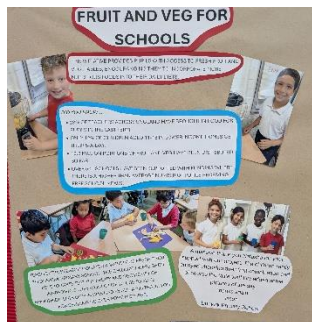


End of Term Newsletter

It has been another incredible term at Dunkirk and we wanted to share some of the amazing things that have happened, celebrating the wonderful children and staff and families that we have the pleasure of working with every day!

Tesco, Eid, Easter, Mini-Olympics and The Great Exhibition!

It has been a jam-packed term with many of our families celebrating Holi, Ramadan, Lent, Lunar New Year, Tu Bishvat, Nirvana Day, Nowruz and the birthday of Guru Gobind Singh. The children have learnt so much about these celebrations



through RE lessons and assemblies. They had a fantastic time at their Eid party and enjoyed the delicious Easter Eggs provided by Trent Vineyard! We also appeared on the Tesco Community notice board after a successful collaboration involving fruit and vegetable donations 😊!

Lots of money was raised to kick start our Richard Whitehead fundraising with our mini-Olympics! Not only that, the children had a wonderful time practising their sport skills! The icing on the cake was the amazing Great Exhibition at Abbey Campus which really was a huge success!

Staffing Update:

This term we said goodbye to Mrs Hollis who decided to step down from her role as headteacher after a long period of ill health. Ms Bower and Mr Parry were successful in becoming permanent co-headteachers and will continue to direct the school with dedication, passion and commitment. We are delighted to announce that we have appointed new midday supervisors; Barween Obaid and Joseph Owiredi. And would like to congratulate Rebecca Roe promotion to Assistant Cook. As we welcome new staff, we also need to say a huge thank you and goodbye Miss Green in the office, who has been promoted to an attendance officer, Miss Sandaradura in the kitchen and Miss Akbar in the midday team who have both been successful in getting care assistant roles. We wish them well in her new endeavours.

Attendance:

Important update: The government and local authority are taking a very hard line on attendance and the message is; **do not take your child on holiday during term time** – no matter what the reason.

If you do require leave during term time for religious observance, visa appointments, exceptional circumstances or medical appointments for your child, you must fill in a leave request form for your child / children. Any leave request should be for the minimum amount of time possible. Parent's working arrangements or vacations will not be considered exceptional circumstances. Please note that filling out this form does not automatically mean that your leave will be granted and will instead be assessed by the attendance team.

https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/parents_absence_safeguarding_form

A huge well done to Yousafzi Class who have achieved the best attendance for this term! They will receive and extra special prize from Mr Parry to say a huge well done!

Farah class: 93.45%	Arshid class: 91.84%	Wiltshire class: 93.82%	Angelou class: 94.92%
Kusama class: 92.58%	Gandhi class: 94.12%		
Kahlo Class: 93.92%	Owens class: 93.49%	Attenborough class: 94.81%	Yousafzai class: 96.34%
Whitehead class: 94.25%	Hadid class: 94.25%		

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Primary school launches six months of fundraising

Pupils at Dunkirk Primary School kicked off six months of fundraising for the Richard Whitehead Foundation today with a special Mini Paralympic event.

The launch was made even more memorable as Paralympic gold medalist Richard Whitehead attended in person, inspiring pupils and officially starting the school's fundraising journey.

Children took part in a range of inclusive sporting challenges designed to celebrate determination, resilience and the belief that sport should be accessible to everyone.



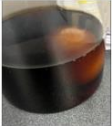
Steve Parry, Co-Headteacher said: "The values of inclusion, kindness and support of the Richard Whitehead Trust dovetail perfectly with the ethos of Dunkirk Primary School. Richard is truly an inspiration to us all, and we excited to use this opportunity to teach the children about the power of giving and to reinforce our small action, big change message."

Over the next six months, the school community will host a series of events to raise funds and awareness for the Foundation, supporting its mission to empower young people with disabilities through sport.



What have we been up to?

