



# Newsletter 2. 27th January 2020

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

It's been another busy and successful week at Duncombe. I have done a number of learning walks with the SLT team and the Head of School Improvement at Islington. I have been so pleased to see the focus and hard work that is happening across the school. I have been speaking with many of the children and reminding them that the best way to improve is to be confident to make mistakes- that's how we learn. To listen and ask questions and to have self-belief in our ability. All of these characteristics are what your children will need throughout their lives. I will be sending out a survey this week to find out what else you think are the core characteristics and values we should be developing in our wonderful pupils .

Have a lovely week !

Helen



Helen attended the launch of Islington Council's 100 hours of work. By the end of primary school we commit to your child learning and participating in 40 hours of work related activities. Children and young people will be the future leaders, employers and employees driving London's economy and many will be working in jobs that do not currently exist. Duncombe is delighted to have signed up to this fantastic initiative with Islington Council and a large number of companies. Every child at Duncombe will have the opportunity to meet people who work in different sectors and find out what qualifications and skills are needed.

## Celebration and Attendance Assembly Winners

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 :

Fjona NM

Gracie WC

Ibrahim EP

Bagryana MLK

Suhana CB

Victoria WS

Christopher MF

DD IN

Gaby MC

Lily-Rose FN

Jack FC

Lavin ES

Zara EC AM

Sebastian EC PM

**Attendance:** Our whole school target is 96.5% . Any child who reaches this at the end of the Summer term will be eligible for a raffle ticket to win a host of prizes including, scooters, Nintendo Light, Football Summer Scheme vouchers, tickets to London Zoo, books and lots of other exciting prizes. We know that very occasionally your child will be too sick to come to school, but we also know that some children stay off too often. Send your child to school , on time, every day.

Last week's overall attendance was **94.8%**

## Dates for your diary :

Parents Evening : 11th March

School closed for London Assembly and Mayoral Elections : 7th May

Try out our new boxing club that takes place on a Tuesday and gymnastics on a Wednesday!



