



**October
2021**



Welcome to the
Doncaster
School for the
Deaf

It has been lovely to see the children return to school with big smiles on their faces and looking very smart in their uniforms. They got straight back into our school routines after the summer break and have been working hard in their lessons.

Long awaited Art Competition Final!



The long awaited SEND Art Competition Final organised by Opportunities Doncaster took place at The Wool Market. Pupils set up their art entries and then had a full tour of the market place. Pupils won prizes in various categories including 1st place in the Level 1 entries! The Level 1 winning artwork is now on show in Chinwe Russell's current exhibition in the D31 Art Gallery on Scot Lane, Doncaster.



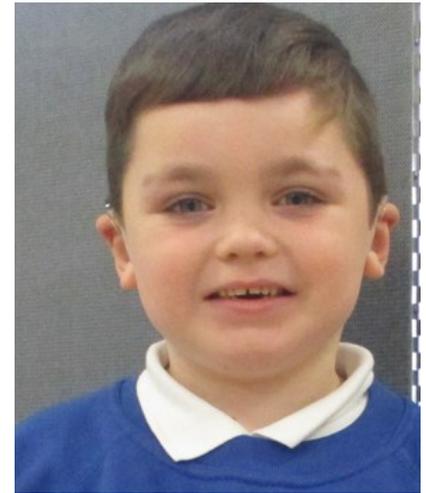
Learning about transportation

Mr Meadow's class have been studying water transport. Pupils have identified that the earliest forms of water transport were probably log canoes. They have also looked at how kayaks were developed in the Amazon Basin for hunting, fishing and transport. Witold and Lucy experienced sitting in a kayak and tried on some of the clothing and learnt how to use the paddle. All they were missing was the water! Hopefully they will get to sail in the future.



Welcome to our new staff and pupils

In September we welcomed 3 new pupils to school , Simas, A Jay and Finley. You can see by their smiles that they have settled well!



We would also like to wish a warm welcome to our new members of staff. Mr Meadows and Ms Hopton have joined our teaching team this term, Miss Greensmith is our new Specialist Teaching Assistant and Mr Wood have joined the school as a PE apprentice.

Tag Rugby

Martin Rowlands from Doncaster Rugby Club delivered some fabulous sessions over this half term. Our secondary pupils made great strides and really got to grips with the tag rugby rules.



The coach was impressed with the skill level of our children and was keen to help us improve by developing links with the club.



Working at 'The Bridge'

The Bridge is a new school work experience project for Doncaster schools and in the summer Lily-Rose and Luke went along and spent 3 busy days helping to build it. Supervised by professional tutors from the Volunteer It Yourself community training company, they learned the skills needed to decorate and furnish the new Bridge café. On day 1 they worked on stripping and painting



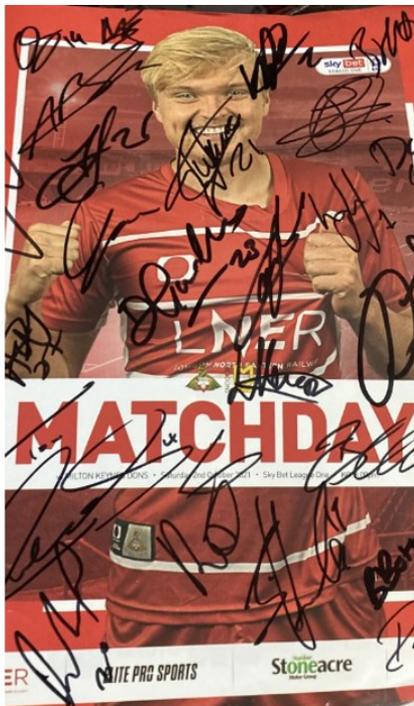
On day 2 Luke and Lily-Rose enjoyed a hot sunny day working outside, drilling and bolting together the homemade café picnic benches.

On the last day they were back inside, sanding down the indoor furniture and using blow torches to add an aged effect to the wood. Plenty more hard work but great results!



