

07/05/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing this from home, whilst Duncombe is a polling station. It is a shame that the school week has been disrupted, but we have been discussing democracy and the importance of elections with the children this week. Hopefully, there is a good turn out today because as a school and a community this year, we have certainly learnt that government and policy really do matter.

One way that government policy has affected Duncombe is the reduction in our school budget. This means that we will be trying to increase the income that the school makes via letting the buildings out. If you are planning a party, children's party, wedding reception or want to host a community event/ club then please contact the school business manager, Monique for details.

It is also fantastic that the school is being used for sports camps. May half term will see Right Way Sport provide 4 days of active sport and in the summer holidays, the school will host Right Way Sport for the first three weeks of the summer holidays to help keep your children active. <https://www.rightwaysports.co.uk/book-now> If you would like your child to attend but the cost is too much, please contact the school office and we may be able to fund through our hardship fund.

As you will know, we love reading at Duncombe and think it is the most important aspect of learning and better life chances. From Monday, to mark the start of Mental Health week, Schools, businesses and local organisations across Islington are invited to drop everything and read for just 10 minutes, which research shows is all that is needed each day to benefit mental wellbeing. Research also shows that reading has been a source of escapism for young people over the past year, supporting their mental wellbeing and enabling them to dream about the future. Children and adults are invited to pick up a book, comic, magazine, or newspaper. All participants are invited to share photos on social media using the hashtags #Take10toRead and #GetIslingtonReading, joining a national moment where over 100,000 people are expected to take part. <https://literacytrust.org.uk/communities/islington/take-10-to-read/>

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes
Helen Ryan

Dates for your diary:

Friday 14th May – Eid class parties in the afternoon (details below in parent messages).

Friday 14th May – Parent Governor application closing date

Relationships & Health Education curriculum parent meetings: Year 2 & 3 on 18th May;
Year 4 & 5 on 19th May; Year 6 on 20th May. All will be at 9:15am-10:00am on zoom.
Details next week.

Friday 28th May- last day of summer term 1(Half-term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June)

Monday 7th June- Children return for summer term 2

Parent/teacher meetings after school on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd June

Thursday 15th July, 2-4pm Summer Music Concert

Wednesday 21st July – Year 6 production (time tbc)

Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 leavers prom

Friday 23rd July – End of term (half day)

Duncombe Extended Day

Can all parents and carer's of pupils attending extended day provision please read the attached letter, it contains very important information regarding clubs, upcoming sessions and some useful reminders!

Duncombe Car Boot Market

As you know we were due to launch Duncombe's car boot market last year, but unfortunately, we were not able to go ahead due to national lockdown.

We are very excited to announce that we are hoping to re-launch in June!

If you would like to find out more and apply for a pitch please email Duncombecarbootn19@gmail.com or speak to Monique in the school office.

We will announce the first date soon!



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson

77%

Eric Carle

88%

Judith Kerr

94%

Tony Ross

88%

Earnest Shackleton

92%

Francis Drake

92%

Florence Nightingale

84%

Marie Curie

96%

Isaac Newton

100%

Michael Faraday

98%

William Shakespeare

97%

Charlotte Bronte

95%

Martin Luther King

97%

Emmeline Pankhurst

96%

Nelson Mandela

92%

Winston Churchill

84%

The whole school's attendance this academic year is currently at 96%



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2 year olds: Olivia

For taking her time to complete a sorting activity on her own, not only into colours but into animals too. Then she was helping the other children. Great job Olivia!

Eric Carle Nursery: Kayan

For his amazing progress in cutting skills and tracing skills. Well done, Kayan! You are a star!

Tony Ross: Adile & Batul

Adile for trying really hard in her numicon maths work. Batul for being a kind friend to others on the playground

Judith Kerr Reception: Ruby & Kerim

Ruby has rewritten a fantastic version of The Rainbow Fish using great vocabulary.
Kerim for always using good manners and fully participating in all of his leaning.

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Hamdi

For working extra hard in all subjects. Hamdi takes great pride in his work and makes sure he does the best he can every single time! Well done Hamdi, we are very proud of you!

