

12/11/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has flown by at Duncombe Primary School. The children have been enjoying the beautiful autumn weather in outdoor PE sessions, including the introduction of tag rugby. We look forward to welcoming future rugby stars back to Duncombe. The girls in KS2 also enjoy their girls only football sessions twice a week, it's great to see so many keen female footballers so if this is something your daughter is interested in, please sign your daughters up to girls football training with Stuart.

Year 6 (EP) class spent the week taking part in the Into University project. The school has a long-standing partnership with Into University and the week consists of activities which help raise pupils' aspirations and give them the opportunity to see what life at a university might be like. This week, children have focused on the important issue of sustainability and have considered how we can all live more sustainable lives. Children have gone on two trips this week, one to Vauxhall farm and one to Cambridge university. They had the opportunity to tour the university, ask questions of the students who attend it and even take part in a graduation ceremony!

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the phonics and teach your child to read workshop on Tuesday morning with Saffa and Caroline modelling the way that we teach phonics at Duncombe. We have recently received a significant grant of money from the DFE to improve our home reading programme for EYFS and KS1. Look out for new books in your child's book bags soon.

Finally, we had two minutes of silence at school on Thursday at 11am for Remembrance Day. At Duncombe we know that history is really important and that to understand today's complicated world we need to understand past sacrifices.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Helen

Dates for your diary:

19th November – Children in Need. FANCY DRESS

5th December – Christmas Market in school playground

Christmas Market

5th December

11-3pm

We are hosting a Christmas Market, selling decorations, clothing, handmade items, refreshments and more

If you would like to hire a stall and join our market please contact the email address below

Contact:
Duncombecarbootn19@gmail.com

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 day** and after school activities starting from **just £2!**



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson 82%	Isaac Newton 87%
Eric Carle 82%	Michael Faraday 94%
Judith Kerr 91%	William Shakespeare 99%
Tony Ross 96%	Charlotte Bronte 98%
Earnest Shackleton 96%	Martin Luther King 99%
Francis Drake 95%	Emmeline Pankhurst 97%
Florence Nightingale 97%	Nelson Mandela 98%
Marie Curie 96%	Winston Churchill 97%

The whole school's attendance is 96.4%



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Seyyid

Seyyid has settled into nursery school really well and is now starting to copy us and use English words to communicate. He is also starting to make good friendships with the other children.

Well done. You're a super star.

Eric Carle Nursery: Ella

For showing such enthusiasm during carpet sessions, Ella is always ready to learn! You are a super star Ella!

Tony Ross: Ayla

Ayla is the perfect role model to her friends. She is always ready, respectful and safe. I am so impressed with Ayla for her enthusiasm towards learning and her great story maps!

Ayla - you are a star.

Judith Kerr Reception: Lee

You are now joining in so much more at carpet time and you are settling into class in the mornings far quicker. We love seeing you smile so often, well done!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Youssef

Youssef has done a tremendous job on his writing this week. He has been carefully using his phonics to spell out words.

Well done Youssef, keep it up!

Francis Drake Year 1: Shakir

I am so proud of Shakir. He has been very respectful and listens very carefully to instructions. He has been a superstar in Maths and is even learning his number bonds to 10. Well done Shakir.

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Jeremiah

I am always so impressed with how respectful and kind Jeremiah is. He is an excellent role model and always shows a positive attitude towards his learning. He perseveres in all lessons and always tries his best. Well done Jeremiah!

Marie Curie Year 2: Imran

This week, Imran has worked incredibly hard on his handwriting. He has produced an amazing piece all about King Henry VIII, it is well thought through and beautifully presented. Keep up the hard work, Imran!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Jawad

Jawad has been trying really hard to learn English. He has been persevering with his learning by practising in school and at home. He is now beginning to speak in full sentences in class. We are super proud of you Jawad. Keep up the fantastic work! Well done!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Kitty

Kitty has been trying very hard in her maths and writing lessons this week. She has shown wonderful perseverance and never gives up, even when she finds things tricky. Well done Kitty!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Ali

For enthusiasm in writing, Ali has improved his handwriting, and is now writing extended pieces. Well done Ali - you are a star!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Gaby

For showing amazing perseverance with her learning. Gaby researched, reads and wonders us all with her amazing facts! Well done, you're incredible!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Hussam

Hussam has shown great perseverance in our Writing lessons this week. He is always looking for ideas to extend his work and include features of our writing tool kit. Well done Hussam - keep it up!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Yunus

Yunus showed enthusiasm in maths this week. He worked hard to find common factors of a number and shared his knowledge with the class. Brilliant work Yunus!

