

09/07/2021

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy week at Duncombe with our Year 1, 5 and 6 school trips to Regents Park, Parliament Hill and Chessington World of Adventure. It is hard to believe that we are now only 2 weeks away from the end of the summer term. The children will be meeting their new teachers for September next week and we will be welcoming our new Reception children in for a stay and play session.

Please could you keep wearing your masks in the playground and keep at a social distance. Your continued support will help us to ensure that we can keep all the children in school until the end of the term. If anyone in your household develops Covid 19 symptoms, the whole household must self-isolate until a PCR (not lateral flow) test is completed and a negative result is returned.

Best wishes,  
Helen

### Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 park trip
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – new sports day for KS1 and KS2
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Stepping up day (KS1 & KS2 children will spend time with new class teacher)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10am – New Reception class stay and play
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 & Year 6 having online safety workshops
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – permitted religious observance day for Muslim families celebrating Eid
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – summer music concert (to be filmed for parents)
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 production
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 leavers prom
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of term (Year 6 11am finish; rest of school 1:30pm finish)



## School Attendance



**Julia Donaldson**  
85%

**Isaac Newton**  
97%

**Eric Carle**  
86%

**Michael Faraday**  
97%

**Judith Kerr**  
94%

**William Shakespeare**  
96%

**Tony Ross**  
93%

**Charlotte Bronte**  
95%

**Earnest Shackleton**  
94%

**Martin Luther King**  
95%

**Francis Drake**  
93%

**Emmeline Pankhurst**  
94%

**Florence Nightingale**  
95%

**Nelson Mandela**  
96%

**Marie Curie**  
95%

**Winston Churchill**  
95%

The whole school's attendance is 93%



# Celebration Awards



## **Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Sonaii**

For continuing to amaze us. Sonaii is able to say all the letter names, he is able to count beyond 20. He loves to sing and dance. He is a great member of little nursery.  
You are a star, Sonaii. Well done.

## **Eric Carle Nursery: Kayan**

For being able to compare numbers up to 10, using the words bigger or smaller and by looking at their position.  
Well Done! Keep it up

## **Tony Ross: Imran**

For becoming so much more confident, asking lots of questions and working hard in everything he does! Well done to you! Keep it up!

## **Judith Kerr Reception: Kerim**

For amazing me with his incredible phonics! Kerim, you have worked so hard and I am so proud of you. A big well done to you!

## **Ernest Shackleton Year 1:**

There will be 2 next week!

## **Francis Drake Year 1:**

There will be 2 next week!

## **Florence Nightingale Year 2: Alex**

Alex has impressed us this week with her attitude to learning. She is listening and joining in with class discussions more. She is using her sounds to start writing sentences independently and is beginning to grow in confidence. Keep it up Alex. We're really proud of you.

## **Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5:**

There will be 2 next week!

## **Martin Luther King Year 5:**

There will be 2 next week!

## **Nelson Mandela Year 6: Mia**

Mia Snowden for learning the song for our production despite having severe reservations at the beginning because she was shy.

## **Winston Churchill Year 6: Milda**

Milda for her tuneful singing and dedication to her role in our production of Robin Hood. She has been a star!

## **Marie Curie Year 2: Juwariah**

Juwariah has started Duncombe with a delightful attitude. She comes in every day with a smile on her face and is always ready to start her learning. What a superstar!

## **Isaac Newton Year 3: Najma**

For working very well with all the children in the school.  
Najma is a fantastic friend who likes to support her friends and others in the school. She has been working very hard in all her activities. Najma is ready to learn, respectful to others and is always safe. Keep up the fabulous example for us all.

## **Michael Faraday Year 3: James L.**

James L has made a great effort this week. He has been concentrating in lessons and has shown a lot of resilience in finishing his work, even when he finds it tricky. Well done James, your hard work has really impressed the adults in Year 3!

## **Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Ashton**

For his great thinking skills in mathematics.  
Well done Ashton!

## **William Shakespeare Year 4: Abdullahi**

For showing kindness always. Abdullahi takes the happiness of other people very seriously and consistently treats people with respect. This week, a child went to him for company and help and by the end, the child was so happy due to Abdullahi's kindness. Well done!

