



Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been looking after a pet spider who came to visit us. He wrote us a letter to ask if he could be our class pet as he was lonely all by himself. The children have made glitter spider webs for our pet spider just like in the book 'Aaaarrgghh Spider!'



2YO

In Little Nursery we have been looking for Autumn. The children have been bringing in things they have found on their travels, like when they come to and from school or at the park. Here are just a couple of things...



Enrichment

Our Art Club have been drawing spooky pictures with Ana inspired by Tim Burton. Such fantastic artists!



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