

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 27th June 2022



Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, this term has seen a sharp increase in Covid cases amongst both staff and pupils. To minimise any further disruption please keep your child off school if they are unwell, to reduce the risk of the virus spreading within our school family.

What's Been Happening

Arts Week – 7th – 10th June

The first week of term saw us celebrating Arts Week. Class 4 made collaborative cardboard sculptures inspired by Barbara Hepworth. They also used paper to sculpt into their own creations, as well as having a go at photography, finding unusual ways to photograph items in class and playing with distance to create some trick photographs. Children in Class 2 and 3 explored mark making as well as different ways to make sounds using their voices, bodies and instruments, before creating their own water inspired composition. They also responded to different genres of music, expressing their views. The youngest children explored movement and had fun moving in different ways to different stimuli.



Inter Schools Tennis Tournament – Thursday 16th June



Children in Class 4 took part in an Inter Schools Tennis Tournament at Grantham Tennis Club. They all played very well and enjoyed the experience of meeting children from other schools. As to be expected from Dudley House School children, their behaviour was amazing.

Class 3 Assembly - Wednesday 22nd June

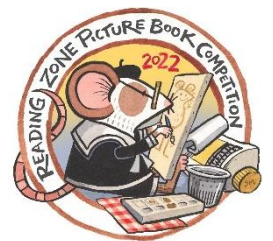
Thank you to parents of children in Class 3 for coming to see their Assembly last Wednesday. It was enjoyable and informative, and we really appreciated the effort the children put into their presentation.

Small School Sports – Thursday 23rd June

Well done to all the children from Year 1 to Year 6 who took part in the Small School Sports Day at Grantham Meres last Thursday.

ReadingZone Competition

Earlier in the year, all the children wrote and illustrated a picture book that was entered into the international ReadingZone Picture Book competition. Last week, we were delighted to learn that the picture book that Joshua, Uriah and Florence had written and illustrated, had been awarded the Young Creators runners up prize!!



The book they wrote was entitled 'Joseph and the Disappearing Vegetables'. The lead judge Sarah McIntyre, who is an author and illustrator, made this comment about their book:

"This story by Joshua, Uriah and Florence is genius, right from the title and concept to the way the words roll along. I love the double mention of the 'delicious, juicy vegetables', it's funny and the repetition makes it so obvious that something bad is going to happen. And this is rubbed in further with the mention of 'yummy, scrummy vegetables. I like the spooky picture of the robber in the dark rocky cave, and I laughed out loud when everything was patched up quickly and they had vegetable soup. Nice pattern work around the back-cover blurb, too!"

Adventurer Award

Well done to Uriah, Shlok and Timothy for completing their 'Seasons' adventurer award during Friday Club.

Forest School – Monday 27th June

This morning, the children from class 1 and 2 took part in a variety of forest school activities at St Mary's and had a fantastic time.

Information

Uniform

Please let Mrs Cummins in the School Office know as soon as possible (by Tuesday 12th July at the latest) if you need any new school uniform ordering for the Autumn Term. From September children in Year 2 and upwards will be going swimming and will need to wear blue tracksuits and gold polo shirts on swimming days, so please let us know if you need to order anything.

PTFA

Our PTFA is now established, and working on the Family Fun Day on Sunday 3rd July. This will be a great opportunity to promote our school, and should be great fun. Volunteers are needed to help on the stall so please speak with Sheryl Davidans or Steve Jones if you are able to help in any way. The next meeting will be virtually on Tuesday 28th June at 7pm and should last no more than an hour. We will email the Zoom link nearer the time.

If you are unable to help on the day, but have any items that could be used as prizes then please drop them into school.

Leaving Gift

During our celebration assembly we will be thanking Mrs Beckett, Mrs Littler and Mrs Teixeira, for their service to the school over the years and for the impact they have made. If you would like to contribute to their leaving gifts, please give any contributions to the school office.

Future Events

Sports Day - Monday 4th July

We are planning to hold our school sports day next Monday at 1:30pm, where the children will take part in a variety of races.

Parents are welcome to watch. We will open the side gate for you at 1:30pm. Please make your way up to the field at the rear of the school, where seats will be provided. If you arrive after the side gate has been closed, please come through the main front door.

Children can be collected from their external classroom doors after the sports activities are finished.

Summer Camp – Thursday 7th July

We are planning to provide an overnight camping experience for the children, which we hope the children will enjoy. The whole school will be taking part in camp related activities on Thursday afternoon, with children in Class 3 and 4 camping on the school field overnight. Therefore, all the children will need to come dressed in outdoor play clothes (nothing too posh) on Thursday 7th July.

After taking part in camp related activities during the afternoon, children in class 1 should be collected at 3:30pm, whilst other children not sleeping overnight should be collected at 6:00pm.

For more details please see the 'Summer Camp' Letter.

Painting in the park – Monday 11th July

The children in class 2, 3 and 4 will be using their creative skills to paint pictures whilst in the park.

Bastille Day - Wednesday 13th July

Children will be celebrating Bastille day and will be learning about French culture, tasting French food and taking part in a variety of French themed activities.

Celebration Assembly - Thursday 21st July at 8.50am

All parents and families are invited to attend this very special service, to celebrate the achievements that have been made by all our pupils this academic year. We will also be taking the opportunity to say goodbye to those who are moving on. This will be held in the school hall.

Jenny Johnson (Headteacher)