



End of Term Newsletter

It has been another amazing half term at Dunkirk and we wanted to share some of the amazing things that have happened over the last few weeks. We would also like to thank the staff, parents and children who have supported us while Mrs Hollis has been off. We are entirely grateful to everyone who has pulled together and ensured that the Dunkirk experience continues to be of the highest quality!

Staffing Update:

At Dunkirk, we are passionate about supporting staff development and ensuring our staff can progress and develop in their careers. We are delighted to announce that Miss Usherwood will become a middle leader at Abbey Campus, supporting Mrs Jurkiw with the leadership of Abbey Campus. Miss Nix has been successful in becoming our new SENDCo and will be working with Miss Trudi to ensure that all our children get the education they deserve. Mr Lowther, who was working with us on a temporary basis alongside his OFSTED duties, will continue as our SENDCo for the summer term and ensure that Miss Nix receives a full handover so she is ready to start in September.

School Improvement Advisor:

Every now and then, our School Improvement Advisor changes to ensure that school is continuing to be challenged to be the best it can! Our new advisor, Emma Hollis a HMI Inspector, visited us last week and was really impressed by the calm and focussed attitude of the children, their obvious love for school and learning and the high quality of their work! We are looking forward to continuing our relationship with her as she gets to know the school and children more, celebrating the amazing work we do and continuing to strive to always be better.

Attendance:

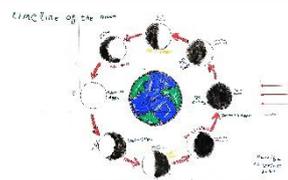
A huge well done to Maple class who have achieved the best attendance for this half term!

Cherry 1 class: 89.72%	Cherry 2 class: 91.5%	Olive class: 93.17%	Oak class: 94.07%	Mango class: 94.1%
Rowan class: 94.99%	Maple class: 96.76%	Wisteria class: 95.54%	Madrono class: 94.05%	Redwood class: 92.17%
Cedar class: 95.45%	Larch class: 95.61%	Cypress class: 95.86%		

We wanted to give you a gentle reminder that, if you are going away during term time, you must fill in a leave request form. This can be collected from the office. The Local Authority are being very strict with schools and checking to make sure that we are following policy. We can no longer approve holidays and we must refer to the Education Welfare Service if any child goes on holiday during term time. They may issue you with a fixed penalty notice! We hope you appreciate that this is out of our hands.

What have we been up to?

<p>Fig Class</p>	<p>Our youngest children have been inviting their families in to take part in family cooking! Pizza was the item of choice on the menu and the families have all had a lovely time!</p>	
	<p>Poorly teddy? Cherry Class now have all the skills to look after poorly teddy bears. The lovely nursing students at the University came into school to equip the pupils with the necessary nursing skills to cure all ills! They had a wonderful time learning how to look after their teddys, just like the amazing nurses look after us!</p>	<p>Cherry 1 Class</p>
<p>Cherry 2 Class</p>	<p>For their Create project this term, Cherry class have been working hard at developing their artistic skills, inspired by the artist Alexander Calder. We think their artwork looks amazing and can't wait for the exhibition to show it all off!</p>	
	<p>In Olive Class, we have been learning about toys and the materials used to make them, such as plastic and metal. We have explored this further in science lessons and created simple sculptures for a class exhibition. Our inspiration comes from the artist Alexander Calder and his fantastic wire sculptures and mobiles.</p>	<p>Olive Class</p>
<p>Mango Class</p>	<p>This half term, Mango and Oak have been continuing their learning about the legend of Robin Hood and had the amazing opportunity to meet Maid Marian when she showed us around Sherwood Forest. We heard the story of how Little John and Robin Hood met, looked at medieval coins and saw the Major Oak - a tree which has been alive for nearly 1000 years!</p>	
		<p>Oak Class</p>
<p>Rowan Class</p>	<p>Is Art Magic? Well Rowan have created multicoloured Viking shields using only the primary colours: red, blue and yellow. They made secondary colours by mixing the paints together and created wonderful shades by adding just the right amount of each colour. Art might not be magic, but I think Rowan are!</p>	
	<p>Year 3 have been looking at non-chronological reports in writing. To practise using factual language, Maple class became teachers for a day! They had to teach a mini lesson all about The Vikings. They used all the facts they already know and found extra information in some Viking books. They were all such great teachers that even Miss Joyce learned some new facts.</p>	<p>Maple Class</p>
<p>Wisteria Class</p>	<p>During British Science Week, Wisteria class have been reflecting on how they have changed over time and interestingly, how they might change in the years to come. Take a look at this fabulous set of reflections and predictions by Keisha</p>	
	<p>For our RE project this term, Madrono talked about how to respect the differences of others. We made an art piece to showcase and celebrate the different nationalities at Dunkirk (over 40!) If you fancy a look, this artwork is being celebrated in the front office at Highfields Campus.</p>	<p>Madrono Class</p>

