

## **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, staff and families that we have the pleasure of working with every day! Of course, this is a bittersweet time of year as we bid farewell to our Year 6 children who have made us very proud this year. However, we have no doubt that they will continue on their journey with the same passion, kindness and determination that we have seen throughout their time at Dunkirk.

### **End of year results:**

We have had another year of absolutely incredible results which we are extremely proud of. The children and staff work so hard to ensure that they achieve the best results that they can and we want to celebrate how amazing they are!

Reception class – 75% of children achieved a Good Level of Development – this is well above national and local authority levels!

Year 1 phonics – 77% of children passed their phonics test which is in-line with national and local authority levels!

Year 6 results – 88% of our Year children achieved the expected standard in maths; 74.2% in reading and 73% in writing. These are fantastic results, all in line or well above National levels, and we are so proud of the children – particularly the huge number of children achieving greater depth! Well done Year 6!

### **Staffing Update:**

We are delighted to announce that Michaela Hesketh has joined us as our Administrator. She has a wealth of experience in Nottingham City Schools and we know she will do a fantastic job! We would also like to welcome Robert Shilcock, our new attendance officer, who will be working across both campuses and starting in September. We know you will join us in wishing them a warm welcome 😊. As we welcome new staff, we also have to say goodbye to staff who are leaving. Miss Anderson who is leaving us due to her achieving a role as Business Manager at Middleton Primary School, Mr Hall who has been successful in achieving a teaching post at another school and Mr Gough who is retiring after 19 years at the school! We wish them all the best in their new roles and thank them for their dedication during their time at the school.

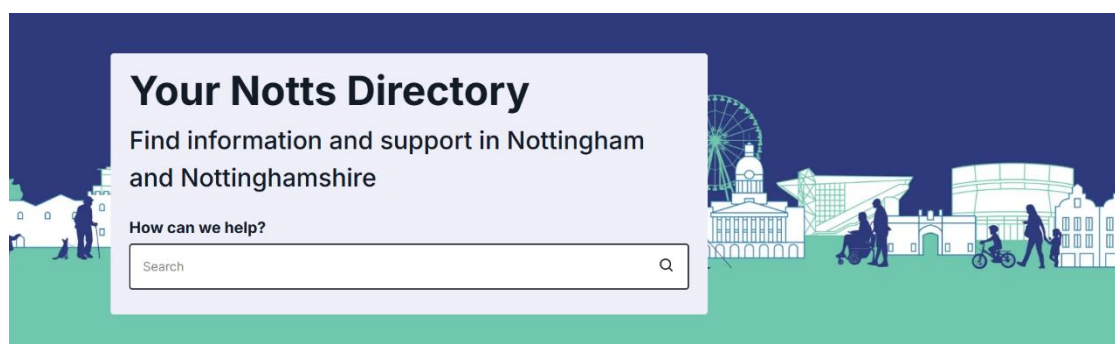
### **Summer Term Fundraising:**

We couldn't write our end of year newsletter without mentioning our summer fundraising extravaganza! The whole school have fully embraced our fundraising challenge, smashing our £2500 target by raising over £4000 so far! Fundraising continues with a number of our pupils taking part in the Robin Hood Mini-Marathon in September. Take a look at some of the amazing events from Break the Rules Day to our Sunrise to Sunset challenge!



## **Safeguarding over the summer:**

If you need any help over the summer, for food, housing, financial worries etc... Don't forget that you can find lots of information, advice and support at: [Your Notts Directory - Your Notts Directory](#)



## **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. We are unable to authorise the majority of leave requests and these will result in a fine if leave is taken outside of school holidays: penalty notices will be charged at £80 per child, per parent if paid within the first 2 weeks. Subsequent penalty notices within a three-year period will result in either £160 fine per child, per parent or a court summons.

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. Please note however, this leave should be for the minimum amount of time possible and it does not cover parent's working arrangements.

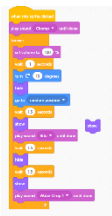
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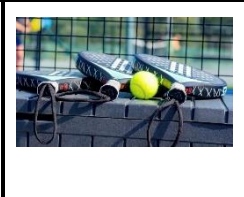
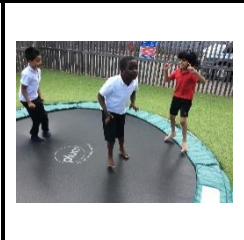
For your information, in the Autumn term, we will also be sending out regular correspondence if your child's attendance is below 92%. This is a requirement set out by the local authority to ensure that children have a 95% attendance level or higher.

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

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| Farah class: 93.94%    | Arshid class: 91.84% | Wiltshire class: 93.09% | Angelou class: 95.71%   |
| Kusama class: 93.54%   | Gandhi class: 94.6%  |                         |                         |
| Khalo class: 93.51%    | Owens class: 93.6%   | Yousafzi class: 96.48%  | Attenborough class: 95% |
| Whitehead class: 94.7% | Hadid class: 94.18%  |                         |                         |

## What have we been up to?

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| <b>Rosen Class</b>                                                                  | <p>We had a fantastic end of term trip to Nottingham Castle! The children enjoyed dressing up as Kings, Queens and Knights, joined in with story telling and drama, built their own castles using lego and explored the castle grounds. We ended the day with a picnic in the sun and a play on the park. The children were amazing and represented Dunkirk with Pride!</p>                                                                                              |    |
| <b>Farah Class</b>                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                       |
|    | <p>One of the children's favourite activities was creating their own Barbara Hepworth-inspired clay sculptures, where they showed fantastic creativity, perseverance and pride in their finished work. Thank you for all of your support this year—it has been a pleasure to teach such a kind, enthusiastic and hardworking class. Wishing you all a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday!</p>                                                                       | <b>Arshid Class</b>                                                                   |
| <b>Wiltshire Class</b>                                                              | <p>This year Wiltshire have enjoyed learning about artists and sculptors; in particular the artist Barbara Hepworth. We have learned about her fascination with nature and how we as humans need to be connected to it. She showed this by drawing lines on her 2 dimensional art work and adding wire to her 3D sculptures. In true Dunkirk style, we have done the same, creating our own sculptures out of clay, adding wires and then painting and glazing them.</p> |    |
|  | <p>Amazing sculptures! For our final Create project, the children in Year 2 have been learning about famous architects, including Goldsworthy, Michelangelo and the Nottingham Make Architects. We have imitated parts of their work, including sketching before making and 3D design. They created wonderful 3D flower sculptures and loved the project!</p>                                                                                                            | <b>Angelou Class</b>                                                                  |
| <b>Kusama Class</b>                                                                 | <p>Kusama Class have been creating sculptures of ships inspired by our learning about explorers including Christopher Columbus and Zheng He. We used wire armatures to support the sculpture, covered them in mod rock and finally used news paper print to show direction and movement. Our fleet of ships is displayed on the ocean background we created using the same techniques, ready to set sail!</p>                                                            |  |
|  | <p>The scientists of Gandhi Class have been investigating different forces. They found that magnetism is a non-contact force that can attract or even repel different objects. We decided to find out which magnets were the strongest by investigating how many paper clips different types of magnets could attract. The results were fascinating!</p>                                                                                                                 | <b>Gandhi Class</b>                                                                   |
| <b>Kahlo Class</b>                                                                  | <p>This term Y4 Frida Khlo have been staying cool...underwater! In our Computing lessons, we have explored how to use count-controlled and infinite loops to make efficient code for a small under the sea shark game. Here's one of pupil's excellent little piece of code.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |

