

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 22nd November 2023



Dear Parents,

What's been happening

River Walk – Wednesday 1st November

As part of their geography field work, KS2 walked along the banks of the River Witham, before drawing maps and noting how humans interacted with the environment. They also tested the speed of the river in three locations and spotted wildlife including several species of birds, ducks, squirrels and even three rats!

Drawing Robots

In the Art and Craft club, children made drawing robots and were thrilled when they saw the outcome. See our Facebook page for the videos of their wonderful creations.

Shoe Boxes

Class 1 helped load the shoe boxes, that had been filled by families in the school, into a car to begin their journey last week. Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox for Grantham Kesteven Rotary Club's Shoebox appeal or donated items or money to help towards transportation costs. I am sure they will bring joy and make a difference in someone's life.

Trip to Woolsthorpe Manor - Thursday 16th November

Class 3 had a fabulous visit to Woolsthorpe Manor last Thursday and enjoyed performing some investigations to prove some of the laws Newton had written. During their guided tour of the house, they were fascinated by the kitchen and Sir Isaac Newton's bedroom. The best was left until last, when they made paper rockets and used a 'Henry Hoover' to shoot their rockets over the wall. The volunteers at Woolsthorpe Manor were all really knowledgeable and made it a really useful learning day.

Teddy' Bears Picnic – Thursday 16th November

Class 1 have been looking at teddy bears as part of their topic this term on Toys and enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic for lunch.

Future Events

Cheerleading – Thursday 23rd November

Just a reminder that Class 3 should meet Miss White and Mrs Sellars at Priory Ruskin Academy, on Rushcliffe Road (NG31 8ED), tomorrow at 8:50am for the Cheerleading Festival. Children should come dressed in their blue school tracksuit, trainers and school sports kit.

Remember children will need to be picked up from the reception entrance of Priory Ruskin Academy at 2:30pm, unless they have booked and are coming back to school for Art and Craft club.

Please return the sports kit to school on Friday unwashed.

Online safety question and answer session for parents - Wednesday 6th December from 6:00 to 7:30pm

The online space can feel overwhelming with new apps and trends, it can be hard to keep up! Lincolnshire's safeguarding team wants to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children from online harm. Dan Hawbrook, Lincolnshire's resident Online Guru, will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ask-dan-anything-for-parents-of-primary-school-aged-children-tickets-717791562887?aff=oddtcreator>

Christmas Social – Thursday 7th December

The School Council have requested a fun event before Christmas, so we will be holding a Christmas Social for all the family on Thursday 7th December from 5:30 to 7pm, where there will be traditional games and team challenges with a festive twist. We look forward to socialising and having fun together.

Information

Staff

Sadly, Mrs Jessop has been unwell since the start of term. We hope that she will soon feel better and be able to re-join us. In the meantime, please contact Mrs Johnson for any enquiries.

Governor vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy who is elected by the parents by a ballot. If you are interested in serving as a governor at the school please see the governor vacancy letter that is being emailed to parents.

Sickness

Given the last few years and Covid, there has been some uncertainty regarding whether children should be in school or not. The government have a guide on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> which can help with the latest guidance. Hopefully this will be useful for you.

Pollution

It has been brought to our attention, by one of our neighbours, that parents are sitting with their engines idling whilst waiting to collect their children. As a school, we want to take care of our environment and reduce air pollution to improve air quality, so please can you turn off your engines whilst waiting to collect your children. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 23rd November - Class 3 Cheerleading
- Thursday 14th December - Christmas Concert 6pm
- Tuesday 19th December - Carol singing at Martin Court
- Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Parties
- Wednesday 20th December - End of Term
- Wednesday 3rd January - Start of Term