

11/06/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been brilliant to see all the children back after May half-term. The sunshine has certainly helped and the children have all come back with a fantastic attitude to learning. As the weather has been so good, lots of classes have been enjoying outdoor learning. Please remember to give your child a refillable bottle for water at school and preferably a hat on very hot days.

We have also continued to focus on improving the children's physical fitness after lockdown. Every class (from nursery to year 6) now does the daily mile every day. The daily mile has been proven to improve the health and wellbeing of children across the globe. The Daily Mile makes children fitter, healthier and happier, and has a positive impact on their behaviour and concentration levels. It is simple and effective, enabling every child, including those with special needs, to be active every day. Everyone has fun taking part – it is not P.E. and it is not competitive – while building relationships, confidence and resilience. This can be summed up as Fun, Fresh air, Friends, Fitness and Focus – and the children enjoying a sense of Freedom. Find out more about it here: <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

As well as the daily mile, we have an array of new clubs and activities that children can sign up to at after school club. Have a look at the details of new clubs in this newsletter. Finally, our wonderful sports providers, Right Way Sport will be doing a summer sports camp at Duncombe in the first three weeks of the summer holidays. You can book these now : <https://www.rightwaysports.co.uk/copy-of-holiday-camps> if you would like your child to attend but find the cost is too much, we do have a limited number of sponsored places. Please see Monique or Rianne in the office to apply for these.

Have a lovely weekend,
Helen

Dates for your diary:

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

Thursday 1 July - School will be closed as being used as a polling station for the Tollington Ward by election

Wednesday 7th July – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

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)



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson
78 %

Isaac Newton
95 %

Eric Carle
88 %

Michael Faraday
99 %

Judith Kerr
96 %

William Shakespeare
94 %

Tony Ross
94 %

Charlotte Bronte
89 %

Earnest Shackleton
95 %

Martin Luther King
95 %

Francis Drake
86 %

Emmeline Pankhurst
93 %

Florence Nightingale
100 %

Nelson Mandela
96 %

Marie Curie
97 %

Winston Churchill
96 %

The whole school's attendance this academic year is currently at 95.2 %



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Livvi-Louise

For settling into little nursery really well. She is starting to use her words when trying to talk to us. She is also starting to join in with story time. Well done, Livvi.

Eric Carle Nursery: Dre

For remembering to use the 'speaking thumb' during carpet time.

Oliver

For good concentration when building simple ABAB patterns using counters

Tony Ross: Anas

For making a big effort to follow the rules. Well done, Anas! You had a very good week and I cannot be prouder of you!
Keep it up!

Judith Kerr Reception: Ava

For a wonderful pictorial holiday diary. Keep up with the hard work!

Abdi

For his perseverance towards his learning. Well done to you, Abdi!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Francis

For always being so respectful and kind towards his peers and adults. Francis works incredibly hard all the time and never gives up!
Well done Francis, you are a star

Francis Drake Year 1: Esa

I am so happy with Esa's reading. He has made lots of progress. He takes his time to sound out the words and is now able to blend beautifully! Well done Esa, I am so proud of you!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Rayyan

Rayyan always puts 100% into his work; he is always ready, respectful and safe. I have particularly enjoyed working with him in Reading lessons and listening to his predictions about what will happen and who the Warden is- I love his enthusiasm

Martin Luther King Year 5: Khalid

Khalid has come back to the new term with a positive learning attitude. He is taking pride in his work, focusing in lessons and trying his best to understand difficult tasks. Keep up the fantastic work Khalid!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Asiya

Asiya uses all the strategies required to answer reading questions accurately. She highlights key parts of the question and provides supporting evidence when needed.

Winston Churchill Year 6: Umayma

For her dedication to her learning and for being such an independent learner. She always fills in her reading diary so thoroughly. It is so interesting to read all about the books she is reading. Keep up the hard work

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Jacob

I am so happy to see how motivated Jacob has been this week. He has made so much progress in his phonics and reading and is becoming so confident. Fantastic work, you superstar!

Marie Curie Year 2: Excellency

Excellency has had an amazing week. She has been challenging herself in all subjects. She is always smiling and makes everyone around her feel warm and happy. We love having her in the class!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Gaby

Gaby is thoughtful, kind and caring. She is a brilliant listener and responder and has tried really hard this week as always. Thank you for the great ideas Gaby!

Michael Faraday Year 3: India

India has been very focused this week and is trying very hard in English and Maths. She's had a really positive attitude to her learning and is sharing her interesting ideas with the class

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Dee Dee

For her enthusiasm in class discussions. It's great to hear her interesting thoughts and ideas.

William Shakespeare Year 4: Jehan

For her consistent kindness and happy smile. Jehan is a ray of sunshine and reminds us how the more positivity we put out, the more we get back!

