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Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another wonderful week at Duncombe and are extremely impressed with the children's learning both at school and at home. I would particularly like to thank parents and carers for all your hard work with home learning. We appreciate all the support you are giving your children.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Helen

Message from Lorraine

Hello Children and Families,

During this Lockdown we want children and families to stay connected by all joining in a COMMUNITY ART PROJECT called PAPER DOLLS inspired by the Julia Donaldson book. It's simple and lots of fun!

All you need to do is make a PAPER DOLL.

It can be a Paper Doll of yourself, the people you love or people you haven't seen for a while.

To get started you can pick up a template and listen to the story being read by Kirstie on Google Classroom (<https://youtu.be/DzIU7P6OQKA>)

Drop your finished Paper Dolls into the DUNCOMBE POST BOX, which will be at the front of the school.

We can't wait to see them all!

Lorraine.





Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2 year olds: Yusuf

For working really hard at home to improve his speaking skills, we are all so proud. Thank you for all the photos you send on Google Classroom, you have been very busy. Well done.

Eric Carle Nursery: Dhaula

For consistent hard work on Google Classroom in both literacy and maths. I am so impressed and very proud of you, my little star!
Keep it up!

Tony Ross: Mila

For trying so hard to do the right thing and sitting beautifully on the carpet!

Judith Kerr Reception: Sophia

For outstanding effort with all her home learning. Sophia has been showing us some amazing learning. We especially loved her superhero and role play videos.

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Isabella

Isabella has been working consistently hard on Google Classroom. She is doing particularly well in phonics! Well done Isabella, you are a superstar!

Francis Drake Year 1: Amirah

For working so hard on Google Classroom. She is producing some great work and I am so impressed. Keep up the great work!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Munasir

For working hard on google classroom, completing all work and trying his best, well done!

Marie Curie Year 2: Yusuf

For excellent work on google classroom, impressive phonics work and doing an amazing science experiment in his homework!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Arrayan

For always trying his hardest with his home learning and producing some wonderful writing this week. The Year 3 teachers are always happy when we see Arrayan has submitted his work because we know it's going to be a great read.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Benjamin

Benjamin puts a lot of time and effort into his home learning and is producing great work across all subjects. Well done for trying so hard at home Benjamin, it's really paying off!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Hawa

For being an online superstar. Hawa submits learning every day and tries her best. A really enthusiastic learner, well done!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Muhammad A

For trying really hard with his remote learning. Muhammad made some excellent reflective comments in his RE this week and generally shows himself as a learner that always wants to learn more!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Ethan A

Ethan has had a wonderful week. He has worked so hard and has been ready to learn! Well done.

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Hashim

Hashim is making a fantastic effort with his home learning. He joins the register every morning and tries really hard with his tasks. We were so impressed with his work during reading lessons.

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Zarin

Zarin has worked hard this week when working from home. She produced an interesting persuasive letter with technical language linked to Victorian London. Great work Zarin!

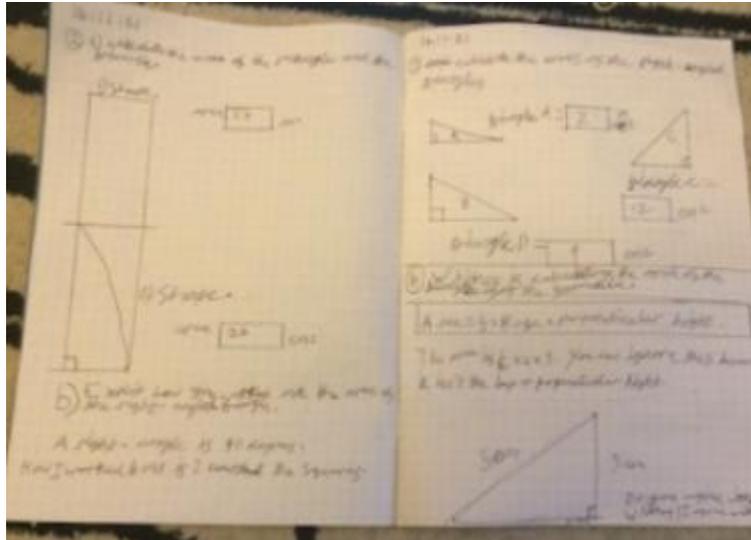
Winston Churchill Year 6: Arian

Arian has produced an excellent persuasive letter. He has used persuasive language, interesting vocabulary and technical language linked to Victorian London. Super work Arian!

Fantastic Work

Year 6

Carly in WC has completed her maths work to an amazingly high standard using the exercise books from school.



Year 5

Elijah has been researching the different countries in Europe.



Year 4

Trina drew a realistic animal and applied the different shading techniques she has learned.



