

16/07/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

Today was 'stepping up' day at Duncombe. All of the children went to meet their new class teachers and visit their new classrooms. The new class list is provided on the next page, please do have a look at who your child/rens new teacher will be in September.

Goodbye:

As we draw to the end of the year, we have to say 'goodbye' to some members of staff. Kirstie, the deputy head, has worked at Duncombe for twenty years and, (following a restructure of the SLT), is leaving us to pursue a new career outside schools. Kirstie has been an integral part of the school for a long time and has been a key part of Duncombe's success. Most recently, she has built up the provision for pupil pastoral support, mental health and well-being post-lockdown. Kirstie has watched many families grow up through the school and witnessed lots of change throughout the years. As the deputy during my first two years at Duncombe her calm, professional and insightful presence has certainly supported me, the staff and children during some very challenging times.

Kate is moving back to Bristol with her family and to work at a school there. Jane is also leaving, to become a Headteacher at a school in Westminster. Taljeet has been promoted to become a deputy head in another school and Phoebe is off to Manchester University. We wish all of them the very best of luck in their future endeavours and thank them for their hard work.

Hello:

We welcome three new teachers in September. Catherine Hunter will join as a reception teacher and EYFS SENCO, Zoe Rickard year 2 teacher and KS1 Phase lead and Jessie Brill, year 6 teacher and maths lead.

Best wishes,
Helen

Dates for your diary:

Monday 19th July – Year 5 & Year 6 having online safety workshops

Tuesday 20th July – permitted religious observance day for Muslim families celebrating Eid

Tuesday 20th July – summer music concert (to be filmed for parents)

Wednesday 21st July – Year 4 trip to Whittington Park

Thursday 22nd July – Year 6 leavers prom

Friday 23rd July – End of term (Year 6 11am finish; rest of school 1:30pm finish)



New Classes 2021-2022



As this very unusual school year draws to an end and we reflect on everything we have achieved, we are also starting to look ahead at the new school year. For all of us there is a focus on endings as well as new beginnings. To help smooth the transition for the children, classes have spent some time 'stepping-up' with their new class teachers today. Below you will see the name of next year's class teachers and which classes they will each have.

Current Class	Current Teacher	New Class	New Teacher
n/a	n/a	Nursery Eric Carle	Alix Balding
n/a	n/a	Rec Judith Kerr	Catherine Hunter
n/a	n/a	Rec Tony Ross	Anca Botezatu & Ellie Mahon
Rec Judith Kerr	Taljeet Sidhu & Jane Carrington	Y1 Ernest Shackleton	Ruth Dignam-Murphy
Rec Tony Ross	Anca Botezatu	Y1 Francis Drake	Emily Metcalfe
Y1 Francis Drake	Emily Metcalfe	Y2 Marie Curie	Zoe Karmann
Y1 Ernest Shackleton	Saffa Karim	Y2 Florence Nightingale	Saffa Karim
Y2 Florence Nightingale	Caroline Haydon	Y3 Isaac Newton	Alex Wood
Y2 Marie Curie	Ruth Dignam-Murphy	Y3 Michael Faraday	Jamie McQuillan
Y3 Michael Faraday	Jamie McQuillan	Y4 Charlotte Bronte	Ruth Traynor
Y3 Isaac Newton	Alex Wood	Y4 William Shakespeare	Jyothi Misiri
Y4 William Shakespeare	Jyothi Misiri	Y5 Martin Luther King	Nazia Hussain
Y4 Charlotte Bronte	Ruth Traynor	Y5 Emmeline Pankhurst	Dan Hoddinot
Y5 Emmeline Pankhurst	Dan Hoddinot	Y6 Winston Churchill	Jessie Brill
Y5 Martin Luther King	Nazia Hussain & Kate Davis	Y6 Nelson Mandela	Eugene Toerien

There has also been a 'stay and play' session today to welcome the new Reception children to their classes.

