

25/06/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

How are we doing?

With only a month to go until school breaks up for the summer holidays, we would like to find out what you think of the provision at Duncombe Primary School. Your feedback is really important, which is why I am introducing the annual parent and carers survey. The survey is quite straightforward and asks a number of questions about the school. By filling it in you will be helping us to understand what we are doing well and what needs to improve. The annual survey will be put into a report for all staff, governors and parents to see. Please click on the link here to complete it:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WP2TWDT>

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Best wishes,

Helen

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 30th June – Early Years have Ark Farm visit the school

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

Friday 2nd July – Early Years Theatre visit to the school

Monday 5th July – Year 3 trip to Highgate Woods

Tuesday 6th July – Year 4 Into University workshop in school

Wednesday 7th July – TBC KS1 & KS2 sports day (pupils only)

Wednesday 7th July & Thursday 8th July – new Reception parent meeting 4:30pm

Friday 9th July – Year 5 trip to Highgate Woods

Friday 9th July – Year 3 Into University workshops

Thursday 8th July – Year 6 trip to Chessington

Tuesday 13th July – Year 4 trip to a temple

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

Wednesday 21st July – Year 6 production (time tbc)

Thursday 22nd July – Year 6 leavers prom

Friday 23rd July – End of term (half day)



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson
75%

Isaac Newton
99%

Eric Carle
89%

Michael Faraday
96%

Judith Kerr
96%

William Shakespeare
98%

Tony Ross
97%

Charlotte Bronte
89%

Earnest Shackleton
92%

Martin Luther King
91%

Francis Drake
97%

Emmeline Pankhurst
96%

Florence Nightingale
94%

Nelson Mandela
96%

Marie Curie
98%

Winston Churchill
96%

The whole school's attendance between 17/06/2021 - 24/06/2021: 96%



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Yasmin

For settling in really well and starting to say bye to mum without crying. She is also starting to explore little nursery on her own.
Well done.

Eric Carle Nursery: Wassim

For beginning to take turns with friends during play. Well done! You are a star!

Tony Ross: Allina

For always being ready to learn, safe and respectful. You are a wonderful role model to everyone around you.
Allina, you are a super star!

Judith Kerr Reception: Cephas

For using his phonics to write about the ducks. Well done Cephas, keep up the great writing!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Khaliil

Khaliil has started to become a lot more independent in his learning. He has blown everyone away with the progression he has made in his reading. He is able to read fluently and tackle tricky words. Well done Khaliil!

Francis Drake Year 1: Brianna

Brianna has settled in beautifully to Francis Drake class. She is extremely polite and always puts 110% into every piece of work she does. Well done Brianna, you are an absolute pleasure to teach.

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Mostafa

Mostafa has been working really hard on his writing assessment this week; he has really been pushing himself in our writing lessons to extend his work and he has produced two amazing paragraphs so far- I can't wait to read the rest.
Well done Mostafa, keep up the hard work!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Sabrin

We are so proud of how much effort Sabrin has been putting into her reading recently. She remembers to bring her book in every day and read her latest novel all the way to the end.
Keep it up Sabirin!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Aaliyah

For working consistently hard and being polite to all others. Well done Aaliyah!

Winston Churchill Year 6: Hamza

For the care and attention, he puts into his writing. He is able to help others to improve their work. He has shown a great deal of improvement in his focus this week. Keep it up!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Jawad

Well done Jawad this week. He has settled into Duncombe so well and it is a pleasure to have in class.
His smile lights up the room!

Marie Curie Year 2: Sohrab

A huge well done to Sohrab this week. He has really been focusing well in lessons and I am so proud to see the excellent work he is producing.

Isaac Newton Year 3: Gaby

Gaby has had a great week! She is kind to her teachers and classmates and always happy to help. She has made a great effort in her work and is making wonderful progress. Well done Gaby!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Ibrahim

Ibrahim has been a great role model for his class this week, always showing a positive attitude to his learning and being ready to answer questions and share ideas. Ibrahim has tried really hard across all subjects this week, especially in English and Maths and we're very proud of him!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Trina

For her enthusiasm for life and learning.
Well done Trina!

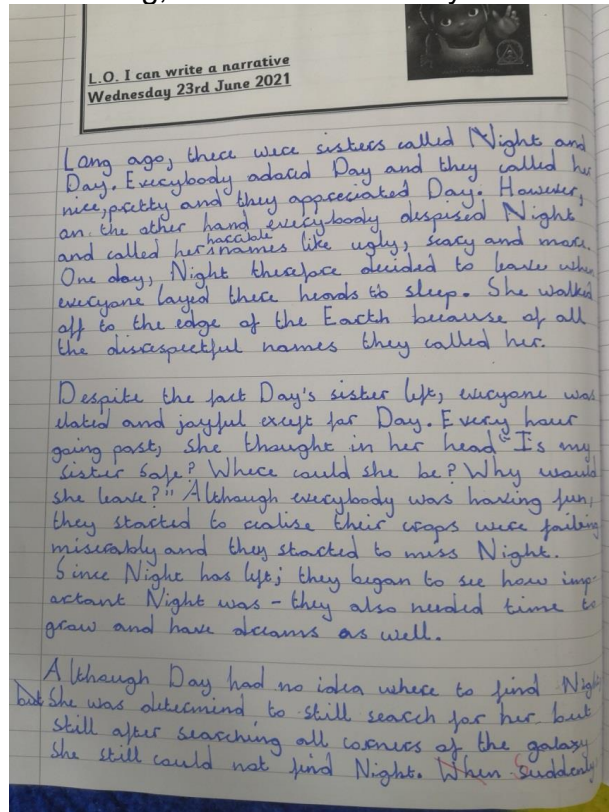
William Shakespeare Year 4: Christopher

Christopher has transformed himself as a learner this year. He has developed his independence, his attitude and his desire to learn. Instead of letting feedback get him down, he looks at his mistakes and faces them head on. I also can't forget to mention how lovely and kind he is to all. You go Christopher!

