



Durants News



Newsletter Summer 2022

A note from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your support over this past term. We have had a very successful term, and I continue to be impressed with the cooperative, positive, can do attitude displayed by every single student.

I want to thank all the staff for their immense efforts over the last year. Everyone has done an amazing job in ensuring the pupils were engaged in exciting lessons (both on and off site such as swimming etc) and have had opportunities to access the community and learn valuable and practical life skills. The strength of Durants lies in the quality of our staff, who work relentlessly to improve outcomes and quality of life chances for all our students. Our commitment is to work in partnership with our parents/carers to maximise the potential for everyone and to prepare our students to make the transition to adult life. Thank you to all our teachers, teaching assistants, therapists, Senior Management Team, office and premises staff. Their expertise, commitment and dedication are commendable. During this pandemic they have shown to be especially resourceful, resilient and determined. They have been open to new ideas, new challenges and new ways of working. They put our pupils and families first and are an absolute credit to Durants school.

Whole school covid 19 Risk Assessment

The Covid19 Risk Assessment remains in place. Our updated Risk Assessment can be located on the school website.

Goodbye

We are saying goodbye to two members of our teaching staff. Suzette Thomas and Huseyin Eroglu. Suzette has worked at Durants for many years and Huseyin has contributed to the school for the year he has been with us. We would like to thank them both for their hard work commitment, support and dedication at Durants and wish them every success and happiness with their careers and future endeavours.

Farewell to Coral Davies

Coral is retiring from Durants after 25 years of loyal service.

Coral has worked as a teaching assistant in the various departments over the years and is currently an admin assistant at the Enfield site. Coral has a fantastic personality, is very funny & quick witted. She always has a smile and pearls of wisdom to make us laugh. Coral is a great colleague and friend. We wish her every good luck and happiness in all her future endeavours.

I wish you all a lovely Summer break.

Warm regards,

Rachel Carli

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Nana Kuffour and Ros Blackburn classes visit Stanstead Airport's Aerozone



Nana Kuffour Class and Ros Blackburn Class went on a trip together to Stansted Airport's Aerozone. The pupils had the opportunity to learn about life at the airport by taking part in activities (including using the actual landing gear from an aircraft). They also had the chance to work with people employed at the airport site as fire fighters and service partners. Inside the purpose-built centre there were three different areas: History of the airport; Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths; and Careers and employability. From the viewing platform there was a bird's eye view of the runway.

Well done to all the students, they were amazing.

A trip to Lords Cricket Ground

The pupils from Ros Blackburn Class went on a sports trip to Lords Cricket Ground, the home of cricket. They watched Middlesex CCC play Nottingham CCC in the Specsavers County Championship.

As well as learning new cricket skills there were many opportunities to take part in cricket activities around the ground, including museum visits, quizzes and selfie competitions. Well done, everyone was amazing!



Malcolm Harris Gowdie class

This term Malcolm Harris Gowdie class has been enjoying their science topic "plants". They have been planting seeds and watching them grow. During our out and about sessions we have taken part in a flower hunt at Forty Hall.



Platinum Jubilee!



On Friday 27 May Clay Marzo class celebrated Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. We made our own decorations, enjoyed activities that had a Jubilee theme, and we even enjoyed a street party with other classes from the upper department. Everyone enjoyed the celebrations!



Nana Yaa Kuffour class and a pupil from Susan Boyle class visited LEGOLAND for their end of year trip.



ARP 1 VISIT THE MUSEUM OF LONDON

The pupils in ARP1 class at our Winchmore hill site enjoyed their exploration of the "Wattle and Daub" house at the museum. This method of house building has been around for thousands of years. As you can see there were no home comforts as we know today.



Ros Blackburn class had the amazing opportunity to visit the V and A Museum. The pupils had the opportunity to consolidate knowledge that was previously learned in ASDAN. They were able to see various items from different cultures,



Summer Sports



**BOOK YOUR SPACES
NOW!!!!**

Holiday Club
10AM-3PM
SESSIONS BETWEEN £40/£80 PER DAY
RUNNING ON THE DATES BELOW:
JULY - 25TH, 26TH & 27TH
AUGUST - 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 8TH, 9TH & 10TH

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!!!
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Pupils from Durants School had great fun at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre whilst developing their physical and social skills. This was an inclusive festival and the pupils were able to take part in many sports activities and adapt them to their abilities. Some of the activities and games included Discus, Jig Saw Relay, New Age Kurling, Parachute Popcorn, Basketball, Tri - Golf and Volleyball. The pupils were surprised by the Mayor of Enfield, who handed out their medals. A big thank you to the Enfield PE Team for organising this.

Greta Thunberg class raised an amazing £ 102.00 by setting up a sensory stall and selling sensory items to pupils and staff within the school. The money raised will go towards their end of year trip to Paradise Park

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End of Term Arrangements

As there is an inset day on Friday 22 July 2022 School will finish for the Summer holiday at the normal time of 3.00pm on

Thursday 21 July 2022

Thursday 1 September 2022 and Friday 2 September 2022 are inset days

School will re-open for all pupils at the normal time of 8.50am on

Monday 5 September 2022

Have a wonderful Summer Holiday!