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## The Micro, Mini & Junior Duke Award

A life skills award for children



Dear Parents

As promised, I am excited to be able to let you know that the Dukes Award is ready to start for this academic year. Last year over 30% of children started the award with 25% of pupils completing it, which is amazing. We are looking forward to the award again this year and have made a few changes. Reception children will be able to join in this year for the first time, hopefully completing their Micro Award. Most of the staff will also be involved as assessors for different challenges (who they are will be at the front of their booklet).

Each child will bring home a booklet, which have 10 challenges appropriate for their year group. To achieve the award, your child needs to complete at least 7 of the challenges but may complete more if they wish. They may, of course complete all 10. We will need to see evidence that challenges have been completed (photos, writing up, videos, etc.) and the booklets brought back to school to be signed and award given. If you would like to send in videos of challenges and tasks or are unable to print out photos, etc., these may be emailed to me at [dukes@ashill.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:dukes@ashill.norfolk.sch.uk) and I will print out and stick in their booklets or give to the child for them to do. Please could your child send in their booklets as they complete each challenge rather than when they have completed the whole award. This allows us more time to celebrate their successes and show these on our display board. On completion of at least 7 challenges, awards will now be presented to children at the Celebration Assembly on a Friday and your child will be presented with a certificate and badge. I will be on the lookout for amazing booklets with lots of information in them and will be giving out special awards.

The challenges should be completed at home (or around) and with family or friends and are not designed to be completed within school as part of the school curriculum. We may organise visitors, etc. to help us within school and we will let you know about these. If your child attends after school clubs, i.e. Football, Netball, Cricket, Geography, Gardening, Art, Coding or any other clubs that may be started during the year, these may help towards their challenges, so please speak to the club leader. Also, any child who gives their time within school to help out, i.e. Playleaders or Librarians will also be able to use their time for the challenges. In addition, for children in Badgers, their play at the end of year will count towards their award.

Of course, if you have any questions with regard to the award, please feel free to email me as well. There is no time restraint to complete the award, you are welcome to complete the award at your own pace, but as the awards are year group based, your child will not be able to get the next award until this time next year. If for any reason, the award is not completed before July 24, it may be completed during the next year and the award given then.

Please note that these books (along with certificates and badges) have been purchased by the school. As we ordered one for each child, we do not have spares, so will be unable to replace.

If you have any questions at all or would like to send me something to print or read, please do so, I look forward to seeing them.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs M Grigg