



Newsletter 7
15th October 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been a non-stop and varied week in school this week with Year 4 experiencing an outdoor learning day on Tuesday; the whole school taking part in the Dacorum Sports Network cross country at JFK on Thursday; and today an assembly and workshops in each class on Caritas – with a focus on Dignity.

Dignity of the human person

Our visit by Francis from Caritas Westminster today ties in so well with our focus for the Harvest Festival next Wednesday and our Mission Statement with its focus on the dignity of the human person and Catholic social teaching.

Having access to basic human rights such as the right to food, shelter and education is a fundamental requirement for living with dignity. We are so proud of our pupils and the way they have engaged with helping others – and their actions to support Dens and the local food bank in the lead up to our Harvest Festival liturgy this Wednesday and in supporting the different House charities.

Your children are invited to come to school next Wednesday wearing Autumn coloured accessories (but still in school uniform) such as a coloured jumper; socks/tights or hair accessories. It has been suggested to the children that they do an act of kindness or a specific task/job around the house to raise money for DENs and the Hemel Food Bank. Please could parents put this money on the school gateway, marked for the Harvest Festival. Thank you to those children who have already contributed. Our Chaplaincy Team will be leading the two assemblies – one for Year 3&4 and one for Year 5&6.

Dacorum Schools Network Cross Country

The main ambition in taking part in the cross country event at JFK was to get all our pupils active but it also gave a chance for our talented athletes to shine in an event that involved five other schools. For some it was an achievement to get around the long course but others truly excelled and we had several first places. Final team results are yet to come in but we do have the following news of our best individual achievement:

Year 3

Girls 1.5km race, 1st Ivy Feighery, 8th Darcy Dennis, 13th Freya Woods.

Boys 1.5km race, 2nd Joshua Haynes, 5th Aiden Murphy, 9th Harrison Baker.

Girls 600m race, 2nd Violet Kirby, 3rd Sophie O'Callaghan, 8th Munich Dall'Armellina.

Boys 600m race, 8th Luca Grant, 9th Jake Fordyce, 10th Cameron Gavin.

Year 4

Girls 1.5km race, 1st Una Jones, 4th Sophia Janes, 7th Lorin White.

Boys 1.5km race, 4th Daniel Palone, 6th Kaien Thompson, 9th Freddie Johnson.

Girls 600m race, 2nd Lael Jones, 3rd Libby Topping, 4th Olivia Byrne,

Boys 600m race, 3rd Justin Bodalle, 4th Zachary McQueen, 5th Theodore Eismann-Typhis

Year 5

Girls 2km race, 1st Gabriella Olusanya-Artiles, 3rd Eve Wheeler, 4th Allegra Blasi-Colleran.

Boys 2km race, 1st Jude Glynn, 2nd Ryan Hibberd, 3rd Adam Bowers.

Girls 1km race, 1st Bella Fitzgerald, 2nd Loretta Morgan, 3rd Aoife Farrelly.

Boys 1km race, 1st Elijah Peltier, 2nd Rocco Brown, 3rd Johan John.

Year 6

Girls 2km race, 2nd Scarlett Barber, 3rd Aoife Jones, 7th Alanna Makarewicz.

Boys 2km race, 1st Rory Moloney, 2nd James Sweeney, 3rd Mikey Giacomantonio.

Girls 1km race, 1st Amaia Grant, 2nd Ruby Baverstock, 3rd Sophie Barreda

Boys 1km race, 1st Jack Hancock, 2nd Miguel Martin-Rueda, 3rd Finn Kelly.

Year 4 Outdoor Learning Day

Year 4 had a wonderful day outside on Tuesday creating art from nature; developing habitats; using data loggers; researching and observing different habitats. Here is a selection of photos from the day.





Art from nature and creating a bug hotel type habitat were two of the activities of the day in our nature area.



Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus.*

3Anning	Leo Scambler	For applying his recent Maths learning to everyday activities at home – measures and baking.
3Nightingale	Ivy Feighery	For her determination in cross country running and her positive attitude to school.
4Jemison	Daisy Jessop	For being a kind and patient learning partner. Fantastic contributions to outdoor learning.
4Attenborough	Jamie Cox	For his growing self-belief and for showing he can be a good learner – particularly on our Outdoor Learning Day.
5Mandela	Jude Glynn	For his excellent running during cross country and for his consistent positive learning behaviour and growth mindset.
5Einstein	Skye Ivory	For her positive attitude to learning across the curriculum and her kindness and thought for others. Well done!
6Johnson	Annika Beylevelt	For her resilience and independence in our Maths learning this week.
6Martin Luther King	Alanna Makarewicz	For displaying fantastic learning behaviours this week and asking helpful questions to extend her learning.

Head Teacher Awards

Nasri Davidson-Ali (5M) – for his first person account on Rose Parks and the Bus Boycott. The writing was both engaging and demonstrated excellent techniques.

Andrew Mensah-Roberts (3A) - Brilliant reasoning in Maths to answer a measuring question and then justifying how he knew he was correct.

Special thanks

Matheus Taglianetti (3N) for being the first to start our fund raising for DENs

Riley Gratton-Cobb (5M) for raising money for his House charity (Guide Dogs) and for the school by making biscuits and inviting relatives to tea.

Special achievement

Maja Kelly (6J), in her first proper meet against other swimming clubs from South East, proved to be an absolute star achieving PBs in 50m freestyle by nearly 5 seconds and 50m breaststroke by nearly 9 seconds. She swam so well that she has won Bronze and Silver medals for the respective races in her age category. Well done Maja.

Parents Evening

These are being held this coming Tuesday and Thursday (5Einstein Monday and Tuesday). It is in person in school and there will be an opportunity for you to see your child's books and their classroom.

If you have not booked an appointment, please do so on our website, by clicking this link:

<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/virtual-office/parent-evening-system/>

If you have any difficulty using this please telephone the office.

If you wish to talk to our SENDco, please contact the office who will arrange for Mrs Rayson to contact you.

Covid Update

We have had no new cases of Covid this week. Thank you for taking all possible precautions and keeping us informed. Please continue with your diligence and help us keep disruption to school life to a minimum and ensure we are all healthy for half-term!

Our full guidance is on the website:

<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SCM-Parents-guidance-Sept-2021.pdf>

Reminders for this week:

Our violin teacher Mrs Greengrass was not able to come in on Thursday and she will be rearranging these missed lessons with pupils.

Monday: Year 6 Weight and Heights measurements
Orchestra Practice
5 Einstein only Parents Evening (5pm-8pm)

Tuesday: 5M Swimming

Year 6 Positive Minds
Parents Evening (5pm-8pm)

Wednesday: Harvest Festival Liturgy
5E Swimming

Thursday: Parents Evening (5pm-8pm)

Friday: Year 3 Football with Watford FC Sport and Education Trust

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher