



The Duchy of Lancaster Newsletter

Friday 26th September

**News and information for families
and the community**





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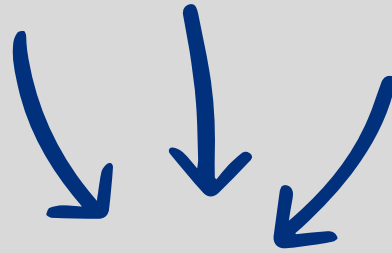
SQUIRRELS/ BADGERS

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Message from Mr Finney



I am pleased to share some updates from The Duchy of Lancaster Primary School.

We have had a great week and are now preparing for a busy period of the term.

Our school is particularly focused on increasing family engagement, and we are committed to showcasing the excellent work our pupils undertake.

I encourage you to review the posters included in this newsletter, which highlight our upcoming events.

This includes our parents' evening, which provides an excellent opportunity for meaningful dialogue between teachers and families, allowing us to discuss pupil progress and support.



These posters provide detailed information about the various activities and opportunities available to our school community.

We are especially keen to welcome more families into our school environment, allowing you to witness firsthand the outstanding educational experiences we provide.



THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER PARENTS' EVENING

Opportunity for parents to share information about their child.

Points to be shared

- Key information that the class teacher needs to know about your child.
- Sharing of important class information that will help you each week.
- Find out how your child have settled into their new year group.
- Learn how to support your child.
- Share any worries you have.

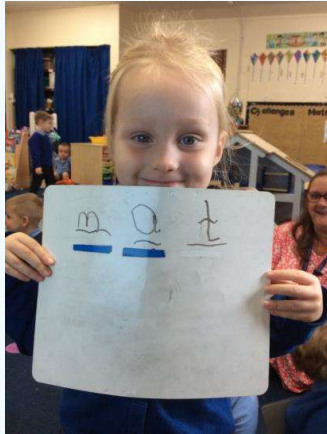
Tuesday 7th October
Wednesday 8th October

15:30 - 18:00

Book using MCAS



Rabbits



Rabbits begun using the Sounds Write phonics programme.

Sounds-Write is a structured, systematic phonics programme based on the Science of Reading.

Currently, we are working on unit one of the initial code.

Teaching children to read is the most important thing we teach at Duchy.



Rabbits



Success and well-being in the children's next stage of education, future education, and life are greatly improved by learning to read.

In the next two weeks, we will be inviting Rabbits' parents and carers in to watch one of our phonics lessons.

This is to give you a greater understanding of how the sessions work.

MATHS AT DUCHY

IN ACTION

Come and see your child learn maths as our expert teachers demonstrate a lesson.

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

9AM - 10AM



UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERSITY (ND)



Workshop Highlights

- ✓ What ND is
- ✓ Benefits associated with ND
- ✓ How ND may present
- ✓ Understanding ND as a child
- ✓ Supporting tools and strategies
- ✓ Additional support

What is the offer?

- ? Understand more about ND.
- ? Look at resources and share ideas.
- ? Discuss strategies to help at home.

2 1-hour sessions

WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

2PM @ DUCHY



Norfolk County Council



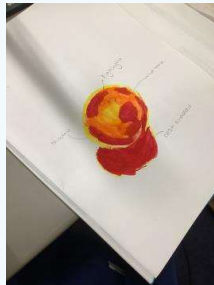
Squirrels



Squirrels have had a busy couple of weeks reading *Oliver Twist*, voting for their school council representatives, learning about the start of the digestive system in science and drawing spartan warriors in history.

Our highlight this fortnight has to be the impressive studying of dramatic dark and light of different fruit in Art lessons.

Last week we used chalk and charcoal for the first time and this week we practiced our paintbrush skills with paints.



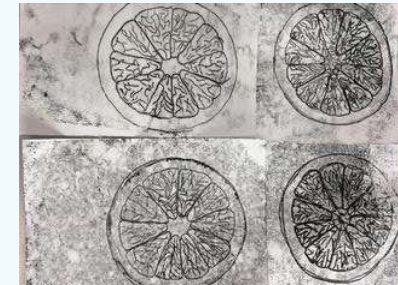
Badgers



This week, Badgers have been continuing their biography study on the author Ross Welford in English, exploring his life and works with great enthusiasm.

In Maths, pupils have been learning about negative numbers and powers of ten, developing their understanding of these important concepts through practical activities and problem-solving.

During Art lessons, the class have been creatively engaged in painting vibrant pints of oranges, honing their observational skills and brush techniques.



CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday to

None

Be On Time Bee Winners

Badgers 97.2%

Elephant of Excellence Winners

Rabbits

Positive Points

Green Mercator - 113 positive points

Yellow Hillary- 120 positive points

Blue Raleigh- 109 positive points

Red Goodall- 118 positive points



Diary Dates



Parent ND Workshop

WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER @2PM

The first of our neurodiversity workshops for parents. This will support all families to support their children at home.



Wrap Around Care

EVERY DAY - 07:45-18:00

Our excellent Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club are open every day. You can book through MCAS.



October Half-Term

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

End of term for children, an professional development Friday for teachers

Parent Evening

TUESDAY 7TH AND WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Use MCAS to book an appointment between 3:30 and 6 pm. See how the year has started and share key information.



Maths with your child

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

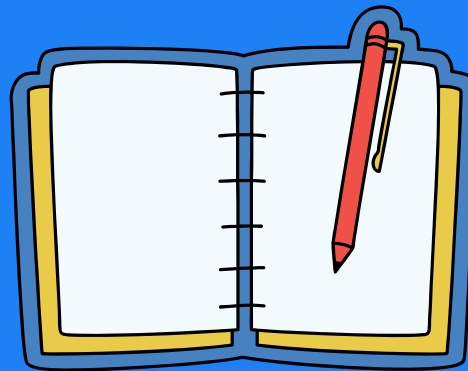
Come in to school to complete a hands-on maths activity with your child(ren)

Links



SCHOOL WEBSITE

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SCHOOL DIARY DATES

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