



Co Acting Head Teachers

We are very proud of the achievements of our pupils at Durand and it is a pleasure to watch them learn and grow into conscientious young students. At Durand we strive to encourage children to develop pleasure in reading and motivation to read. As part of our curriculum, the children get to experience a great variety of text types and enjoy these books through reading, writing, singing and acting.

Reading is Fundamental. In fact, it is one of the most important ingredients to becoming all that you can be. Reading develops your brain, provides a window into the world around you and helps you do better in all school subjects.

To further encourage this positive attitude towards reading, we ask that you make time to read with your children at home every day.

Open Evening

Open Evening for Nursery to Year 6 will be held at school on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 between 3.45 and 6.20 pm with the last appointment at 6.20 pm. Children in part time Nursery will be sent a separate letter. Children in Year 7 and 8 will have theirs in the New Year.

Letters have been sent out this week for you to make an appointment and we will try very hard to give you the time you ask for. We will make these appointments on a first come first serve basis, if it is not possible to give you the time you request we will make other arrangements with you.

Parents are asked not to turn up without an appointment, it may well be that you will have to wait a very long time.

Secondary

Important Dates

Year 11 Trip – Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Year 7 and 8 Trip – Thursday 23rd November 2017

Year 11 Parent Meeting – Tuesday 12th December 2017 – 4.15 – 6.15 pm

Homework – Year 11

The completion of this is an essential part of the GCSE preparation. Failure to complete homework consistently has been proved statistically to lower grades and failure. Please ensure you monitor your children's homework daily.

The till now closes at 4.15 pm on both sites. Payments can be made after this time online at www.scopay.com/durandacademy
To request a code please email admin@durandacademy.com

Please Note: Due to Open Evening taking place on Wednesday 22nd November 2017, there will be no Year 6 SATs club on this day. Club will resume on Monday 27th November 2017.

After School Club Registration



Forms to register your child to attend the After School Club in January 2018 are available in the offices on both sites.

Please look out for the emails and posters which will be displayed around the reception area to remind parents to do so.

If your child is in Reception and is born between the 1st September 2011 and 31st December 2011 you can apply.

Please ensure you apply by the deadline (**Thursday 14th December 2017 no later than 4.00 pm**) as we are unable to accept forms after this date.

School Journey

The Year 6 School Journey to the Kingswood Centre in Staffordshire will take place in June 2018.

The next payment instalment is due on by **Friday 8th December 2017**. Please ensure prompt payment is made as the centre requires regular deposits.

PE

Due to the cold weather, children may bring a plain black pair of tracksuit bottom to PE to keep warm. This must be worn over their PE shorts. Children may also wear a long sleeve plain black or navy top under their PE t-shirt.

Asthma Pumps

Parents are also reminded if your child has an asthma pump in school; it is your responsibility to ensure they are kept up to date and readily available for your child to use when needed. All asthma pumps are kept in the medical drawers on both sites where each child has an individual labelled bag. Children should not have asthma pumps in their school bags or pockets.

Weekly Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages since the beginning of term are:

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| Nursery | NA |
| Reception | RA |
| Year 1 | 1C |
| Year 2 | 2D |
| Year 3 | 3D |
| Year 4 | 4E |
| Year 5 | 5E |
| Year 6 | 6E |
| Year 7 | 7F |
| Year 8 | 8F |
| Year 11 | 11E |
| School Total | 96.5% |

The national average is 95%

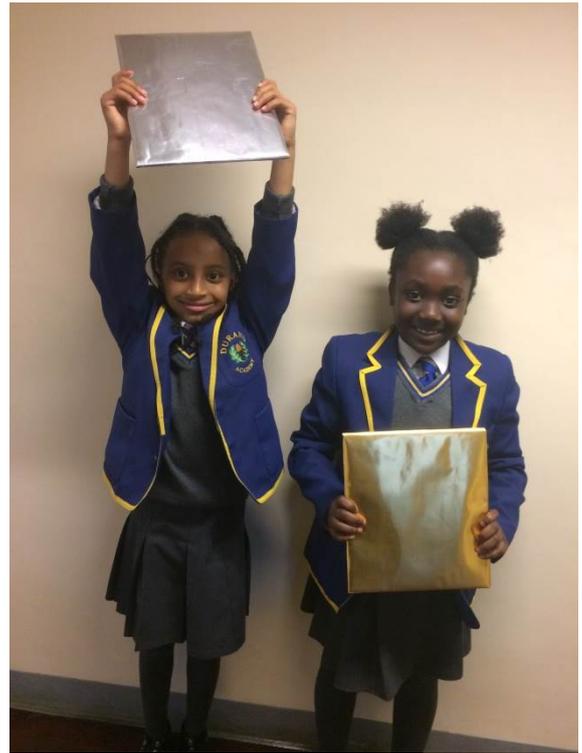
Congratulations to class 3D who has 99% attendance again!

Punctuality

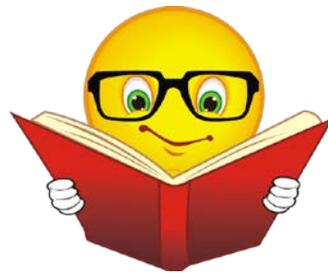
The classes with the best punctuality so far this year are:

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| Nursery | NAM |
| Reception | RB |
| Year 1 | 1C & 1D |
| Year 2 | 2A |
| Year 3 | 3F |
| Year 4 | 4F |
| Year 5 | 5F |
| Year 6 | 6F |
| Year 7 | 7F |
| Year 8 | 8F |
| Year 11 | 11F |

Congratulations!!



Congratulations to our reading competition winners! We had so many entries and it was great to see so many of you reading over the half term. We will do another competition later in the year so we look forward to some new winners then. Thank you to everyone who took part.



