

# Dunchurch Infant School

Friday, October 15, 2021



## A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another action-packed week across school and nursery and the children continue to engage in their learning with great enthusiasm and determination. Our teachers are very much looking forward to discussing your child's learning with you all next week, during our parents' consultation evenings. This will be an excellent chance to review how your child has settled into life in their new year group. Nursery parents meetings will take place after half term.

On a different note, it was lovely to welcome Steve from St. Peter's Church, who came into assembly to discuss forgiving others and how this links with the bible passage from Matthew 18.21-22.

Quite amazingly next week is the last of this half term, and will no doubt be another one full of opportunity to explore, create and reflect.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend

Best wishes,  
Mr Andrews

## Shoebox Appeal

On Thursday in assembly all the children found out about the Shoe Box appeal for children in Romania. We are hoping that families will support this charity event and that children will enjoy collecting things to put in a box. More information can be found on [www.TEAMS4U.COM](http://www.TEAMS4U.COM)



We would like the children to bring their boxes into school by **Friday 12th November**. All children will have come home with a leaflet today about this charity event. Thank you to Mrs. Keffler, Mrs Broderick and Mrs. Young for organising this for us.

## Stars of the Week

### Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Henry EM

### Red Room

Lunchtime

Jia D

### Blue Room

Lunchtime

Henrich F

### Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Albie B

Meerkat

Yihui L

### Little Owls

Lunchtime

Freddie C

Meerkat

Jonah M

### Barn Owl

Lunchtime

Aurelia M

Meerkat

Olivia H

### Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Sia C

Meerkat

Iyla-Rose D

### Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Rowan B

Meerkat

Lilly R

### Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Edith N

Meerkat

Alex J

## PARENTS' EVENING CONSULTATIONS

This term the appointments are going to be evening telephone consultations on the following days:-

### **Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October - SCHOOL ONLY**

Appointments can be booked online through our Parents' Evening system and go live on Monday 11th October at 8pm until Monday 18th October at 8pm.

To log in you will need your first name and surname, plus your child's date of birth.

Please add your preferred contact telephone number for the appointment in the 'Appointment Messages' option on the booking screen. The on-line booking system is available here:

**<https://dunchurchinfants.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>**

Each appointment is 10 minutes long and will be a telephone consultation between parents and teachers and no meetings will be face to face.

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## VACANCY

### DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor to join our hard working lunchtime team.  
Hours 11.50am - 1.10pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

Hourly rate £9.25 - £9.43  
Start date 2nd November 2021

If you are interested, please email [lindabeech@dunchurchfederation.co.uk](mailto:lindabeech@dunchurchfederation.co.uk) or pop into the school office for an application pack.

Closing date for applications 21st October 2021

## Year 1

Year 1 have been looking at the Kandinsky and the artwork he had created, we focused on Kandinsky's circles and used oil pastels to create our own versions. The children became immersed within their artwork and were so proud to show their peers the finished results!



## Reception

Reception explored the natural world around the school. They had photos of different places in the school grounds to find. They were very sensible and used their eyes, ears and noses to find out about the school.



## Additional Information

**Free Fruit/Vegetable Snack**—all children in school and nursery are given a piece at break time. This is a positive way for your child to try new food. If you need to send in an alternative item, it should still only be a piece of fruit/vegetable, thank you.

**Packed Lunches**—We are a **Nut Free school and nursery**. Please do not send your child in with anything that may contain nuts like Nutella spread etc. Also, refrain from sending in Frube type yoghurts as the wrappers can be a choking hazard.

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## DIARY DATES

Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
<b>Martial Arts</b> Collection from the back of the Hall	<b>Violin lessons</b> 9.25am - 11.25am	<b>SCHOOL PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS</b> 3.30pm—6.30pm  <b>Performing Arts</b> Collection from the back of the Hall  <b>Football</b> Collection from the back of the Hall	<b>SCHOOL PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS</b> 3.30pm—6.30pm  <b>Football</b> Collection from the back of the Hall	<b>LAST DAY OF THIS HALF TERM</b>  PTA after school event—watch out for flyer!

Our school is working with a team of researchers at the University of Oxford on a research project called MY-CATS. The MY-CATS team are testing out a new way of identifying and supporting young children who might benefit from help to build confidence and reduce the chance of problems with anxiety, now and in the future.

We are inviting all parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes to take part.

We would love it if all families in the participating classes got involved! As this project is to help reduce problems with fears and worries now and in the future, your child does not need to be experiencing difficulties with anxiety to take part.

We've attached more information about the project, and you can watch a short video about the project here: [MYCATS video](#)

You can also watch a longer, more detailed video about the project here: [MYCATS parent video](#)

If you would like to take part, please follow the link below to complete the consent form and provide your contact details. [MYCATS parent consent](#)

You will then receive an email with a link to the screening questionnaires.

Please complete the consent and screening questionnaires by 7th November. We ask one parent/carer to complete the consent and questionnaires for a child.

## Click here for Children and Family Newsletter



5-7 years  
(from 4 Northern Ireland)

Dunchurch rainbows who meet Wednesday at 3.45pm and Dunchurch brownies who meet Wednesday at 5pm, have spaces available for girls to start immediately. Please register your daughter on the following website - <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your->



7-10 years