



# Newsletter

9/10/2020

## Message from the headteacher:

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very busy week here at Duncombe. The senior leadership team has been observing lots of the teachers teaching and children learning in their classrooms. We have been delighted by what we are seeing across the school, calm and focussed children and effective teaching. We know that we have a lot of work to do in the school to get the children the best possible education and school experience. The teachers are all working incredibly hard to plan good lessons for your children and it really shows in the children's books and across the school.

Wishing you a happy Friday and lovely weekend,

Helen

## Parent Survey- Reminder

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

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfY-iJb0o7fY-GnkE2CyHgGocKTCbULypTt4E6TyCUDvxEJmw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfY-iJb0o7fY-GnkE2CyHgGocKTCbULypTt4E6TyCUDvxEJmw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## New staff member of the week: Emily Metcalfe Year 1



I am originally from Middlesbrough in the North East of England. My favourite children's author is Roal Dahl and my favourite book of his is the Twits. I am loving being a Year 1 teacher and studied childhood studies and health care as my undergraduate degree. I went to University in Newcastle. My favourite subject is History and I love to go to different museums in London (especially the Natural History Museum) in my spare time. I'm actually booked to go to the Museum of London this Saturday!

## Doodle Maths:

Duncombe now has a subscription to a new online maths programme called DoodleMaths. It is a fantastic way to challenge your child at home as it adjusts automatically to their level based on the answers they give. Children will have the opportunity to receive certificates and prizes in school for their handwork.

All teachers have been given the children's login and Caroline will be working with children across the school in the coming weeks to ensure everyone knows how to use it.



## Fantastic Work:

Year 2 looked at how to keep healthy. We did an experiment with germs (pepper) and soap to see how soap can kill germs and keep our bodies safe and healthy!





## **Celebration Award**



### **2YO: Yusuf**

For being a great friend and for really trying to use his words. Keep it up!

### **Eric Carle Nursery: Mohamed**

For being a big helper during the tidy up times. I am so proud of you, Mohamed! You are a little star!

### **Tony Ross: Adile**

For always being ready, respectful and safe!

### **Judith Kerr Reception: Aiden**

For always being such a good friend both in the playground and in the classroom. He is always there for his friends when they need some help!

### **Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Khadija**

Khadija always shows that she is ready, respectful and safe. She has excellent manners and always takes part in discussions with great enthusiasm. Well done Khadija!

### **Francis Drake Year 1: Abdulrahman**

Abdulrahman has been a super maths star. He always finishes all of his work to an amazing standard and helps his friends who may need a hand. Well done Abdulrahman!

### **Florence Nightingale Year 2: Jack**

For always putting in 100% effort, being respectful and for explaining his answers so well when he puts his hand up in lessons. Well done Jack you star!

### **Marie Curie Year 2: Mia**

Mia is an exceptional young girl. She is always participating in every lesson and constantly challenges herself. Her kindness and positivity lights up the room!

### **Isaac Newton Year 3: Sirac**

Sirac has been ready to learn and respectful to others. He has been working really hard to improve his handwriting and his spelling. You are a fabulous example to the children at Duncombe school. Well done!

### **Michael Faraday Year 3: Mohammed**

Mohammed always tries his best and sets a great example for other children in the class. He is always very keen to add to class discussions and has made some amazing contributions to our class this week. Congratulations.

### **Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Muntaha**

For her creative writing this week. Well done Muntaha!

**William Shakespeare Year 4: Rayan**

Rayan gives 100% in everything he does and takes real pride in learning and being a kind and thoughtful human being. He has written some English work this week which gave me goosebumps! Well done Rayan!

**Martin Luther King Year 5: Ruwaida**

For her excellent ideas in her poetry lesson and for the lovely calm way in which she works with other children. She is so respectful.

**Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Alex**

Always putting in 100% effort into every piece of school work he does. Alex is always willing to contribute to class discussion and listens respectfully to his classmates and members of staff.

**Nelson Mandela Year 6: Ifrah**

She works diligently and takes time to ensure her work is accurate and neatly presented.

**Winston Churchill Year 6: Hamza**

For improving his behaviour dramatically. He's been awarded with a platinum reward on the 'Good to be Green' chart. He's been working very hard in his English lessons to improve his writing.

**School Attendance:**

Our attendance has risen this week. Fantastic !

Our goal is 96.5%

Currently a

t: 97.8%

Nelson Mandela - 96%	Winston Churchill - 97.4%
Emmeline Pankhurst - 97%	Martin Luther King - 97.8%
Charlotte Bronte - 96.6%	William Shakespeare - 100%
Michael Faraday - 98.8%	Isaac Newton - 100%
Marie Curie - 97.8%	Florence Nightingale - 96.3%
Francis Drake - 97.7%	Ernest Shackleton - 98.9%
Tony Ross - 99.0%	Judith Kerr - 97.3%
Julia Donaldson - 86.4%	Eric Carle - 95.4%

**Important Messages:**

## **Year 6 pupils' secondary school choices**

Applications for your child's secondary school need to be submitted before the end of the month. It is very important that this deadline is not missed. Please call the school office if you have any queries or need support with this.

## **Toilet Twinning**

Don't forget that we will be fundraising across the month of October to help build a toilet block for a school in Malawi to enable a school in poverty to have a lifesaving loo block for the children who attend. We will be asking for a donation of 50p from each family and our staff will be contributing £1.

Please look at the website below if you'd like to learn more about this important charity.

<https://www.toilettwinning.org/>