<p>Redwood Class</p>	<p>Redwood Class have really enjoyed learning all about Space in Science and about Ancient Greeks. We worked really hard in Science Week last week and created a Water Clock. This week, we have been working hard on our sewing making bags as part of our Take Action project.</p>	
	<p>In art, Cedar have been exploring mixing media and styles from artists that have inspired us to create some funky sculptures. In Science, we've been thinking about telling the time in different ways and Stephanie has even created their very own working clock. It really does work!!</p>	<p>Cedar Class</p>
<p>Larch Class</p>	<p>During Science week, Larch class investigated whether we could make an egg bounce... To test this, we left 4 eggs in water, vinegar, orange juice and coke for 24 hours. The following day we made some amazing discoveries! The acid in the vinegar had completely dissolved the eggshell, leaving behind a tough membrane with the egg still safely inside. Then it was time to test our question - would the eggs now bounce? Amazingly the egg which had lost its shell did! The tough membrane protected the egg and transformed it into a bouncy egg. An amazing result!</p>	
	<p>This term, Cypress have been working incredibly hard to prepare themselves for their SATs early in the summer term. Whilst this has been a big focus, and required a great deal of attention, they have still found time to show their inquisitive nature with their responses to our science week. Here you can see a wonderful poster about the phases of the moon.</p>	<p>Cypress Class</p>
<p>Highfields Gardening Club</p>	<p>Our school Gardening Club has been awarded the Royal Horticultural Society Campaign for School Gardening Award at Level 1. This included meeting the criteria for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have started gardening. 2. We understand the benefits of gardening. 3 Our growing space is accessible. <p>We are now working towards level 2!</p>	
	<p>Professor Poopenshtinken's Magical Maths returned for another amazing term! The children have been so excited to learn lots of fun magical mathematical tricks and games!</p>	<p>Abbey Campus Magical Maths Club!</p>
<p>Highfields EAL Group</p>	<p>Our EAL group have been learning about Theseus and The Minotaur. We created a life-sized maze, listened to different sounds and used our senses to help us find our way through. Then we used the experience to help us with our diary writing.</p>	
	<p>Miss Trudi's 'Stay and Play' club have had a fantastic half term engaging in lots of play. The focus has been developing their social skills and ability to problem solve tricky social interactions all through the power of play!</p>	<p>Abbey Campus Stay and Play</p>
<p>Highfields Netball Team</p>	<p>The Highfields netball represented Dunkirk at the City Netball Tournament today at the Nottingham Girls' High School. They played and behaved SUPERBLY and finished in third place.</p>	

Important dates for next term:

Date	Time	What?	Where?
April 15th	All day	INSET day	Abbey and Highfields Campus
April 16 th & 17 th	All day	Year 3 Archaeological experience	University of Nottingham
April 24 th	All day	Year 1 Sudbury Hall	Sudbury Hall
June 6 th – June 7 th	All day	HFC Conkers / Fun activities at HFC	Highfields Campus
June 13 th - June 14 th	All day	ABC Conkers / Fun activities at ABC	Abbey Campus
June 19th	Morning	Year 3 transition visit 1	Y3 Walking to Highfields Campus
June 26th	Morning	Year 3 transition visit 2	Y3 Walking to Highfields Campus
July 3rd	All day	Whole School Transition Day Year 3 at Highfields all day	Abbey and Highfields Campus
July 15 th – July 17 th	All day	Reports out to parents	Abbey and Highfields Campus
w/b July 15th	Whole week	ACT sharing event	Highfields Campus
July 22nd	Morning	Y4, 5, 6 Sports' Day	School playing field
July 23 rd	Morning	EYFS Sports' Day	Abbey Campus Playground
July 24 th	Morning	Y1, 2, 3 Sports' Day	School playing field
w/b July 22nd	Whole week	Olympics week	Abbey and Highfields Campus
July 25 th	09:00	PRIDE Y R,1,2,3	Abbey Campus
July 25 th	14:00	PRIDE Y 4,5,6	Highfields Campus
July 26th	09:30	Y6 Leavers' assembly	Highfields Campus