



Newsletter

4. 28th February 2020

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a fantastic half term break. It's lovely to see the children back in school and ready to learn. We have had a very positive start to the half term and are looking forward to many exciting things this half term.

Duncombe School Rules

This week we are focusing on the rule 'Being Respectful'. We have been thinking about how we can treat ourselves, others and property with respect. Class points are being given out to classes showing respect to everyone in our Duncombe community.

Year 4 Trip

This week Year 4 went on a trip to City University to learn African drumming from a real musician. They had a wonderful time and they learnt a great deal. Esila said, "It was really nice! We learnt all about panalog drumming. My favorite part was when we made up our own beats."

New Visitors

This week in Reception we have been very excited to welcome some little visitors to our class - baby chicks! They arrived on Monday as eggs in their nice, warm incubator and hatched on Wednesday. The children have really enjoyed watching the changes as the eggs cracked and then the chicks hatched and grew fluffier! We have been learning about how to take care of them and enjoyed holding them using very gentle hands.



March Mathletics Maths Challenge 2020.

Mark the dates on your calendar: **2nd - 8th March 2020 (Monday - Sunday)**

Start warming up! Students should use their usual Mathletics usernames and password.

Plan your outfits for the World Maths Day bonus challenge on the 4th March!

Time to Talk Workshops

Upper phase took part in workshops which they considered what makes them happy, what behaviour makes them feel happy and how they can help create a healthy happy school.

Change to parents Evening

The amended date for parents' evening is Tuesday 31st March. Please put this in your diary. You will be able to book time slots nearer the time. There will be no After School Club on this date.

Reception Parents' Storytime Session

This will take place on Thursdays from 9-9:20 am and is an opportunity to share the joy of reading with your child. After dropping your child off, please sign up with Lula and join your child in their classroom to choose and enjoy a story together.

Into University

This is a charity we work with closely at Duncombe which runs academic support sessions for primary children. As well as working directly with our KS2 classes with workshops, focus weeks and trips, their academic support sessions are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm where graduate staff and university educated volunteers support with improving literacy and numeracy. Their local centre is based, not far from Duncombe. They ask that you register by emailing or calling the centre before your first visit (contact details below):

IntoUniversity North Islington

29 Marriott Road

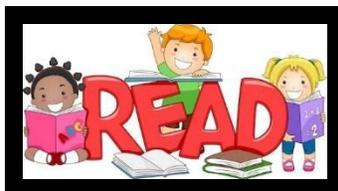
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Duncombe Reception Parent Story Time Session



When: Thursdays from 9:00am - 9:20am

Why: An opportunity to share the joy of reading with the children.

How: After drop off please sign in with Lula and join the children in their classrooms to choose and enjoy a story together.

Duncombe Superstars

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 :

Eric Carle Nursery:

Adile AM

For always speaking quietly and waiting for her turn patiently. She uses her speaking thumb when she wants to say something during our carpet sessions. Well done, Adile! You are a little star!

Kerim PM

For helping peers who need it. Kerim is kind and always listens to his friends. Well done, Kerim! You are a little star!

Judith Kerr Reception:

Hamdi is always ready to learn, be safe and respectful. You are a wonderful role model to everyone around you. Hamdi, you are a super star!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1:

Ozzy has excellent manners; he greets others enthusiastically, says please and thank you without fail and speaks respectfully to all adults. He's a pleasure to have in our class!

Francis Drake Year 1:

Muna is very considerate towards her peers; she waits patiently for her turn and allows her partner ample time to voice their ideas during lessons. Well done Muna!

Florence Nightingale Year 2:

Inaaya is always kind and respectful to children and adults alike. She is patient, considerate and helpful to others. Keep it up!

Marie Curie Year 2:

Waleed is an absolute star. He always comes into class with a big smile on his face while saying good morning to his peers and the adults. He has fantastic manners which has helped mould the class into a positive environment!

Isaac Newton Year 3:

For being kind and respectful in class. She thinks before she speaks, she listens politely to others and she treats everyone as if they are important.

Michael Faraday Year 3:

Rayan is consistently polite and respectful towards his peers and the adults. He listens whilst other children are speaking and always follows Duncombe's rules of ready, respectful and safe. It is an absolute pleasure to have him in our class!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4:

Ethan I shows respect by listening to everyone. This makes us feel valued and appreciated.

William Shakespeare Year 4:

For such an excellent start at Duncombe and for being a polite and respectful member of Shakespeare class this week.

Martin Luther King Year 5:

Mia Snowden for always being respectful and ready.

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5:

Carly is always respectful, ready and safe. She is willing to help out in class. Carly has also made great progress with her writing. Well done and keep working hard.

Nelson Mandela Year 6:

Dilem is always respectful. She says good morning and good bye each day, maintains eye contact when she is spoken to and listens and responds politely to adults and friends. Thank you for being such a good role model.

Winston Churchill Year 6:

Lily Russell for amazing effort and positive attitude in maths.

Attendance: Our whole school target is 96.5% .

ES: 88.2 % FD: 96.3% MC: 98.8% FN: 98.4%

MF: 94.2% IN: 97.1% WS: 98.3% CB: 95.1%

MLK: 93.8% EP: 97.3% WC: 98.3% NM: 97.8%

Please Note:

Please can parents be mindful where they park their cars as we have had complaints from local residents that they have been unable to access their parking bays.