Staff teams have met to hand over key information about the children so that new teachers are as familiar as possible with their new classes and specific needs.



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson
86.7%

Isaac Newton
95.4%

Eric Carle
80.3%

Michael Faraday
94.2%

Judith Kerr
95.3%

William Shakespeare
97.5%

Tony Ross
91%

Charlotte Bronte
95.4%

Earnest Shackleton
94.3%

Martin Luther King
87.8%

Francis Drake
91.6%

Emmeline Pankhurst
82.4%

Florence Nightingale
95.7%

Marie Curie
95.9%

The whole school's attendance is 92.1%



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Faith

For always trying her best and helping others out. Your confidence is growing every day, which is lovely to see. Well done, Faith.

Eric Carle Nursery: Havin K

For always being kind and offering to help others in the nursery. Well done Havin!

Tony Ross: Cleo

For working so hard at home and bringing her homework "All about me. What a fantastic job you did!

Judith Kerr Reception: Junainah

For being polite, respectful and having exceptional behaviour in the class at all times. Thank you Junainah you star!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Ibrahim

Ibrahim has been working extremely hard this week! He has become so independent in his writing and used amazing adjectives to describe the Rainbow fish! Well done Ibrahim!

Francis Drake Year 1: Alex

Alex has been working very hard this week. He produced a beautiful piece of persuasive writing. He is a ray of sunshine in the class and we are very proud of him!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Elijah- Elijah has been putting a lot of effort into his studies; he has made a powerpoint presentation about Earth and Space- I can't wait to hear it!

Inaya- Inaya is always ready, respectful and safe. She is always focused in lessons and always listens to instructions- well done Inaya!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Ethan I and Yosan

For brilliant behaviour throughout our trip to Hampstead Heath. They were helpful and kind all day

Marie Curie Year 2: Faris

Faris has worked extremely hard this week in his maths. He has loved learning all about measurement, weight and capacity! What a superstar!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Amon

For making fantastic progress with his behaviour. He tries really hard to stay on task and is a very kind and caring member of the year 3 team. Keep up the fantastic work Amon. We are so proud of you. You are becoming a respect and safe boy who is ready to learn.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Yonatan

Yonatan sets a great example to the whole of year 3 both in the classroom and in the playground. He is always focused and ready to learn in class and he is a great team player, especially when he is playing sports games. This is where he shines like a star!! We are super proud of you and all your hard work

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Hawa

For her creative writing. She is imaginative and expresses herself beautifully!

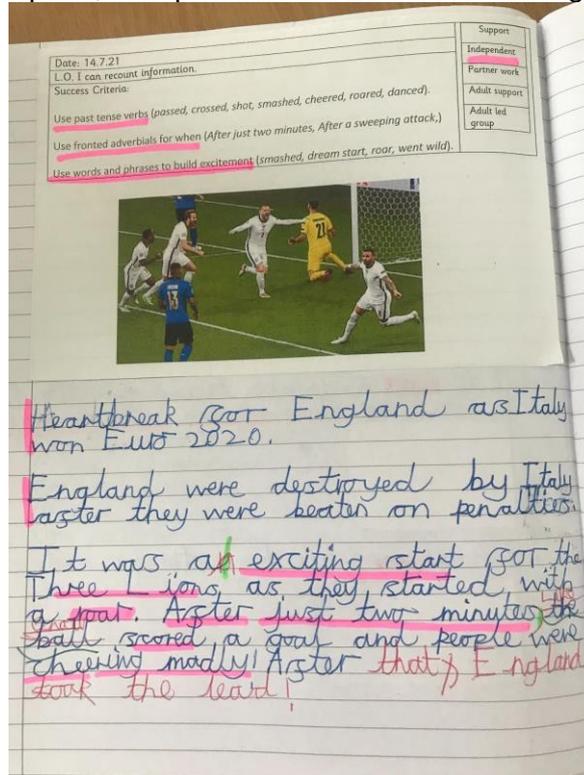
William Shakespeare Year 4: Charlie

For his enthusiasm and character. Charlie is so unique and is not afraid to be himself. He's a fantastic member of the class!