Fantastic Work

Year 6

Melis Aktunc 6NM describing characters using supporting evidence

Hord	Oslak	Renn
<p>He likes wearing camouflage clothes that are bright.</p> <p>Merciless - he wanted to kill Torak. A very bad hunter because he wears bright, camouflage clothes so it keeps the animals away so he is a bad hunter.</p> <p>A show off and a liar because he takes Oslak's credit when he has not done anything.</p>	<p>He is very strong because he can lift Torak up in the air with one hand. Oslak is mature and does not mind if someone can take his credit and he does not care.</p>	<p>Renn is very smart because she manages to make Torak quiet. She enjoys hunting because she carries a bow and arrow every where. She goes. Threatening - she says to Torak if you don't be quiet I will bash the bag with the wolf in it on to the tree.</p>

Year 5

Year 5 wrote newspaper reports about Science Week.

Duncombe's Science Week
By Khadya Islam, Local Correspondent

In Duncombe primary it's a very special week. This week is science week! All the children in Duncombe have participated in this exciting week. They have been challenged to face mini challenges to heat up their mind because soon they will be real scientists. Are you wondering why science is important? It teaches us technology, engineering and life skills. It's a subject that answers all our questions.

All the children in year 5

gave had a gun time during this week! This is because they did experiments and demonstrations that answered the questions they had. First demonstration was elephant toothpaste. I began in year 5 and he found this experiment fascinating and he enjoyed it. He also couldn't believe all those ingredients could make elephant toothpaste!

Science week sadly ended it made us laugh and

gave smiles. We also knew why a chemical reaction happens and learn about scientist or why it will blow up or not. Yr 5 is excited for next years science week we will do different experiments and answer our questions.

Elephant toothpaste

The elephant tooth paste experiment!

Duncombe's Science Week
By Mohamed ABDI, Local Correspondent

This week is science week in Duncombe. Every child got into groups and completed lots of activities. We do science because the world is full of science. Scientists create inventions like bikes and technology and TVs.

Science week is important because it teaches children to ask questions and learn about the world. In science week, children learn about science, maths, and technology. Science week lasts for one week and it is always an exciting week.

Year 5 enjoyed watching cool demonstrations by the teachers. One of the demonstrations was the cake and ~~the~~ ^{the} cake and ~~the~~ ^{the} cake exploded really high and the children were amazed. They also completed the egg drop challenge. To do we put air in a balloon then we can protect it. ~~It~~ ^{It} said Khadya. The rest of the school were learning about recycling.

Science do

Science week has been very fun for everybody. Although science week is over, children will continue to be marvellous scientists.

Year 4

In reading, Year 4 expressed their opinions on whether Varjak Paw was a pet cat or wild cat, using evidence from the text.

'He is a pet cat, because he spends endless days in the home.' Ugur

'He is a wild cat because he wants to go outside and hunt.' Dee Dee

'Varjak's ancestor was Jalal, and Jalal was the 'mightiest hunter'. Trina and Hawa

'He has the appearance of a pet cat, but the soul of a wild cat. Jalal's soul is now Varjak's soul.' Rafael and Hussamwou

Year 2



Year 2 has been learning their new Science topic this week - Plants! We got straight into the garden where we explored and observed the different features of plants.

Reception



This week our learning is around the story of Oliver's Vegetables! We have had activities themed around the story and healthy eating. We have learned all about the vegetables and where they grow, above or below the ground.

Nursery



This week in nursery we have been reading the story Farmer Duck and we talked about how the ducks stay dry. We painted our own ducks

2 Year Olds



Our topic has been about growing, we have been looking after our plants and runner beans and this week we are looking after ourselves. We have had great fun with the doctors and dentist kits.

Parent Messages

Parent Governor Elections!!!

Voting for our parent governor elections closed Friday 11th June at midday. After carefully counting all the votes, we would like to announce that your new parent governors are, Nese Kesen and Laila Naanaa!

Special Thank you to Laura Ward and Natalie Fiawoo for also putting themselves forward.

Relationships and Health Education teaching block

Following on from the parent consultation meetings held last term, our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes will be teaching the Relationships and Health Education lessons over the course of the next two weeks. Most classes have approximately six lessons to cover in this time. Any questions, please let the school office know and we can get back to you.

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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Well-being tip of the week

Give to others

Acts of giving and kindness improve your wellbeing by:

- creating positive feelings and a sense of reward
- giving you a feeling of purpose and self-worth
- helping you connect with other people

Small or big acts that benefit just one other person, or many, could include:

- saying thank you to someone for something they have done for you
- asking friends, family or colleagues how they are and really listening to their answer
- spending time with friends or relatives who need support or company
- offering to help someone you know
- volunteering for something