

DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Issue 2**

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Our school is no different to others in that the subjects which we spend longest on are English and maths. This is slightly different in nursery and reception where the Early Years curriculum is organised in a different way, but regardless of the age of pupils, a large amount of time is spent on children becoming literate and numerate. This sometimes obscures what happens in other subjects and as this week I have been spending time talking to the teachers who are responsible for different parts of the curriculum, I thought I would give you a snippet of what is happening in some of the less prominent subjects.

In PE we are looking at buying new resources which will match more closely the activities children do and their ages. We are also looking at buying into a new scheme of work. Usually our teachers create their own schemes, but sometimes we see commercial products which are of a very high standard and use them.

In art we are looking at how we assess children. Done well, assessment helps teachers to teach effectively as it tells them what a child knows and doesn't know. While it is reasonably straightforward in maths to know how well a child understands their two times table, art can be more subjective, so we are spending time developing how we assess in this subject.

In science we are looking at how we use knowledge organisers. These are succinct documents which detail key learning in a topic and can be used by teachers, pupils and parents. Later this year you will start seeing these for your child's science work and over time possibly other subjects too.

This is just a selection of the work that is happening, in just three subjects. Hopefully over time you will be able to see more of what we are working on.

Ian Dewes
Executive Headteacher


EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	12.10 – 1.10pm French Club (Year 1&2) 3.15 – 4pm Martial Arts Club
TUESDAY	12.10 – 1.10pm French Club (Year 1&2) 1.10 – 3.10pm Violin Club 3.15 – 4pm Spanish Club
WEDNESDAY	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
THURSDAY	3.15 – 4.45pm DM Football
FRIDAY	

Reminders/changes for 20-24 January

MONDAY 20	
TUESDAY 21	Yr1 – Road Safety Spies in school
WEDNESDAY 22	Yr1 – Walk around Dunchurch - am
THURSDAY 23	Reception, Red & Blue room – Open morning for EYFS
FRIDAY 24	

PUPIL AWARDS

ATTENDANCE AWARD For the week ending 10 January 2020				
	Attendance %	No. of Children with Late Arrivals	Overall Score	Trophy Awarded to
 Little Owls	99.6%	0	99.6%	WELL DONE!
Elf Owls	100%	1	99%	
Barn Owls	97.5%	1	96.5%	
Snowy Owls	92.7%	3	89.7%	
Spectacled Owls	100%	2	98%	
Tawny Owls	98.1%	2	96.1%	

WEEKLY GREEN AWARD Awarded to Little Owls

Well done to the children in Miss Shrimpton's class for keeping their classroom and working environment the cleanest and tidiest throughout this week!

Awarded by our caretaker, Mr Haggan, and his assistant, Mrs Turtle

LUNCHTIME GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARDS Awarded by Mrs Burdett and her Midday Supervisors

Rainbow Room	Jessica U
Blue Room	Albert K
Red Room	Josh C
Little Owls	Jocelyn M
Elf Owls	Keira S
Barn Owls	Eliza T
Snowy Owls	Stella K
Spectacled Owls	Max B
Tawny Owls	Kunashe M

YEAR GROUP CLASS WORK THIS WEEK

	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY Rainbow Room</p> <p>This week the children have been continuing to settle into the routines of the classroom; showing their independence a little more and showing understanding of what's coming next through use of the visual timetable. The children have explored the home role play area, engaging in play relating to families and babies, which is prompting discussion around their own families. In the creative area, the children have been using pom poms, pegs and paints to make marks and explore colours.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY</p> <p>The children in Pre-School have been practising their knowledge of rhyming, using books and games, to identify rhyming words. In Red room the children have now been colour mixing, using the powder paint and the pipettes to add water; this is also good fine motor strength practise. Outside they have loved 'painting' the walls and equipment with the water, using their gross motor skills. In Blue room the children have been learning to match quantity to numeral, using various maths resources and Numicon to help them. Look forward to seeing you all next Thursday for our EYFS open morning! 😊</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Red Room</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Little Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p>We have started to look at weighing in Reception and have used everyday language to talk about weight to compare and solve problems. We looked at the story of 'Percy the Park keeper - One Snowy Night' and the children have applied their phonetic knowledge well when writing sentences. We are pleased with how the children have persevered when getting changed for PE. We encourage them to be as independent as possible but are here to help if needed. Well done for your fantastic efforts Reception. (If on Tuesdays your child comes home with their shirt inside out it means they have tried and are learning to be independent). Look forward to seeing you all next Thursday for our EYFS open morning! 😊</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Elf Owls</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Barn Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR ONE</p> <p>This week we have been learning about tens and ones in numbers to 20. We have been learning to order numbers and have used the symbol of inequality when comparing. We have noticed that when writing numbers to 20 many of the children are forming numbers back to front and are reversing the digits e.g. writing 12 as 21. This is something to practise at home. In English we have been using the conjunction and to join together two words or two sentences. We have observed what happens in winter on our winter walk and have been looking at different types of home. Next week (Wednesday 22nd) we will be walking around Dunchurch and looking at the different buildings. If you are available to help between 9:00 and 10:00 please let the office know.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Snowy Owls</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Spectacled Owls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR TWO</p> <p>Year 2 have been busy writing a non-chronological report in Topic this week. They have used all the facts from their research about the first vehicles invented to write a non-fiction booklet which included sub headings, captions and lots of facts. In maths the children have been using arrays and repeated addition to solve multiplication number sentences and understanding how all of these link. During Literacy there was a surprise letter that arrived into school from Audrey. She wrote to the children asking them to design a new wet play toy for lunchtimes. The children have been busy designing this week and will be writing back to Audrey next week with their designs.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Tawny Owls</p>