Fantastic Work

Year 4

Year 4 have been writing news reports, to capture the excitement of the England Italy final in the Euros 2020.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 has been learning all about measurement. Today we learnt about capacity and how many millilitres our water bottles and cups could hold.



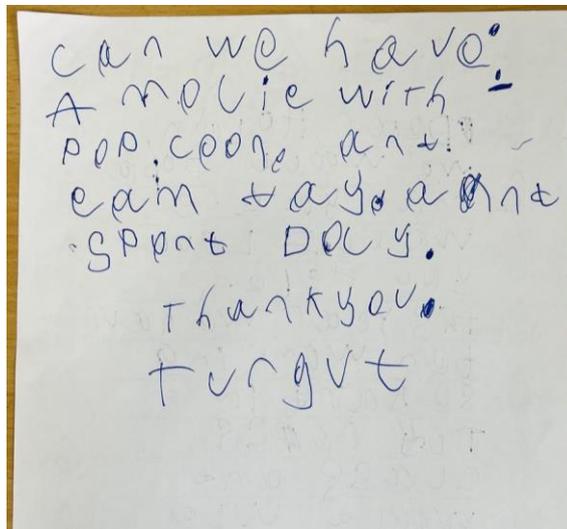
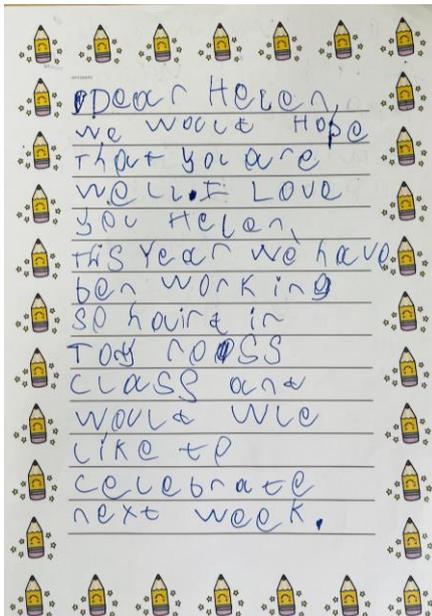
Year 1

This week we have been learning about half of a quantity and a quarter of a quantity. They all worked extremely hard!



Reception

This week, in reception, we have been writing letters to Helen, to ask her if we can have some fun activities in our last week of reception.



Nursery

This term in nursery we have been learning about growing plants from seeds. We have prepared the soil, planted bean seeds and watered them. As the seedlings grow we make sure they get a lot of sunlight. Our children are eager every day to check how their seeds are growing.



2 Year Olds

Little Nursery has been working so hard over the last couple of weeks and they are now starting to draw people and try to write their own name. We are so proud of them all.



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.

Academic Support at Into University

A local organisation called Into University offer free academic support to children in Years 3-6. For more information, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. This has also been emailed out to the relevant families.

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

Look ahead, not backwards

With change and transition approaching at the end of this school year and with covid restrictions easing, it is a time for looking ahead, not backwards. You can't change what once was. But you can choose how to live your life now. Focus on the future! Visualize who you want to be, what you want to learn, and where you want to end up during this challenging time. Look for those opportunities for refinement. This isn't always easy, but a shift in mindset can help you to adjust to change.

Would you like extra learning support for your child?



Sign up for our FREE
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ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLUB!

In addition to receiving homework help, your child will also develop their **literacy** and **numeracy** skills through studying an exciting subject each term - just like a university student!

WHO: Children in Year 3-6

WHEN: Tuesdays or Wednesday 3:30 - 5 pm

WHERE: IntoUniversity North Islington, 29 Marriot RD, N4 3QN

TO SIGN UP PLEASE VISIT US AT OUR CENTRE
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