



Newsletter

25/09/2020

Message from the headteacher:

Dear parents and carers,

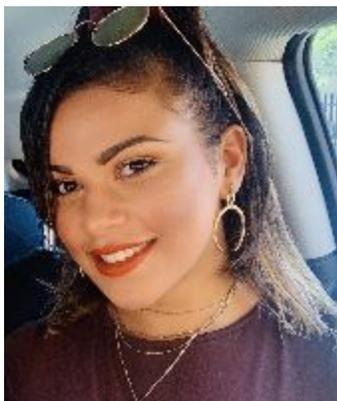
It has been another fantastic week of learning at Duncombe. Children have really impressed me with their focus and interest in their lessons around the school. The classrooms are bright and inviting. A big thank you to all the staff for their hard work.

You will have noticed that we have sectioned the playground off and parents need to stand behind the red and white ropes. I am sorry that we have to do this but the increase in Covid 19 cases across the country continues to rise- so we have to keep adults at a social distance. Thank you for the majority of parents who are wearing masks - we are determined to keep Duncombe safe and open.

Wishing you a happy Friday and lovely weekend,

Helen

New staff member of the week:



Hi everyone, my name is Jyothi Misiri and I'm a new teacher in Year 4! I did my first year of teaching last year in a place called Loughborough (a good few hours north of London). I worked in a class that was half year 3 and half year 4 (there were only four classrooms in the whole entire school!) I am absolutely loving Duncombe so far - all of the children and adults are so interesting and fun to work with. I absolutely love working with children and think the adults in the world can learn a lot from them!

Something you may not know about me is that when I was in primary school, I loved singing. I was a member of the choir, had multiple solo pieces in performances across different concerts and even managed to get on the radio once! Make sure you say hi if you see me around school!

Parent Survey

We would like you to complete a very important survey to give the school feedback on home learning during lockdown. We want to ensure that we give you and your children the best support and learning possible so your views are very important to us. Please give us as much information as possible. Use the link below to take the survey

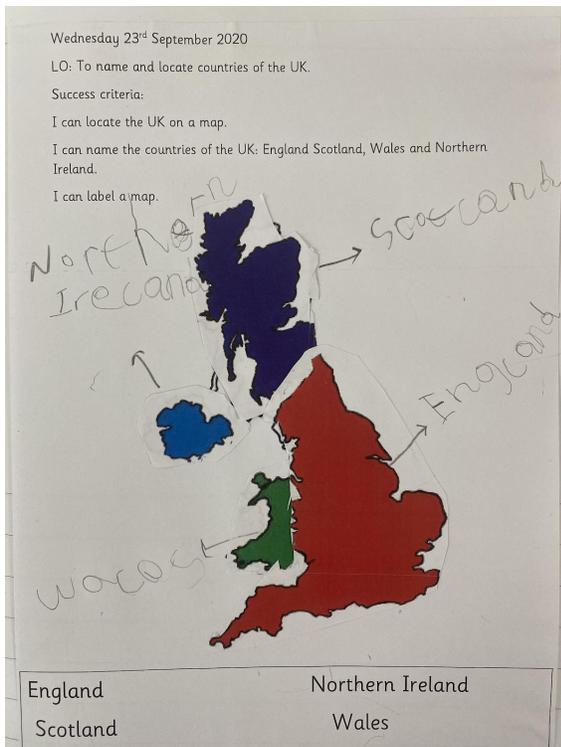
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Garden Classroom:

Year 1 were the last class to enjoy the Garden Classroom trip to Foxham Gardens this week. They did brilliantly walking there with their little legs and loved every minute of exploring the outside space, collecting natural objects, creating their colourful pebbles and of course the picnic with their friends. Having time to talk to their teacher was very special too. We hope to run more of these outdoor learning days in the future, even if we don't always get so lucky with the weather!

Fantastic Work:



By Inara in ES Class.



Year 3 went hunting for Traction Man



Celebration Award



2 Year olds: Arabella

For settling into little nursery really well and for saying goodbye to Mummy and Daddy everyday so far. Well done!