Winston Churchill Year 6: Nada

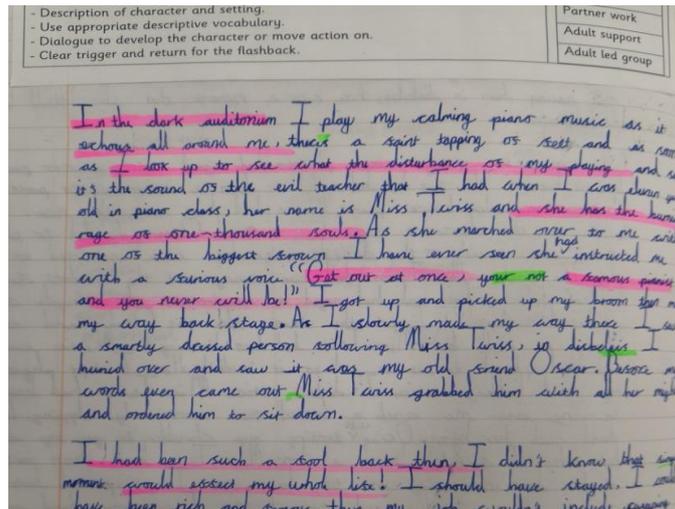
I have been really impressed by Nada's behaviour and fantastic attitude during our Into University week. She has been focused on all the learning, keen to share her ideas in discussions and listened respectfully to others. Keep it up Nada - great work!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Mya

Mya listened really well during our maths measurement lesson and when the work became particularly hard, she persevered and scored 100% in the task.

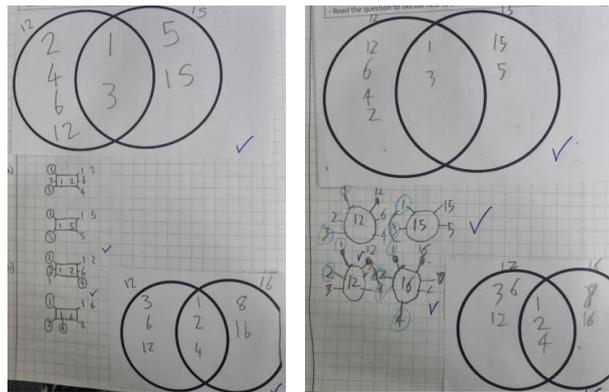
Fantastic Work

Year 6



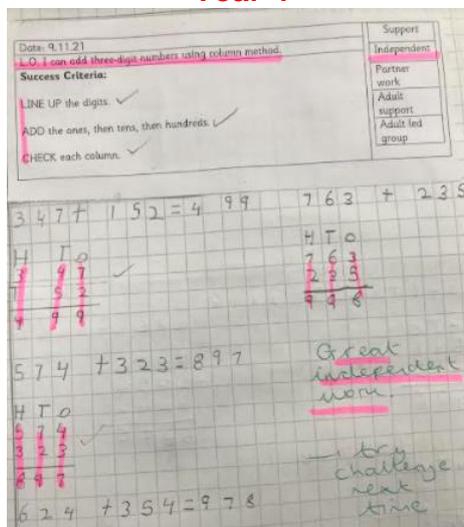
Some descriptive writing which explored a character's feelings after a flashback

Year 5



Year 5 are learning how to find common factors of a number. Najibah and Abdullahi took extra care with their presentation and worked through the problem systematically.

Year 4



Rumaysa is working well independently, presenting her work neatly and taking on feedback to challenge herself. Well done Rumaysa!

Year 3



Year 3 were Shang Dynasty priests and made their own oracle bones out of clay, bringing the Shang Dynasty to life!

Year 2



Year 2 have started learning about Materials in their Science lessons. This week they learnt lots of new vocabulary to describe different materials and then went on a hunt to find examples.

Reception



In Reception our core book - Along Came a Different sparked some fun discussions after we were all split into groups based on what we were wearing. We all agreed being separated was not fun and being different is fantastic. We were relieved when we could all play together again.

Nursery



Nursery have enjoyed learning about Diwali this week and discussing other celebrations that we celebrate throughout the year. We made our very own Diwali lanterns and lamp holders.

2 Year Olds



The 2-year olds have been very busy this week. With making our own fireworks and poppies. We have also been sorting the blocks into colour, making towers and trying to write.

Parent Messages

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.

December 3rd	Children Emotional wellbeing
December 10 th	Christmas activities in Islington for the holidays

Children in Need



The school will be hosting a fancy dress day to help raise money for the event of Children in Need. This day will take place on the 19th of November and will consist of lots of fun, learning, awareness and feel good fundraising!

Children are allowed to dress up in their own choice of costume. There is a donation fee of £1 per child. Please bring this in to school to add to our fundraising pot!

P.S

A special character will be walking around the school to collect the donations!

