

24/09/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has sped by at Duncombe and the children continue to impress all of us with their hard work. This week our core ASPIRE value that we have been focussing on is self-esteem. We want to develop the whole child at Duncombe and we believe that developing a child's self-esteem is an essential aspect of being a successful and happy individual. This video helps to explain what self-esteem is and how to develop it at school and at home. Have a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBMgE6zJ9eQ>

We have also begun our half-termly Garden Classroom projects, every class will once again do curriculum linked outdoor learning this half term. Research shows that being in nature can improve mood and well-being as well as being a fantastic learning tool. As well as focussing on academic subjects we also commit to your children being outside learning in the fresh air, rain or shine. So as the days begin to turn cooler, please send your child in with a warm coat or jacket, with the name written clearly on a label.

Have a safe and happy weekend,

Helen

Dates for your diary:

Parent Online Safety Workshop (9:.00 – 10.00am) – 1st October 2021

Autumn Half Term – 25th October – 29th October 2021

Extended Day

Dear parents and carers, please remember Duncombe offers wrap around care from 7am until 6pm, Monday to Friday. Breakfast club is available at just £1.50 per session and after school activities starting from just £2!

Please see attached this half terms timetable for more information or call the school office and ask for Rianne or Monique



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson 83%	Isaac Newton 94%
Eric Carle 89%	Michael Faraday 96%
Judith Kerr 89%	William Shakespeare 94%
Tony Ross 84%	Charlotte Bronte 95%
Earnest Shackleton 97%	Martin Luther King 95%
Francis Drake 90%	Emmeline Pankhurst 92%
Florence Nightingale 93%	Nelson Mandela 97%
Marie Curie 94%	Winston Churchill 89%

The whole school's attendance is 94%



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Tala

For settling back into nursery really well. She is saying bye to both parents and is very happy during the session. Tala is also starting to use English words to communicate to the adults and her friends.
Well Done Tala.

Eric Carle Nursery: Kyle

Kyle is making good progress in his language. Today he said at lunch time: "You like jelly, me like jelly" and then he put his thumbs up on the child. Well done to you, Kyle!

Tony Ross: Yasin

Yasin was doing good listening and sitting during the carpet sessions. What a great role model you are Yasin! Keep it up!

Judith Kerr Reception: Musa

Musa you are doing so well with phonics and maths, your oral blending is fantastic. You are also a great role model during carpet sessions, thank you!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Aiden

Aiden has been a fantastic learner this week. He has shown a lot of enthusiasm in his writing and makes sure to do his work very carefully. What a superstar!

Francis Drake Year 1: Sebastian

Sebastian is a ray of sunshine in Francis Drake class. He is always very kind and caring to all his other classmates and has great manners. Well done Sebastian!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Mohamed S

For his perseverance in learning his speed words and applying them to the book he is reading. I am very proud of him. He has also been very respectful in class by doing the right thing and doing his work silently and independently.

Martin Luther King Year 5: Joshua

Joshua shows enthusiasm in every lesson and shows a willingness to learn new things at all times. He listens carefully, participates in discussions and works hard independently. What a fantastic start to the year Joshua!

Winston Churchill Year 6: Muad

Muad has had an amazing start to Year 6. His enthusiasm for learning and his perseverance when faced with a challenge has made him a pleasure to teach. Keep up the good work!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Victoria

Victoria is extremely polite in all her dealings with adults and peers. She is ambitious with regard to her learning and welcomes challenges enthusiastically, contributing to a great working ethos in the classroom.

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Francis

Francis has worked so hard in writing this week! He created an excellent innovated story map on The Princess and the Pea and was very enthusiastic when sharing his ideas! Well done Francis, you are a superstar.

Marie Curie Year 2: Brianna

Brianna has shown great enthusiasm and independence when innovating the story of The Princess and the Pea. I have been blown away by her creativity and I can't wait to read the final piece! Keep up the hard work!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Jacob

For always being ready, respectful and safe in and outside the classroom. Jacob is very trustworthy and loves helping other children in class. He is a great team player and always tries his best. Thank you, Jacob. You are a super star!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Ghalya

Ghalya shows a positive attitude to her work and is very kind and considerate with her teachers and classmates. She tries her very hardest and has been doing amazing work in English!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Hamza

For his enthusiasm in mathematics lessons.
Well done Hamza!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Murat

For his detailed and enthusiastic comments in his reading diary EVERYDAY. Murat shows a real love for reading and enjoys sharing his experience with me and the class.
Well done!

Year 2

In Science, Year 2 have been learning about the importance of exercise. They created exercise routines and discussed the effects on their breathing!



Reception

Reception are doing so well with their reading and writing already, we are practicing our pencil grip and some of us have already started using our writing books.



Nursery

In nursery we have been talking about our favourite food, toys, our family and friends. We have been learning to use scissors whilst cutting out our favourite toys. The children showed great interest in making 3d owls for the nests they made last week.

We have been learning to count using leaves.



2 Year Olds

The 2-year olds have been exploring Autumn. We have been collecting things we find on our way to and from school and when we are out with our families. We went on a hunt in school too, then it started to rain really hard so we had to run back to the nursery. "Oh no" "I'm wet"



Parent Messages

Pupils Missing Property

It has come to our attention that pupil belongings are going missing and they are not being returned. Please if you come across another child's property, can you return this back to the main office as soon as possible.

As you can appreciate, parents do not have the funds to continue to replace their child/rens clothing, and it would be great if we could all work together in returning items that do not belong to our child.

Pupil Individual Photos

Pupil photos via the Kittle website are now available to order.

Please use the slip you were provided by the class teacher, entering your special username and password.

Link: <https://v6.kittleorders.com/kp/Home>

Parent coffee mornings

We are happy to announce that coffee morning will be starting up again. These will be **held every Friday morning from 9-10am in the bottom hall**. Please see the timetable below for different sessions that will be taking place this half term.

October 8th	Drop in coffee morning
October 15th	Mastering Times Tables and how we teach maths
October 22nd	Things to do in the half term