Eric Carle Nursery: Melissa

For settling in so quickly and accessing daily the Art and Modelling Area. She likes to do junk modelling. This week, Melissa made a “shaker”. Well done, Melissa! You are a little star!

Tony Ross: Nusaybah

For always being ready to learn, kind and helpful to all her friends. Her beautiful drawings of rainbows have made everyone smile. Well done!

Judith Kerr Reception: Saffa

For settling in so quickly and always being ready and respectful by demonstrating good listening at all times and a can-do attitude to activities and tidy up time!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Kyra

Kyra has made excellent progress in her writing and is showing more and more confidence everyday. Well done Kyra, keep up the amazing work!

Francis Drake Year 1: Nathalia

She has shown great enthusiasm in all lessons and is always ready to learn! Well done Nathalia!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Jacob

Jacob has settled in with ease after joining the class late. He has constantly set the example, been respectful and worked hard. Well done Jacob!

Marie Curie Year 2: Djorn

A huge well done to Djorn this week! He is always working hard and challenging himself whether it's in English, Maths or even PE! What a great role model for the rest of the class.

Isaac Newton Year 3: Elio

Being ready, respectful and safe. Elio has come to school with a very positive attitude and has been working really well with the other children in Year 3. Keep up the good work!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Mohsin

Mohsin always tries his best and has an excellent attitude to his school work. His behaviour is a wonderful example to the rest of the class. Well done Mohsin!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Trina

She is always ready, respectful and safe. She works hard and her enthusiasm makes lessons more fun!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Yamina

She always chooses to do the right thing and does it with a smile. She is kind, polite, respectful and always ready to learn. Well done!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Shad

Shad is a superstar! He tries hard in all his lessons and has been working well with other children. Shad is always ready to learn. What a great start to Year 5.

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Amima

She is constantly working hard, listening and always makes an effort with school work. She is very kind to the children in our class and is polite to staff.

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Nisanur

For her positive attitude to her learning and for working hard in her reading lessons.

Winston Churchill Year 6: Suhana

Well done for settling in. She works very hard in lessons and her work is always completed to the best of her abilities. Well done!

Class Attendance:

Our attendance has really improved this week.

Our goal is 96.5%

Currently at: 95%

Nelson Mandela - 95%	Winston Churchill -93%
Emmeline Pankhurst -100%	Martin Luther King - 97%
Charlotte Bronte -100%	William Shakespeare -100%
Michael Faraday - 95%	Isaac Newton -100%
Marie Curie - 86%	Florence Nightingale - 95%
Francis Drake - 89%	Ernest Shackleton - 90%
Tony Ross - 92%	Judith Kerr - 98%
Julie Donaldson- 73%	Eric Carle-100%

Important Messages:

Attendance- Remember your child should be in school every day unless they are unwell. The symptoms of Covid-19 are a high temperature of 37.5 and a dry, persistent cough. If they show these symptoms, they should be checked.

Before and after school: - Do not play on the new playground equipment after school and do not play football. This is for everyone's safety and to ensure that we are social distancing.

Our new website:

As previously mentioned in a recent newsletter, we have a new school website; <https://www.duncombeprimary.co.uk/> . If you haven't seen it already, please do take a look. As parents, you may find the year group pages most useful as a quick reference for information that applies to your child(ren); <https://www.duncombeprimary.co.uk/year-groups> . The year group pages have links to the latest weekly updates for the class, any parent/carer letters that have been emailed home, the class timetable, the year group's curriculum map, upcoming events in the calendar and many links for home learning relevant to the age group. The News & Events tab; <https://www.duncombeprimary.co.uk/news-events> also has key information such as term dates, all whole school newsletters such as this one and we have created a Covid-19 page where we will keep uploading useful information about how schools are managing it.

Let's also take this opportunity to remind those of you who use twitter, that we have a school twitter account where we share latest news and events, why not follow us @DuncombePrimary?

Update on parent visits:

In a previous newsletter we wrote that we hoped to invite parents into school in small groups to visit their child's class, however, with the tighter restrictions due to Covid-19, unfortunately we won't be able to do this. We are looking into other options available to help parents feel as connected as possible to the school, even with the social distancing measures we must have in place. Thank you for your patience and understanding.