NEWS, REQUESTS & REMINDERS

TERM DATES 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Teacher Training Day

Monday 2 September

Term Starts

Tuesday 3 September

Half Term

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Teacher Training Day

Friday 22 November

Term Ends

Friday 20 December

Spring Term 2020

Teacher Training Day

Monday 6 January

Term Starts

Tuesday 7 January

Half Term

Monday 17 – Friday 21 February

Term Ends

Friday 3 April

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts

Monday 20 April

Bank Holiday

Friday 8 May

Half Term

Monday 25 – Friday 29 May

Teacher Training Day

Friday 19 June

Term Ends

Friday 17 July

Teacher Training Day

Monday 20 July

**FAMILY HOLIDAYS MUST ONLY BE
BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Jan

23 Open Morning for Reception, Red & Blue room classes – parents do not have to stay for the whole time

29 Yr2 trip to British Motor Museum

Feb

05 Yr1 trip to Rugby school & museum

05 Reception & Nursery onsite visit ZooLab

11 Parents Consultation evening

12 sign2sing – All school children (see below)

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14 Non uniform day – funds for PTA

17 Half term starts

**Follow us on Twitter:
for updates and learning
at @dunchurchinfant**

Please do not park on the zigzags
outside the school between
the hours of:
7am – 6pm

sign2sing

Wednesday 12 February

This year our choice of song is "Friends Forever" which you can access and help your child learn through the website address –

www.sign2sing.org.uk

All school children will be joining in on Wednesday afternoon at the Junior school and you can make a monetary donation during that week.

sign2sing

RAISING MONEY FOR THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

You are invited to...



Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery's

EYFS Open Morning

**Come and see how Early Years works in
your child's classroom!**

There will be a brief talk with Mrs Bames about Continuous Provision before you can experience our Pre-School Nursery units and the Reception classrooms as well as talking to your child about their learning.



Thursday 23rd January 2020

9am– 10:30am

No appointment needed, please sign in at the school office

Tel: 01788 810292

Email: office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk



WOODY'S BLOG

Hello

I just love sitting on Mrs Beech's chair in the office. I do actually have my own chair, but I much prefer this one, it's so comfortable. I didn't like Storm Brendan this week, the noisy wind was making me bark and I got told off!



Love from Woody

Congratulations to:

Henrietta McV – achieved a Grade 1 in Mary Poppins with PQA

Anika R & Emily S – achieved their Ballet Primary Grade with Sarah Cooke School of Dance

Sebastian M – achieved Duckling level 2

WELL DONE!

PTA AREA

PTA

Find 'Dunchurch Infant & Nursery School PTA' on Facebook or e-mail

dunchurchinfantpta@gmail.com

if you would like to find out more

Minutes of all PTA Meetings are now available on the school website

www.dunchurchinfants.co.uk

under 'Parent Zone'

🎄🎬 Dunchurch Infant School Christmas Nativity 🎬🎄

If you want to order your child's performance, please click on the link below to order online for £8.

<https://alternative-live-video.myshopify.com/collections/dunchurch-infants-and-juniors-video-collections>

£4 per download goes to the PTA and if you couldn't make the nativity due to work, it's a lovely keepsake, plus the children love watching it back and showing relatives.

Any queries please call Richard Wood on 07940960778 or rich@alternativerootz.co.uk



In January we will be collecting in Christmas jumpers / tops that you would like to donate and we will have a Christmas jumper sale next autumn term.

Please send any donations in to school, we will have collection boxes in the playground at drop off during the first week of term.

School Uniform

Wanted - age 5-6 school polo shirts

The PTA second hand uniform store has had a number of requests for this size - do you have any you no longer need and can donate? Please contact the PTA Facebook page or Anna Buckland

A wide selection of 'pre-loved' infant school uniform is available from the PTA



Suggested donation per item:

Jumper/cardigan with school logo - £2

T-shirt with school logo - £1

A great way to raise funds for the school/nursery & save yourself some money.

Email: mailto:annabuckland@hotmail.co.uk to find out if we have the items/sizes you require

Fundraise for the PTA from the comfort of your sofa - did you know you can donate to the PTA when you shop online? What's not to like? Every time you shop online via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) a donation is made to the PTA. It sounds too good to be true but there is no catch. So far over 30 families are donating to the PTA through this route and over £300 has been raised. It's easy to do (hence the name) just follow these steps

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dunchurchinfantsandnursery>
2. Sign up for free
3. When your shopping online, go to easy [fundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for the online retailer and make your purchase as normal

There are no fees or catches, retailers such as Amazon, Expedia, First Choice, Trainline, John Lewis, Next, Clarks, Fat Face and hundreds more will make a donation to the PTA.