Fantastic Work

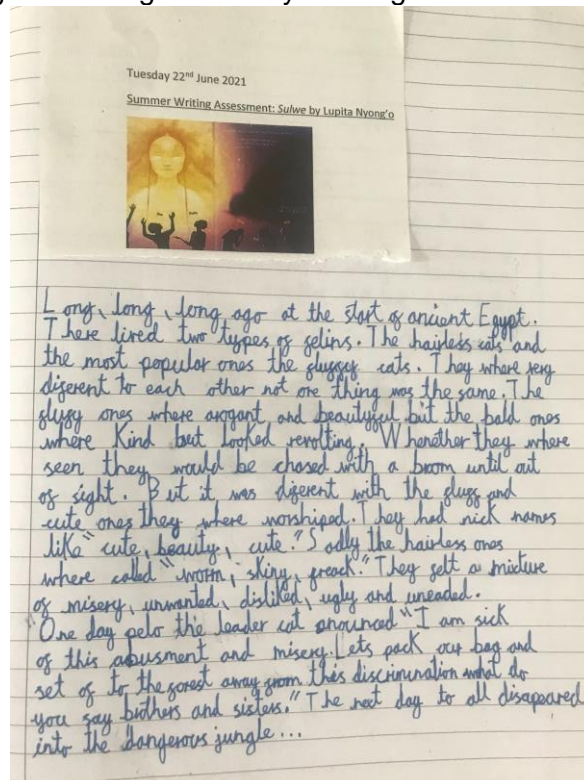
Year 6

Deshay's thoughtful piece of writing, which includes the year 6 standards. Well done Deshay!



Year 4

Rafael has given the legend of Day and Night his own imaginative spin.



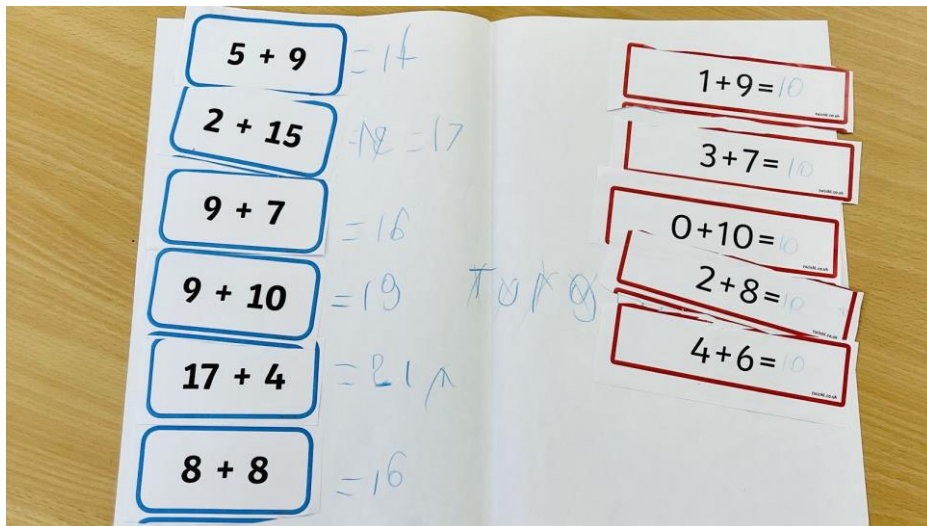
Year 1

This week we have been learning all about sharing in maths. Hira here is sharing 20 cubes into two equal groups. They have all been working so enthusiastically! Well done Year 1!



Reception

Turqut enjoys the maths sessions so much. He loves to share his knowledge with his peers and pass on his enthusiasm for learning. He likes adding up and write number sentences.



Nursery

This week in nursery we have been reading the book "I am enough" and learning about how we are all unique. We have created faces using objects such as wool, buttons, beads, sticky shapes etc.

2 Year Olds

This term we have been looking at Colours.

Livvi-Loiuse was able to say the colours and put the bean bags in the correct coloured hoop. Olivia was not only able to match the colours but also the shape of the nuts and bolts. Good job Girls.



Parent Messages

Year 6

Dear parents/ carers of Winston Churchill Class,

As you will know, Katija Ali has been covering Paulina's maternity leave in your child's class. We made the decision to put Katija in the class because we were concerned that the impact of lost learning during lockdown would have a negative impact on the children in this very important year.

We are delighted with the progress that Year 6 have made with Katija and Eugene and are confident that they will do extremely well in the end of year assessments which were completed last week.

From next week, Katija is needed to perform her wider duties as an Assistant Headteacher and will be handing over the class to Mr. James Noronha. Mr. Noronha is an experienced teacher in primary and secondary and will be supporting the children with their transition work for secondary and the Year 6 production.

I hope you will join me in thanking Katija for stepping up and teaching the class for the past two terms. I know she has enjoyed teaching them and is very proud of their progress.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Helen

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

Remember your own good points

We all have them, and none of us is perfect either. It can be easy to think that others are more talented, more successful, have more opportunity than us, when you are feeling low in mood. Remind yourself about the things you do well, and looking for evidence of this can help to balance out critical thoughts about yourself, which tend to increase when we are stressed.