Book Competitions – Junior Site

Here are some of the winners from the book competition we ran over half term and the Book Fair poster competition. Congratulations to all the winners. Well done to all the children that took part with lots of reading over the half term and so many fantastic posters were created!



Early Years

WOW! Take a look at Nursery children reading in their reading corner!



Wonderful! Keep up the good work 😊

Lots to come in future weeks – keep a look out for pictures of our new outside area and our Christmas role play room...



Year 2



The Year 2 teachers were so proud with the turn out from the homework projects over the half term break. The Great fire of London project has inspired so many of our Year 2's this term.

The children were asked to create a Map of Old London in 1666, A Tudor building including St Pauls Cathedral or their own architectural redesign of London after the fire. We were overwhelmed with the number of projects received and the high standard of children's work. So much so, we displayed every piece of work for all pupils and parents to see.

Although a tough decision, we are proud to announce that the winner of the Great Fire of London project is La'Tyree 2A for an amazing Tudor house. Not only was it a brilliant structure but the small added detail was proof of how much care was given in its making and captured real events.

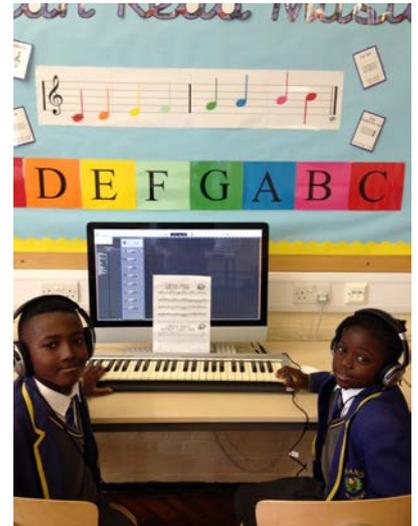
Huge congratulations to all the runners' up; Sebastian 2B, Sapphire 2C, Lashae 2D and Logan 2E. A very big well done to everyone who took part.



This newsletter is issued every week and is emailed to parents. If you wish to receive it weekly please email the school your request. You can also read it online at www.durandacademy.com/news. A limited number of printed copies are also left in reception at both sites.

Year 5 - Music

Year 5 are enjoying their new music topic this half term: keyboards! They have been learning about rhythm notation including crotchets, quavers, semi-quavers and flat notes.



The children have been taught how to sing in a two part round and have learnt how to play a range of songs on the keyboards. If you have a keyboard at home, perhaps you can ask your child to show you their new musical skills. Their favourite songs at the moment are 'Jingle Bells', 'Twinkle, Twinkle' and 'Cool Blues'.



Contact Information

If you have recently changed your number, home address or email address please let the school reception know. It is important to have up to date contact details for all the children in case of emergency.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with the correct uniform. Blazers and ties must be worn every day. These are available to purchase in the offices on both sites.

**Trainers are not part of school uniform.
Shoes must be worn at all times.**

Online Payments

Once again we would like to thank all the parents who are using our online payments system to pay for school meals and after school club.

Parents please be reminded If you are making payments online and your child does not attend the after school club (ASC Main or ASC Mostyn), please ensure you always make your payment in the school meals section and not the after school club section. This is the third option on the page of the website.

Year 6 parents are now able to make payment for the school journey online.

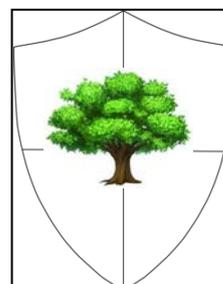
The website is www.durandacademy/scopay.com

If you have not already signed up and wish to do so, please email admin@durandacademy.com to request a code.

Durand Academy House Points

Congratulations to the Oak House who are in the lead with an amazing 477 points for last week.

Well done!



Cedar followed closely with 460 points. Ash has 434 and Beech has 416. Well done!

School Term Dates 2017/18

Autumn Term 2017

Finish Date Wednesday 20th December

Spring Term 2018

INSET Day Tuesday 2nd January
INSET Day Wednesday 3rd January
Start Day Thursday 4th January
Finish Date Friday 9th February

Half Term Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Start Date Monday 19th February
Finish Date Thursday 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Start Date Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Finish Date Friday 25th May

Half Term Monday 28th May to Friday
Start Date Monday 4th June
Finish Date Friday 20th July

Festival Lights Ride



Lambeth Council invites you, your friends and family to join our **Festive Light Ride Sunday 17th December, from 4.00 pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to get on their bikes for some festive fun around some fabulous local landmarks, safely escorted by Cycle Confident marshals and animated by Omnibus Theatre.

Along the route **you will fireworks, lanterns, lights and entertainers. You will hear music, singers and travelling soundscapes.**

We will start from and return to Polygon, Clapham Old Town, London SW4 0JG.

£5.00 for adults and children go free.

Book here – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/festive-lights-ride-2017-tickets-38835245264> (includes a set of emergency bike lights)

Notices

Footballs/Basketballs

Please do not bring footballs or basketballs into the school. The school will provide balls for children to play with.

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Labelling Clothes/Lost Property

Please ensure you label your child's clothes. This helps parents identify items of clothing kept in the lost and found.

If your child mistakenly brings home an item of clothing which does not belong to them, we ask parents to ensure this is returned to school the next day.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we kindly request parents to leave a clear message on the school voicemail and not call to speak to the administrators directly.

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Hackford Road Site
(Press 1 Absence)

Press 2

Mostyn Site
(Press 1 Absence)

Parents must leave a message on the voicemail for each day your child is absent from school.

If your child is absent for more than three days, you must provide a letter from your doctor confirming this. Without this, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.



You can view past newsletters on our website at <http://www.durandacademy.com/news/>.

If the school does not have your email address please give it in to reception or email admin@durandprimary.com.