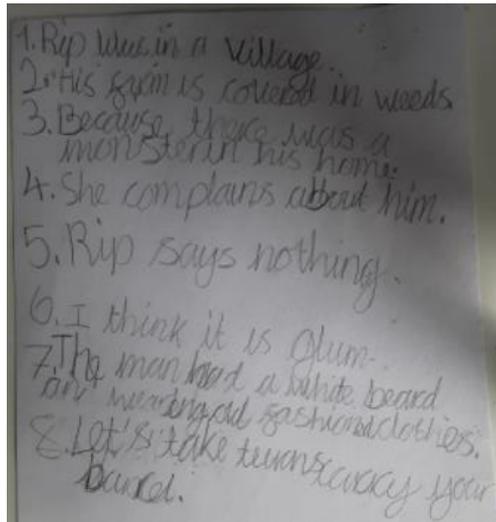
Year 3

India made a fantastic clock and has been using it to tell the time to quarter of an hour and five minute intervals.



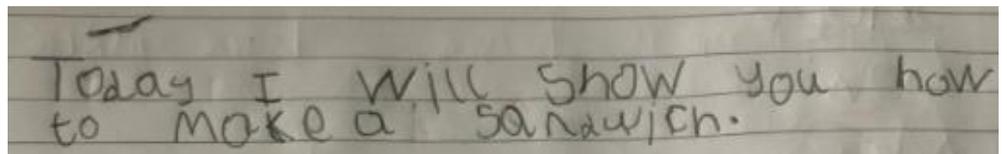
Year 2

It's great to see Mia completing her reading tasks and uploading what she has written!



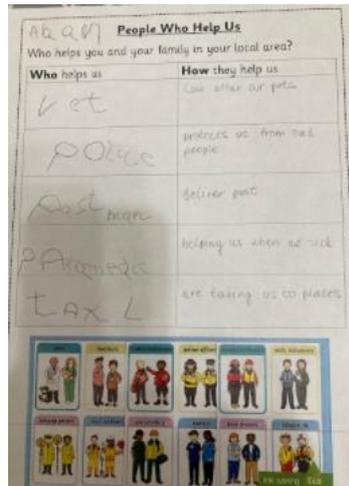
Year 1

Ayana made her jam sandwich and has written a set of instructions for how to do it.



Reception

Look at this amazing writing from Adam in Reception! You're clearly working hard on your letter formation and discussing your learning with your adults at home.



Nursery

Dhualagiri created her own fire engine using cardboard recycling.



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Ayaz played doctors to remember people who help us and made a string on paper chain dolls.



Well-being tip of the week: Sleep

Sleep is so important but it is not always easy to do and is even more challenging when you feel worried, anxious, or uncertain. Sleep has many benefits, including helping the body repair, strengthening the immune system, increasing productivity and improving your mood.

Watch [Simple Tips for Better Sleep from Every Mind Matters](#) to get some simple tips for better sleep or if you are struggling to fall asleep check out [tips for how to get to sleep from the NHS](#).

Online parent workshop supporting you with sleep

Islington Schools Wellbeing Service run workshops supporting families with sleep. In lockdown, they have produced this workshop as a video recording. The workshop is designed to:

Explain why sleep is important; Look at how much sleep children need; Explore 'sleep hygiene' and bed-time routines; Explore common problems and provide helpful strategies to parents/carers; Highlight the importance of promoting better sleep in uncertain times.

The workshop video is about 20 minutes long and can be viewed at your own convenience here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2fYDJ-MW1Y&feature=youtu.be>

Activity at Home

We thought we would add this feature to some of our weekly newsletters to help us feel connected while on lockdown. This week's is a recipe you might want to try making at home with your family. If you have a recipe you would like us to share with our Duncombe community, please do let us know, especially if it is traditional for your family's culture. You can email it (ideally with a photo of the dish) to success@duncombeprimary.co.uk You could also send us photos of this dish below if you try it at home and we will tweet them! @DuncombePrimary #duncombestayconnected

Shakshuka

Traditionally this is a breakfast dish in Turkey or Northern Africa but can be eaten anytime. The eggs are poached in a sauce of tomatoes.



Ingredients:

- 1tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 1 tin of (baked) beans (white beans such as haricot or cannellini)
- 1 tin of chopped tomatoes
- Spices such as cumin, paprika, chilli flakes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 eggs

To serve, bread and lettuce leaves or chopped parsley/ coriander/ chives

Method:

1. Fry the chopped onion and red pepper in oil in a wide (frying) pan. Once they have softened, add the (baked) beans and chopped tomatoes and bring to a simmer. Season with salt, pepper and your choice of spices to taste.
2. Using the back of a large spoon, make a dip in the sauce and carefully crack in your first egg. Take care not to break the yolk! Repeat this until all 4 eggs are in the pan.
3. Put a lid (or large plate) on the pan and continue to simmer for 6-8 minutes, until the eggs are cooked to your liking. Remove from the hob and spoon out into bowls. Serve with bread and lettuce leaves or fresh chopped herbs.

Don't forget:

Our wonderful Islington Library Service are recording lots of storytime videos for our children to enjoy:~

<https://www.youtube.com/c/islingtoneducationlibraryservicebookvideos>

Toolbox Childline website has some great resources (games, videos, exercises) to help children manage their emotions and well-being <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/>