



End of Term Newsletter

It has been another incredible term at Dunkirk and we wanted to share some of the amazing things that have happened, celebrating the wonderful children and staff and families that we have the pleasure of working with every day! Of course, this is a bitter sweet time of year as we bid farewell to our Year 6 children who have made us very proud this year. However, we have no doubt that they will continue on their journey with the same passion, kindness and determination that we have seen throughout their time at Dunkirk.

Staffing Update:

At Dunkirk, we are passionate about supporting staff development and ensuring our staff can progress and develop in their careers. We are therefore delighted to announce that Miss Teanne Clarke, a midday supervisor, has been successful in securing a teaching assistant position in Early Years at Abbey Campus and we wish her great success in her new role. As Miss Nix will be taking time out of class to fulfil her SENDCO duties, we are welcoming Miss Elliment to our teaching team. Miss Elliment is an experienced teacher joining us from Fernwood Primary School and we know that everyone will give her a wonderful Dunkirk welcome! We have also appointed a new Attendance Officer, Sue McDonald-Preston, who will be starting in the Autumn term. She used to work with us as a family support worker and is delighted to be returning!

Attendance:

Important update: Over the summer, penalty notices will be increasing to £80 per child, per parent if paid within the first 2 weeks. Subsequent penalty notices within a three-year period will result in either £160 fine per child, per parent or a court summons. The government are taking a very hard line on attendance and the message is; do not take your child on holiday during term time – no matter what the reason.

If you do require leave during term time for religious observance, visa appointments, exceptional circumstances or medical appointments for your child, you must fill in a leave request form for your child / children. This can be collected from the office. Please note however, this leave should be for the minimum amount of time possible and it does not cover parent's working arrangements.

The introduction of 100% Attendance Play at Dunkirk has been a huge success! The children have overwhelmingly reported how positive and motivational it has been for them!

A huge well done to Maple Class who have achieved the best attendance for this term! They will receive an extra special prize from Mrs Jurkiw to say a huge well done!

Cherry 1 class: 88.5%	Cherry 2 class: 92.7%	Olive class: 93.1%	Oak class: 93%
Mango class: 93.7%	Rowan class: 94.6%	Maple class: 96.6%	
Wisteria class: 95.3%	Madrono class: 94.7%	Redwood class: 92.7%	Cedar class: 95.5%
Larch class: 95.1%	Cypress class: 96.4%		

What have we been up to?

<p>Fig Class</p>	<p>A highlight for Fig class this year was taking part in a Teddy Bear's picnic! The children came together and had a lovely picnic outside with our school teddy's! Fig children have done so well this year and it was a lovely way to celebrate all of their achievements.</p>	
	<p>This term, the children in Cherry 1 were very excited to be able to visit Stonebridge City Farm and befriend lots of lovely animals. They had a lot of fun wandering through the magnificent garden and were very responsible feeding the animals with care. A member of the public even commented on how amazingly kind and polite our children are! Well done Reception, you should be very proud of yourselves!</p>	<p>Cherry 1 Class</p>
<p>Cherry 2 Class</p>	<p>Cherry 2 class have had a fantastic year! An absolute highlight was watching them perform at Sports Day putting all of their PE skills to fantastic use! We are so proud of their achievements this year!</p>	
	<p>A highlight of the year for Olive Class was exploring old and new toys in our History topic. We had a fantastic visit to Sudbury Hall and used this as inspiration to design and create our own sock puppets which we exhibited in Abbey Campus Great Exhibition! We have had so much fun playing with our sock puppets!</p>	<p>Olive Class</p>
<p>Mango Class</p>	<p>In Mango Class, we have been investigating how flowering plants grow. We've learnt the names of the different parts of the plant and begun growing our own pea plants! We can't wait to see if there are any peas ready for us in September!</p>	
	<p>In Oak Class, our Act of Kindness for our Take Action project has been helping the Year 1 pupils get ready for Year 2. We have been using our artistic and technology skills to plan, design and type up summaries of topics and activities the children will do in Year 2. The children have worked very hard to create this special book and it was all a team effort! Amazing work Oak Class!</p>	<p>Oak Class</p>
<p>Rowan Class</p>	<p>What a wonderful team Rowan class have been this year! I'll be sad to see the Rowan class of 2024 leave but what better way to show their spirit than a picture of their ACT of Kindness. They spent a whole afternoon weeding, pruning and tidying the Year 1 garden, making it perfect for the young ones. Nearly TWENTY bags of garden waste collected! GO TEAM!</p>	
	<p>Maple class, during year 3, have discovered a true love for poetry. We have looked closely at a range of different poems but our favourite has to be a wonderful poem about the inspiring palaeontologist, Mary Anning. After a year of fabulous progress with our reading, we are incredible at using expression and tone to perform our poems and will always create some fun actions to go alongside.</p>	<p>Maple Class</p>
<p>Wisteria Class</p>	<p>The children in Wisteria class absolutely loved their trip to Cadbury World to investigate how to make chocolate. In this photo, the children were watching a chocolatier in action. The children even got to taste lots of samples. Yummy!</p>	
	<p>Madrono had a fantastic time during the general election this summer term when we role-played the voting process as part of our work on Democracy. All of the children looked through party manifestos and each person had a ballot slip. They then took part in a replica vote and announced the winner of our mini election. The class had a lot of fun and really understood how the voting process works. Just 10 years to wait until their first proper vote!</p>	<p>Madrono Class</p>