We hope to revisit the finished café in the near future. You too can visit for coffee and cakes, baked and served by pupils working there from Doncaster SEND schools. A huge thank you to the staff at The Bridge and to the VIY mentors.

Making memories...



Some of our football mad pupils had an exciting afternoon watching our local football team, Doncaster Rovers FC, play against MK Dons.

They were guests of Doncaster Rovers and got to meet some of the players and the Rovers mascot, Donny Dog. At half time, pupils were surprised and excited when they were called onto the pitch to take some penalties!

Keira's sister kindly signed, this was broadcast around the stadium on the big screens.

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Mr Bunting and Miss Taylor made some wonderful memories too over the summer when they flew to Italy to take their wedding vows! Congratulations to them both!



Climate Change Awareness

Pupils were invited to attend Doncaster's We Are Watching event at Doncaster Racecourse as the town welcomed Dan Archer's striking image of a giant eye flown on a monumental flag, comprising of thousands of digital portraits, contributed by people from 190 countries across the globe. The 10-storey high flag is designed to send a clear message to world leaders with the power to affect decisions about climate change: that the eyes of the world are upon them.



And the beat goes on...

School have been gifted with an amazing drum kit and stool arranged by Mrs Carline and the musician, Paul Munday. Paul kindly set up the drums in our school hall. Every pupil had an opportunity to try out the kit and really enjoyed their first lesson.



Meet our new School Council...



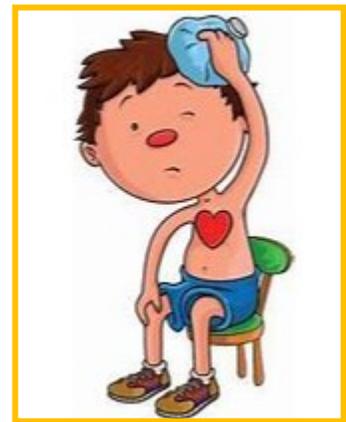
With the start of a new school year all the pupils voted again for new school council representatives. They could nominate 3 pupils (including themselves). The votes have now been counted and we have 9 representatives for the school council. During the first meeting the council voted for the position of 'Chair' and 'Deputy'. Keira was elected as the Chair and Plamen as Deputy. We explained the role of the school council and gave out school council badges to the members, which they are now wearing with pride! They are already busy with discussions regarding how to organise a party for Halloween! They also have other items on the agenda for future meetings—play times, anti-bullying statement, what does Equality and Diversity and Inclusion mean for our school community amongst other topics.

Cross Country Competition, Derby

There were smiles all round on completion of the cross country event at the Royal School for the Deaf in Derby. Secondary pupils represented our school with a positive mindset, pride and passion with great results, 3 medals in total! Well done to all those involved.



Flat Stan Managing Director visits school



We were lucky enough to have Simon Ferris visit school to watch the first ever showing of Flat Stan First Aid signed videos in a deaf school.

Our pupils were excited to meet him and were very happy to be allowed to use the mannikins and receive a personal lesson from Simon. We learnt about what to do in an emergency, how to check an unconscious casualty, how to check if they are breathing and a short introduction to CPR. All these skills can save lives.

Simon was impressed by how quickly the students learnt the new skills and how well they understood what to do in different scenarios.



Our Residential Pupils

Pupils had an exciting start to the term with a visit from the Leanimal Mobile Zoo. The pupils were all really brave and held and stroked a variety of creatures including a snake, a chameleon and a spider to name but a few!



The Tiger Who Came to Tea...



Nieve and Finley have been reading *The Tiger Who Come to Tea* this term. As a special treat all of primary were invited to a tea party organised by Nieve and Finley. They posted the invitations and have been making a range of lovely party snacks during their cookery lessons on a Tuesday.



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 21st October 2021

School closes for half term

Monday 1st November 2021

School re-opens

Friday 17th December 2021

School closes for half term