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|                                 | <p>Year 4 have really been enjoying learning about the continents and oceans of the world using the atlases. We have been looking at the different biomes to see which animals and plants survive in them.</p>                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Owens Class</b></p>                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Yousafzi Class</b></p>                                                                                    | <p>Yousafzi Class have had a fantastic time at the Tennis Centre, visiting in June as part of the Nottingham Open - we practised playing Padle and honed our tennis skills, it was great fun.</p>                                                                                                                                                 |                               |
|                                 | <p>We have been studying Space in Science this term and had an amazing time at the National Space Centre. We saw real rockets and went into a 3D cinema which made us feel like we were flying through space.</p>                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Attenborough Class</b></p>                                                                                 |
| <p><b>Whitehead Class</b></p>  | <p>Year 6 have loved their final year at Dunkirk! Some of our highlights have been: Learning about the heart and blood circulation in science this year and drawing the 4 chambers of the heart on the playground; break the rules day and meeting Mrs Lodge's dog; and of course, our SATs treat day of bowling and pizza were just AMAZING!</p> | <br><p><b>Hadid Class</b></p> |
| <p><b>Nightingale Class</b></p>                                                                                 | <p>Nightingale group have been enjoying community visits to Trent Vineyard sensory room and out-door provision. We are so lucky to have this wonderful collaboration and the children benefit immensely from it 😊.</p>                                                                                                                            |                             |
|                               | <p>Highfields Choir have continued to stun us with their fantastic performances at the Lenton Fun Day and QMC! A huge well done for their fantastic performances!</p>                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Highfields Choir</b></p>                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Bright Girls Bright Futures</b></p>                                                                       | <p>Our Bright Girls Bright Futures graduates did us proud this year! They represented the school by taking part in a range of activities at Nottingham Girls High School. Well done!</p>                                                                                                                                                          |                             |

## Important dates for next term:

| Date       | Time          | What?                                                     | Where?                      |
|------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 31/08/2026 | All Day       | Bank Holiday – school closed                              | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 01/09/2026 | All day       | Inset Day – no children in school                         | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 02/09/2026 | All day       | Inset Day – no children in school                         | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 03/09/2026 | All day       | First day of school                                       | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 01/10/2026 | All day       | Census Day – Non-uniform, fun activities and free dinner! | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 08/10/2026 | Afternoon     | Abbey Campus reading workshops & Book Bus                 | Abbey Campus                |
| 09/10/2026 | Afternoon     | Highfields Campus reading workshops & Book Bus            | Highfields Campus           |
| 12/10/2026 | 14:00 – 17:00 | Parents evening – in person                               | Abbey Campus                |
| 13/10/2026 | 14:00 – 17:00 | Parents evening – in person                               | Highfields Campus           |
| 14/10/2026 | 14:00 – 17:00 | Parents evening – in person                               | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 19/10/2026 | 2 weeks       | Half-term holidays                                        | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 02/11/2026 | All day       | Children return to school                                 | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 11/11/2026 | Morning       | Remembrance Assembly                                      | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 16/11/2026 | All week      | Anti-bullying week                                        | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 02/12/2026 | 15:15         | Christmas Fayre                                           | Abbey Campus                |
| 07/12/2026 | All Week      | Whole School Take Action Week                             | Abbey and Highfields Campus |
| 11/12/2026 | Morning       | Year 3-6 Pantomime trip                                   | Highfields Campus           |
| 14/12/2026 | 14:00         | EYFS Nativity                                             | Abbey Campus                |
| 15/12/2026 | Afternoon     | Year N, R, 1 and 2 – Lakeside Theatre 'Snowsmith'         | Abbey Campus                |
| 16/12/2026 | Lunch         | Abbey Christmas Dinner                                    | Abbey Campus                |
| 16/12/2026 | 14:00         | Year 1/2 Christmas Performance                            | Abbey Campus                |
| 17/12/2026 | 09:30         | Highfields Christmas Sing-a-long                          | Highfields Campus           |
| 17/12/2026 | Lunch         | Highfields Christmas Dinner                               | Highfields Campus           |
| 18/12/2026 | 09:15         | Abbey Campus Big Pride                                    | Abbey Campus                |
| 18/12/2026 | 14:00         | Highfields Campus Big Pride                               | Highfields Campus           |
| 18/12/2026 | All Day       | Christmas Celebration Day!                                | Abbey and Highfields Campus |