Francis Drake Year 1: Nathalia

She is extremely kind to her friends in her class and will always be the first to help them when someone needs a hand. Well done Nathalia!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Maalik

Well done to Maalik! Not only did Maalik move up a book band this week but he also worked really hard in maths. He partitioned 2 numbers into tens and ones in order to add them together more efficiently. Keep up the amazing work Maalik!

Marie Curie Year 2: Ozzy

Ozzy had been such a superstar reader this week. I have been really impressed with his attitude for reading and can see amazing progress! Well done.

Isaac Newton Year 3: Zehra

For always being ready to learn and taking ownership of her learning. Zehra makes sure that she is ready and respectful. Well done Zehra, we are very proud of you!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Hamza

Hamza's pirate story featuring Captain Horrible Hamza has been a brilliant read this week. He has been sharing his answers sensibly with the class and has been showing his classmates and teachers a lot of respect. Well done Hamza.

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Tiana

For her amazing progress in swimming. Well done Tiana - we are so proud!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Salma

For her kindness, enthusiasm and positivity. You are maturing into a well-rounded and wholesome young person - a pleasure to teach!

Martin Luther King Year 5: John

For his amazing effort in swimming this week. What a star!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Melis

Melis has made continued progress in her maths, reading and writing and she is an example to all of the benefits of consistent hard work.

Winston Churchill Year 6: Eduarda

For her incredible commitment to learning. She is extremely independent and has made so much progress. We couldn't be prouder of her in Year 6.

Fantastic Work

Year 6

Melis is working so hard in maths. Here is a good example of her editing her work when we were learning about factors and multiples

Date: 26.04.21

LO: I can identify the factors and multiples of numbers.

Success Criteria:

Multiples:
Look at the last digit to identify if it is in 2, 5 or 10 times table.
Half it and half it again to check if it is the 4 times table.
Add the digits together to check if it is the three times table.

Factors:
Be systematic - start with 1 and the number itself then work our way up.
*Remember that a prime number has 2 factors - 1 and itself.

Support

Independent

Partner work

Adult support

Adult led group

EX: 1)

1) A prime number has two factors one and itself.

2) A square number is the number multiplied by itself.

Year 4

When drafting and editing his writing, Yahya always checks the success criteria and makes improvements.

Success Criteria:

Use questions and exclamations. ✓

Use rhyme and alliteration. ✓

Use conjunctions: Firstly, Secondly, Lastly ✓

Because, so, therefore. ✓

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Tired of houses collapsing, We'll come to the left side of the bridge and your dreams will come true!

Firstly, the left of the bridge is a good place to live, It has clean streets and clean water for your family to enjoy. Secondly, the houses are colorful and grand. Do you want to go to the theatre? Then take the boat. It will take you to the theatre and then back again. Remember, LEFT IS BEST!

Year 3

Some amazing pirate stories from Year 3 this. Here are two examples but it was very hard to choose. Well done Elio and Hamza

into the murky water. Something was really strange. The water quivered like jelly. The memory of jelly made me look up. But the ship shook... And a sea monster came up out of the water. Terrified, I dived the main mast. A horn me hearties! cried Captain Crow's Nest. Aaaaaah! I cried back at him, jumping out of the water rest... And... I into the water!

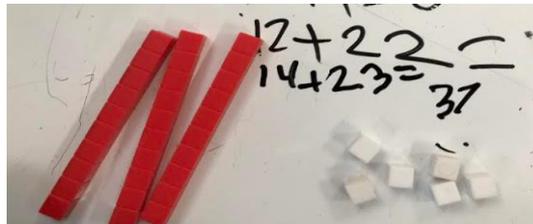
I heard a cry from above. The powder monkey has gone to Davy Jones's locker. I knew I that I didn't hadn't drowned but I thought I would. But I didn't! And this is how: after a few seconds I saw a huge shark! I was petrified! But just as it was eat me... The sea monster whisked me up to eat for its self! I grabbed something on its back and jumped on to the ship. The sea monster me tumbled! cried the crew. Then I heard a man munching. One thing I said with a bit. What's that? asked Bob Black. No! Bob. There's a giant shark shark.

five cannons! We started shooting back. Luckily we swam! Unfortunately we lost a plate in that fight. A rest in peace me hearties! said Captain Hamza in a sad voice.

