



Welcome to the
Doncaster School
for the Deaf
Newsletter

Welcome to 2021....

The new year sees staff and children continuing to protect themselves and others by following the government guidelines. Lateral flow testing has begun in school too. We are extremely proud of the children, they have responded in a very mature manner to the weekly covid testing.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...

Our residential pupils have been very creative during the recent snowy weather. From snow angels and snow sculptures to snow ball fights with staff, they have taken full advantage of the weather. Lots of fun was had by both pupils and staff alike.



School Library Make-Over!



Last term we made it our mission to give our school library a re-vamp and we are thrilled with the results! Most of the students and staff were involved in some way - it was a whole school project for everyone to take part in. We started by asking the students what they would like to see in the library and we got lots of great ideas. Next, it was time to sort out all of the books - we found lots of hidden gems that we had forgotten we had! Once all of the shelves were cleared and the furniture was taken out, it was time to get painting and the maintenance staff did a brilliant job - it was very exciting to come back to school after October half term and see how colourful it looked! We then set about organising the books back on to the shelves - a big thank you to everyone who donated books from home and they are now being enjoyed by lots more children. Ms Laverack and Ms Alowoya have done a fantastic job of creating bright and inspiring displays and we got some comfortable beanbags and chairs to make the library an inviting place to come and read. During December, we had a book advent calendar where a new book was added to the library each day ready for when the library officially opened in January with Mrs Fiedor as our new librarian!



Now, every breaktime, students can come in their bubbles to borrow books to take home, play games or just relax with the newspaper. Well done and thank you to everyone involved - we hope that this inspires lots more of our students to pick up a book and read for pleasure.

Celebrating our sporting achievements



The kurling and ten pin bowling equipment donated by Panathlon is brilliant! The pupils practised hard and loved taking part in the virtual competitions. A great big thank you to Panathlon for this opportunity. Congratulations to Doncaster School for the Deaf team for winning the Kurling Challenge.

Well done to Filip and Ralfs who were the winners of the competition for the most strikes scored. A shout out to Poppy who won the competition for the most spares scored, well done Poppy.



Learning new skills

This term we have been challenging our pupils with learning new skills and sports as well as polishing up their existing football skills. Our TRI-golf equipment has been well received and already some of our pupils have learnt safety rules involved in golf, the grip, putting technique and how to use a wedge. They are loving having a go at the many challenges and are quickly developing skill, patience and determination.



OUR RESIDENTIAL PUPILS



Having fun after school before the sun goes down.



Trying lychee for the first time!



Practising life skills.



Keeping fit in the sports hall.



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Check out our school Facebook page - there are lots more pictures, videos and comments to see all that our amazing pupils and staff do.

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM...

Mon 22nd February New Half Term begins

Friday 26 March School closes for the Easter holidays

Keep fit this half term holiday....

If you and your family fancy a fitness challenge this half term, log on to <https://darebee.com> (no gym equipment required). There are lots of different challenges to suit the whole family.

Don't forget to let your loved ones know you care about them .