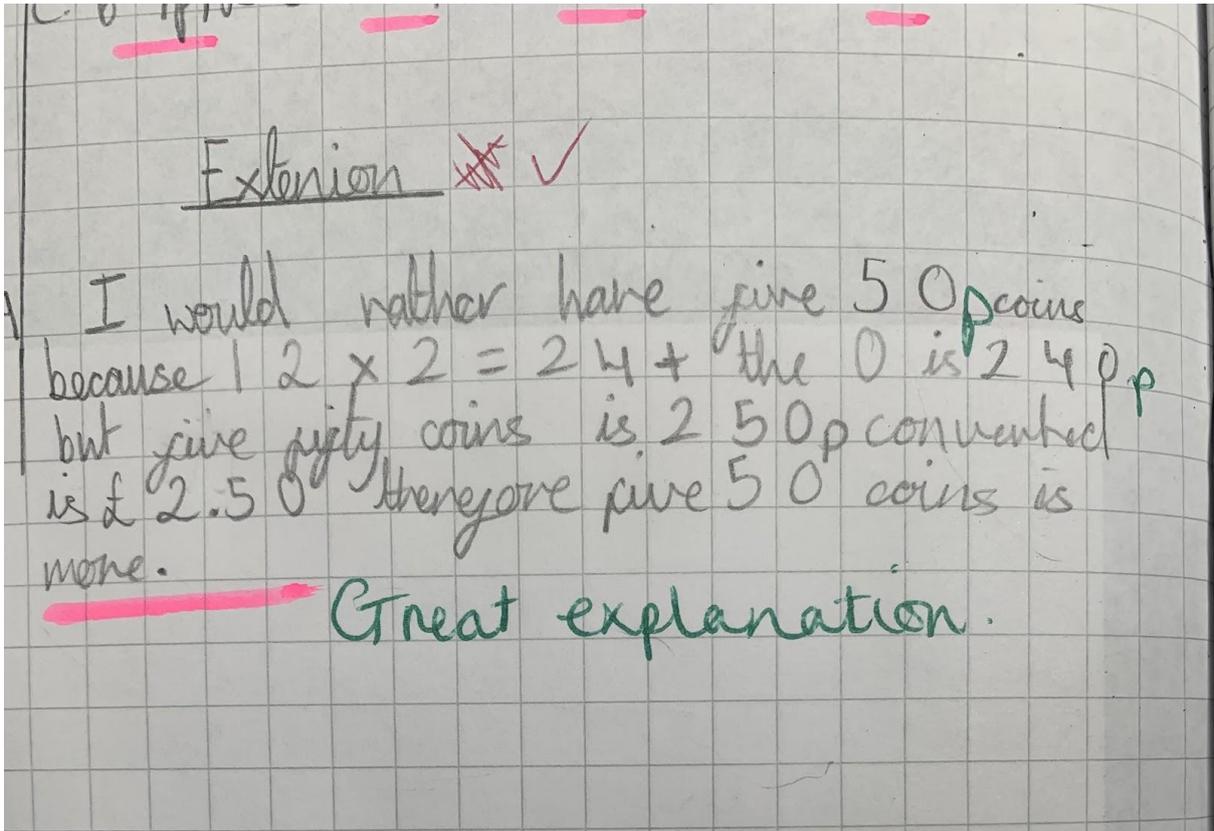
## Fantastic Work

### Year 6

Shihab in 6 W. C. for his excellent work in maths, where he showed that he could translate and reflect shapes accurately and answer related exam questions correctly.

### Year 4

Jehan in WS answered this Maths question with a great explanation:  
Would you rather have five 50p coins or twelve 20p coins?



### Year 2

This term in Year 2, we have been learning about plants. This week we were all able to plant our own seed in a pot. We will be taking care of it with water, sunlight and nutrients to make sure they grow nice and healthy.



## Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning about symmetry. The students have learned with the help of the butterflies about symmetry. It is a simple but very effective way to teach the subject of symmetry. Symmetry is beautiful and each butterfly they created was a unique masterpiece



## Nursery

This week in nursery we have been reading the book "The Pig in the Pond". The story is about a pig that is feeling very hot and bothered on a sizzling summer day. We have been learning about ways that we can keep cool in the hot weather.



## Parent Messages

### Duncombe Summer Camp!

Please check bookbags for letters home this week, we have also sent an email with all the details. Camp is FREE for all eligible children! If you need any help, or have any questions, please call the school office.

### Oral Health: Workshops for parents

The Islington School Health Team have been running weekly health promotion sessions on Mondays at 1:30pm and Thursdays at 9:30am via Zoom for parents and carers to attend.

Monday sessions at 1:30pm:

<https://zoom.us/j/5665618520?pwd=NWNneGNrVWcwK3UzVkQ5SGFCWWpkZz09>

Meeting ID: **566 561 8520**

Passcode: **4321**

Thursday sessions at 9:30am:

<https://zoom.us/j/5665618520?pwd=NWNneGNrVWcwK3UzVkQ5SGFCWWpkZz09>

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### NEW\* School Letting

Duncombe Primary School Governing Body has welcomed the opportunity for the school to be a community asset for families. The school will offer subsidised spaces such as the playgrounds, halls and extended settings for party hires, and educational use. For booking information, please see the "Lettings policy" on the school's website. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for further assistance.

### Well-being tip of the week

#### Read more fiction!

Fiction allows your mind to meet new people and explore whole worlds. Studies have found that regular readers sleep better, have lower stress levels, higher self-esteem and lower rates of depression than non-readers. Reading fiction with your child counts too and has the added benefit of improving their reading and love of books! Children also love to see adults engaging with literature, it promotes their own good reading habits.