Are you on our Facebook group?

It's a closed page for school parents to get updates about the PTA events that are coming up. Search "Dunchurch Infant School & Nursery PTA" on Facebook to join




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OUTSIDE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Sarah Cooke School Of Dance



SCSD Dancer
Photo courtesy of Andy McGarty

**Ballet, Tap & Disco/Street Dance
Classes for children & Teenagers
(Pre-school Ballet from age 2)**

**Our classes are held in Bubbenhall near
Leamington, Wellesbourne, Dunchurch & Long
Buckby**

Contact Sarah Cooke
sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com
or 07751 470318

GO AHEAD, GET DANCING!

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RESPECT

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GIRLS WANTED FOR FOOTBALL TEAM!

Bilton Ajax JFC are looking for girls aged between 5-7 to come and train and create the first ever Bilton Ajax Girls team! So, if you have a friend, daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece or know of any young girls who would like to play football please get in touch.

Our coaches are a minimum FA Level 1 qualified and fully DBS Checked. We promise to make your footballing journey a positive and enjoyable experience!!

Training is on Wednesday's at Bilton High School Astro 5:00 till 6:00pm, First session is free and then it will be £2 per session! NO HIDDEN FEES!

We have friendly matches in the diary for the next few months so if you know of anyone who would like to get involved then PLEASE GET IN TOUCH! All abilities welcome!

Please contact me for any further information

Sam Mushing-Rimmer

07907814204



**Come and support
your team!**



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Saturday, February 15

Kick-off 3:00pm



www.leicestertigers.com/schooloffer
CODE: WASSCH20



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GROUP DAYS

Leicester Tigers School Offer

Leicester Tigers are offering you special prices to experience the thrill of a live Gallagher Premiership match at Welford Road!

Leicester Tigers v Wasps
Saturday, February 15, 3.00pm kick-off.

Our special offer prices for this match:

Standing: Adults £15, U18's £6

Seated*: Adults from £20, U18's from £8

Share this with your friends and family for a fun day out!

There will be a variety of **FREE** activities to join in with before kick-off, so head down early to enjoy what's on offer, including free access to our VIP Junior Tigers Club.

Your Discount Code:

WASSCH20

To purchase tickets use the above code at the checkout, or call the ticket office on **0116 319 8888** (option 2) quoting the offer code.

Please note, if you are booking as a group, in order to sit together you will need to book in one transaction.

* Only available in Cat 1 and 2



0116 319 8888 (option 2)
leicestertigers.com/groupdays



Happy New Year from the Coventry Blaze

New Year Blaze Hockey Offer



Sunday 26th January
Special Pride game
Vs. Sheffield Steelers (5.30pm)
Includes free ice skating (and skate hire) post-game



Friday 7th February
Vs. Guildford Flames (7.30pm)



Sunday 16th February
Vs. Glasgow Clan (5.30pm)
Includes free ice skating (and skate hire) post-game

Skydome Arena, Croft Rd, Coventry CV1 3AZ

Adults £10 Under-16's £7

Per-game | Max 5 per-booking | Usual price £18 and £10

Collect and pay for the tickets (in cash) on the night of the game.

To book email: coventryblazehockey@gmail.com
Quote the name of our school



Sport in the Community programme in partnership with Kits Academy

DUNCHURCH PANTOMANIACS

Present

A Panto for the whole family

DAME OF THRONES

Written by Sue Protheroe
Directed by Paul Le Poidevin

Performed @ Dunchurch Village Hall

Evening performances

Jan 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and Feb 1st

Gala Night (£15 with meal) Jan 29th

Matinees Jan 25th and 26th

Tickets £7, £6 (Snr)

£4 up to 16 years

Reduced price opening night

**Tickets from Wanda Fashions,
Dunchurch 01788 522021**

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Now*

Charity **SNOWBALL**

Raising Funds for Breast Cancer Care, Midlands Air Ambulance &
Leamington Hastings School Playground Fund.

At Dunchurch Park Hotel,

Rugby Road, Dunchurch, Rugby, CV22 6QW

*£45 a ticket to include drinks on arrival, 4 course meal, 1/2 a bottle of
wine and tea & coffee (please state if you have any dietary
requirements). Tickets to be sold as tables of 10 or individually.*

Accommodation available at a discounted rate.

Saturday February 1st 2020 • 07.00pm – Midnight

Contact: Hannah • Call: 07494 546419

Email: charity.ball2020@gmail.com

Dress to impress – Black Tie and Ball Gowns

DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL AND
EVENTS
PRESENTS

Quiz Night

£20 team of 6

Prize for the winning team

Bar and snacks

To book call Rob on 01788817307

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website www.dunchurchevents.org

28TH FEBRUARY
DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR
7.30PM START