	Children in nursery have had a huge mystery to solve this Term! The case of the disappearing Travelling Ted! The Early Years police have been hot on the case of this terrible mystery...	Michael Rosen Class
Mo Farah Class	Farah Class have been learning about real life heroes this term and were lucky enough to have a visit from our local PCSO Lucy Oram. She told us all about her role, how she helps people in the local area and we had the opportunity to sit inside the police car and hear the very loud siren! The children asked lots on interesting questions and loved this real life experience!	
 Uroosa Arshid Class	Arshid and Wiltshire Class had a fantastic time visiting Sudbury Toy Museum as part of their history learning. Not only did they get to observe and handle old toys, learning about their history and how we can use them as sources of evidence, they also got to play in the amazing outdoor space and explore the fantastic National Trust site!	Stephen Wiltshire Class 
		Maya Angelou Class
Yayoi Kusama Class	Kusama Class have made some GIANT artwork outside on the playground. We were inspired by Richard Long and his stone circles to make our own. The children worked as a team to arrange the playground equipment to make a circular shape until they were happy with the layout.	
	In science, Gandhi class looked at all different sources of light. We investigated how the size of a shadow changed when the light source was moved further away from an object. The children were not left in the dark with their conclusions!	Mhatma Gandhi Class
Frida Kahlo Class	This half-term in Frida Kahlo, the children have been facing up against the strongest challenger of all...themselves! In the Me vs Me challenge, each pupil worked hard to set a score on lots of active challenges and then improve on it a few weeks later. We loved the enthusiasm and dedication all our Year 4 pupils showed	
	Jesse Owens have been constructing simple electrical circuits and naming the basic parts such as bulbs, batteries, switches and wires. The children have learnt that a switch is used to open and close a circuit and this will determine whether the bulb will light or not. They can now recognise some common conductors and insulators and know that conductors allow electricity to flow through them easily and insulators do not.	Jesse Owens Class
Sir David Attenborough Class	Year 5 had plenty of exercise walking to, from and around the grounds of Wollaton Hall. The children enjoyed studying the buildings and imagining what	

	the WW2 military camp for the 508th Paratrooper regiment might have looked like 80 years ago (it's now a golf course) and they were very interesting to find out that the 508 Cafe by the play park was actually a hut in the prisoner of war camp (the only one left).	
	Year 5 were delighted to have a team of sportspeople in from Notts County to deliver 'The Joy of Moving' project. The project is dedicated to teaching the children about the importance of getting active through participating in fun team games then in the classroom, studying the connection between the body and mind, hydration, meal planning and balanced diets. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thank you Notts County.	Malala Yousafzi Class
Richard Whitehead Class	Richard Whitehead class have been busy gathering their facts and revisiting their learning in preparation for answering our WW2 essay question. This is an essential part of their History curriculum that helps support pupils as they move to secondary school.	
Zaha Hadid class thoroughly enjoyed science week and carrying out the investigation - can we make an egg bounce? We left 4 eggs in a beaker of water, orange juice, vinegar and coca cola and as you can see from the photos, after 24 hours some strange reactions were taking place!     But did we make an egg bounce? For the answer, find a year 6 child and see if they can explain our results!		Zaha Hadid Class

Important dates for next term:

Date	Time	What?	Where?
13/04/2026	All day	First day of school	Abbey and Highfields Campus
24/04/2026	All Week	Cresswell Crag – Year 3 trip	Abbey Campus
29/04/2026	All day	Dress Up and Break the Rules day fundraiser	Abbey and Highfields Campus
11/05/2026	All Week	Year 6 SATS	Highfields Campus
20/05/2026	All day	Handprint unity banner making fundraiser	Abbey and Highfields Campus
20-21/05/2026	After School	RSE Parent Consultation	Highfields Campus
22/05/2026	All Day	Eid Al-Adha	Abbey and Highfields Campus
25/05/2026	1 week	Half-term holidays	Abbey and Highfields Campus
1/06/2026	All day	INSET Day – no children in school	Abbey and Highfields Campus
2/06/2026	All Day	First day of Summer 2	Abbey and Highfields Campus
8/06/2026	All Week	Phonics Screening Week	Abbey Campus
15/06/2026	After School	New Reception Meeting	Abbey Campus
22/06/2026	All day	Sunrise to sunset non-stop challenge fundraiser	Abbey and Highfields Campus
1/07/2026	All Day	Whole School Transition Day	Abbey and Highfields Campus
1/07/2026	After School	Summer Fair	Abbey and Highfields Campus
06/07/2026	All Week	Take Action Week	Abbey and Highfields Campus
15/07/2026	All Day	Abbey Campus Residential	Abbey Campus
20/07/2026	09:30	Y4-6 Sports Day	School Sports Field
21/07/2026	09:00	EYFS Sports Day	Abbey Campus
22/07/2026	09:30	Y1-3 Sports Day	School Sports Field
23/07/2026	09:00	Abbey Campus Big Pride	Abbey Campus
23/07/2026	14:30	Highfields Campus Big Pride	Highfields Campus
23/07/2026	09:30	Y6 Leavers Assembly	Highfields Campus
24/07/2026	All Day	Last day of term	Abbey and Highfields Campus
27/07/2026	All Day	INSET Day – no children in school	Abbey and Highfields Campus
1&2/09/2026	All Day	INSET Day – no children in school	Abbey and Highfields Campus
3/09/2026	All Day	First day of Autumn Term	Abbey and Highfields Campus