<p>Redwood Class</p>	<p>Redwood have really enjoyed all our Create projects this year. We had great fun designing and creating prototype book trolleys in the Autumn term. We then tackled sewing in Spring and successfully produced bags which fastened with a button. We were proud to give these bags to members of our local community as an act of kindness. Finally, in the Summer term we had a wonderful time cooking in the NUASt kitchen.</p>	
	<p>Cedar class especially enjoyed our Earth and Space science topic this year and were over the moon to get the chance to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester. As usual, their fantastic inquisitiveness, excellent problem-solving skills and wonderful teamwork were on display as they took a trip through space in the planetarium, tested their reflexes in astronaut training and operated the model mars rover. What a great way to top off their stellar learning journey this year!</p>	<p>Cedar Class</p>
<p>Larch Class</p>	<p>Larch have worked incredibly hard throughout year 6 and we are still blown away by their awesome SATs results. This is always a time of mixed emotion for year 6, however, a real highlight this year has been our VERY competitive games of scatter-ball against Cypress class and our hugely entertaining games of splat! I am sure all the children will always remember our awesome scatter-ball winning streak (sorry Cypress!) as well as the very many laughs we have had playing splat!</p>	
	<p>It's been an action-packed final half term for Cypress class. From transition work for year 7; sports day; play rehearsals and much, much more. A real highlight was going over to NUASt and cooking a 3-course meal!</p>	<p>Cypress Class</p>
<p>Highfields Rackets Cubed</p>	<p>The children in Rackets Cubed have had a wonderful time developing their tennis and maths skills this year! The highlight of the year has to be when the children were invited to the Nottingham Open, took part in the coin toss, walked Emma Raducanu onto the court and even got to interview her! WOW!</p>	
	<p>Children at Abbey Campus have had a fantastic time in singing club. They had the opportunity to perform in lots of different venues and the absolute highlight was performing at the Christmas Light Switch on where they got to turn on the Nottingham lights!</p>	<p>Abbey Singing Club</p>
<p>Abbey Orchard Group Farm Trip</p>	<p>Miss Trudi's group had a great time visiting the farm as a special end of year treat! They learnt all about how to look after animals safely, what they need to keep healthy and how the farm uses animal and plant products to make our food!</p>	
	<p>Gardening club have had a fantastic year! Not only have they received the RHS Level 1 award for gardening, they have also grown some fantastic looking vegetables! What a wonderful achievement!</p>	<p>Gardening Club</p>
<p>Ms Kendall's EAL group</p>	<p>The absolute highlight of the year for Ms Kendall and the children in her EAL group was the time when they made banana smoothies and banana fritters using recipes from the book Juliana's Bananas by Ruth Walton. What a great, and very yummy, way to learn English!</p>	

Important dates for next term:

Date	Time	What?	Where?
2nd September	All day	Children return to school	Abbey and Highfields Campus
3rd October	All day	Census Day – Non-uniform, fun activities and free dinner!	Abbey and Highfields Campus
10 th October	Afternoon	Reading workshops and The Book Bus!	Abbey Campus
11 th October	Afternoon	Reading workshops and The Book Bus!	Highfields Campus
14 th October	All Week	RHE Week – Healthy and Happy Friendships	Abbey and Highfields Campus
14 th October	14:00 – 17:00	Parents evening – in person	Abbey Campus
15 th October	14:00 – 17:00	Parents evening – in person	Highfields Campus
16 th October	14:00 – 17:00	Parents evening – in person	Abbey and Highfields Campus
21 st October	2 weeks	Half-term holidays	Abbey and Highfields Campus
4 th November	All day	INSET Day – no children in school	Abbey and Highfields Campus
5 th November	All day	Children return to school	Abbey and Highfields Campus
11 th November	All week	Anti-bullying week	Abbey and Highfields Campus
5 th December	Afternoon	Highfields Campus Great Exhibition - ACT	Highfields Campus
9 th December	All Week	RHE Week – Similarities and Differences	Abbey and Highfields Campus
16 th December	10:00	Year 3 Pantomime trip – Jack and the Beanstalk	Abbey Campus
16 th December	14:00	EYFS and Year 1 Christmas sing-a-long	Abbey Campus
17 th December	10:00	Year R, 1 and 2 – Lakeside Theatre 'Storm Whale'	Abbey Campus
17 th December	10:00	Year 4, 5, 6 Pantomime trip – Jack and the Beanstalk	Highfields Campus
18 th December	14:00	Year 2 / 3 Christmas Sing-a-long	Abbey Campus
19 th December	09:00	Year 4/5/6 Christmas Sing-a-long	Highfields Campus
20 th December	Set times	Big Pride	Abbey Campus – 09:00 Highfields Campus – 14:30
20 th December	All Day	Christmas Celebration Day!	Abbey and Highfields Campus