

Newsletter

3. 14th February 2020

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Last week we had elections for our school council. All the children listened to the candidates in their classes and then voted for who they thought would best represent them. Pupil voice is really important so that we can work together to keep improving Duncombe. The first school council meeting was held on Tuesday 11th February and we had a very special guest attending. Helle Thorning-Schmidt who was the first female Prime Minister in Denmark, came to visit Duncombe. She met with the newly elected school council and gave an assembly all about democracy and children's rights.



As you read this, it will be the last day of half term. I hope you all have a lovely week off and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes,
Helen

Every week, teachers chose one child from each class who has been outstanding in their achievement and they have tea with Helen. Our *Duncombe Superstars* last week were :

Eric Carle Nursery: Ava PM

For following one of our Circle Time rules - I can remember to help others. Ava remembered how to help a child when he/she was sad or hurt. Well done Ava! You're a little star.

Malakai PM - For following one of our Circle Time rules - I can remember to stand in line quietly. Malakai was a role model on our way to the Library. Well done, Malakai! You are a little star!

Tony Ross Reception: Mohamed

For trying really hard with phonics and doing some lovely, neat writing. Also for being a quick listener and a kind friend towards others.

Judith Kerr Reception: Aliiza

For showing that she can concentrate on her learning. What a super star in maths this week! Aliiza knows her number bonds to 10! Keep up the great work!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Mia

For the excellent quality of her writing this week. Mia is joining her handwriting, has excellent spelling and is using question marks accurately.

Francis Drake Year 1: Deniz

For being so enthusiastic on our trip to St Paul's Cathedral. Deniz was ready, respectful and safe at all times on the trip.

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Mason

For asking fantastic questions in Science this week. He has shown great enthusiasm to learn animals and their habitats. Well done!

Marie Curie Year 2: Omar

For putting 100% effort into everything he does. He is always ready to tackle any challenge without hesitation. Great work Omar!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Yasmin

For her unwavering focus and excellent behaviour for learning. She cares about her progress, works well with others and is an absolute pleasure to have in the class.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Jade

For being an excellent addition to Michael Faraday Class. She is a valuable member of the class and is polite and kind to other children at all times. We are very happy to have her.

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Charlotte

For making good progress in writing. She has been working hard and her pieces are a joy to read!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Alex Watts

For always being ready and respectful. What a super role model!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Mia

For being a responsible and helpful member of MLK. She is a positive role model who tries really hard in all her learning

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Carly

For always setting a great example. She is determined and never gives up. Carly works well alone as well as part of the team, she never needs to be reminded of the school rules. Well done!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Jumana

For a positive and hard working attitude to her learning

Winston Churchill Year 6: Sumaya A

For always striving to be the best she can be. She is a positive role-model to the rest of the class.

Attendance: Our whole school target is 96.5% .

ES: 81% FD:83% MC:82.% FN:88%

MF:89% IN: 84% WS:85% CB:89%

MLK:88% EP:84% WC:87% NM:86%

Arsenal Foundation :

Arsenal does lots of work to support Islington Schools. They contributed £15,000 towards the football pitch that was installed last July. Two weeks ago Arsenal player Reiss Nelson came to Duncombe to train with our football team. Everybody had a wonderful time and the team learnt a lot from Reiss as he shared his skills and experience. The Guardian featured an article about the day which includes an interview with Nelson himself and why he believed it was important to come to Duncombe.