Eventually the storm has finished. However we were setting sail so we went through tunnels and discovered until we found a island. You know what they say? x marks the spot? said Captain Hamza. Pirate Hamza tried to steal the treasure but I shot him in the back. Then I got the treasure and delivered the treasure back to the ship with no problems!

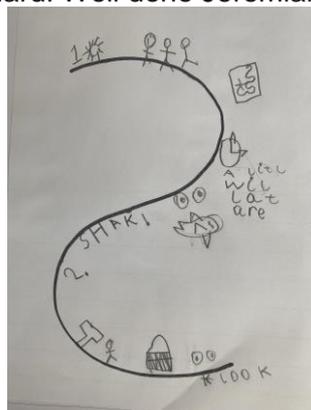
Year 2

Maalik worked practically with Dienes. He partitioned two-digit numbers into tens and ones in order to add them more efficiently.



Year 1

Jeremiah in year one created a story map for part of story 'Jack and the Flum Flum tree'. He worked very hard! Well done Jeremiah.



Reception

Ruby has created such beautiful shark creations for her homework this week. She has thought about all the different types of sharks and matched the colours of each one. Well done Ruby!

Beth has worked really hard in sorting the land and sea animals as well as cutting the pictures out so beautifully and carefully. Well done Beth!

Nursery

This week in nursery we have been learning about the transport on land. Kayan made his own car using junk materials. He used 4 round lids for the wheels and one "soda can" cylinder shape for the car. Well done, Kayan! What a great idea to make a car!



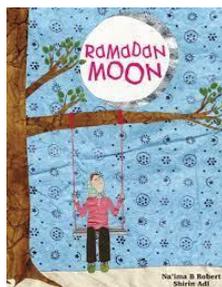
2 Year Olds

We have been learning about farm animals. We have been exploring different ways to make our animals pictures and we have been doing lots of dressing up. It been great fun.

Parent Messages

Ramadan Assembly by Charlotte Bronte class

Today, Charlotte Bronte class performed a Ramadan assembly for each bubble. The children gave a lovely performance of Here we come, a song by Islamic musician Dawud Wharndby Ali. We also shared the story Ramadan Moon by Na'ima B Robert.



Eid parties on Friday 14th May

Next Friday afternoon, we are holding Eid parties for the children. Children can come to school on Friday 14th May in their own clothes, for a £1 donation to charity. We will donate the money to Islamic Relief.

<https://www.islamic-relief.org/> We would appreciate any food that you would like to send in on the day to help the children celebrate, however, we cannot accept anything with nuts, or fizzy drinks. Thank you for your continued support. We wish all of our Muslim families a happy Eid for next week.

The Parent House Mindfulness Session

For Mental Health Week 2021, The Parent House are offering a free mindfulness session on 12th May 1:30-2:30pm. You will be pampered with meditation and reflexology. Register interest by emailing anita@theparenthouse.co.uk

The Parent House Gardening and Walking Clubs

Local organisation, The Parent House, are resuming their gardening and walking clubs this week. The Walking Club meets every Friday at 10am and the Gardening Club every Friday at 2pm. They run for an hour, during term time. You can find out more or register your interest by emailing: anita@theparenthouse.co.uk

Online Zumba for parents

Bright Start offer Zumba fun on Thursdays 1:30-2:30pm on Zoom. It's a fun and energetic class and is suitable for parents and children. You can book by email and will be sent a link 24 hours in advance:

BrightStartSouth@islington.gov.uk

Well-being tip of the week

Nature

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week 2021 and the theme is Nature!

Nature is so central to our psychological and emotional health, that it's almost impossible to realise good mental health for all without a greater connection to the natural world. For most of human history, we lived as part of nature. It is only in the last five generations that so many of us have lived and worked in a context that is largely separated from nature. And it is only since a 1960s study in the US found that patients who were treated in hospitals with a view of nature recovered faster, that science has started to unpack the extraordinary health benefits.

Make a point of going to a local green space for a walk, maybe with a friend or your family. Take time to sit and look out for the small things that we pass by when busy (budding plants, butterflies, peaceful noises, flowers with a scent...)