

# Durham Lane

# News

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## Keeping you 'write' in the loop

By Kleio Vlisidou and Daisy Pam Lee

THE Newspaper Club is a mix of children from Years 3-6 and we write the newspaper that you are reading right now!

We hope to bring you news each term to share all the wonderful things happening at our school.

As part of the Newspaper Club, we have learned interview techniques, newspaper terms and used the ICT Suite to type up our stories.

"I am glad that I joined the Newspaper Club and I

am glad that Mrs Sampson set it up," said Year 5 pupil Tabitha Tough.

"I liked typing in the ICT suite," said Isla Rochester from Year 3.

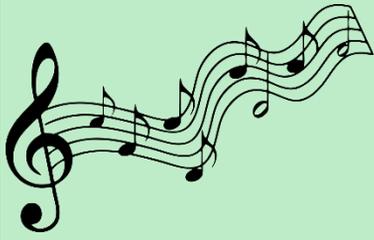
"I love Newspaper Club and I hope it will continue after Christmas!" said Daisy Pam Lee, also Year 3.

"I am very glad that Newspaper Club became a thing because it is lots of fun and I like telling the school what is happening," said Year 5 newspaper club member Kleio Vlisidou.



The newspaper club

## New choir records show for the Mayor



By Kleio Vlisidou

A NEW Durham Lane choir has begun since we returned to school after the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, brightening up the school every Friday.

The choir, led by Mrs Bailey, has around 30 children from Years 5 and 6.

They were excited to perform at the Mayor's Carol Centre with their song, 'There's nothing quite like the Christmas time', but when Covid guidance changed, our school adapted and chose to record the performance instead.

For this performance, three pupils, Josie, Josh and Lois performed solos, which they had to bravely audition for – well done Josie, Lois and Josh!

# More than £500 raised for Children in Need



By Kleio Vlisidou, Daisy Pam Lee and Isla Rochester

DURHAM Lane loves to help others. Last term we raised more than £500 for Children in Need – and we are only a small school!

At Durham Lane Primary School, we do a Pudsey drawing competition every year for the cause.

The theme this year was "sporty Pudsey". The children were asked to draw Pudsey doing a sport, and younger children (Nursery, Reception and Year One) were given the task of colouring in a picture of Pudsey instead.

Everyone at school, including teachers and staff, were invited to dress up in their pyjamas or onesies for the day too.

There was also a raffle held to win a Paddington bear soft toy. The winner, from Year 3, was Alex Nesbitt.



Illustrations, top, by Isla Rochester



# A taste of something different



Mrs Richardson, centre, and the other kitchen staff, above



By George Davies and Tabitha Tough

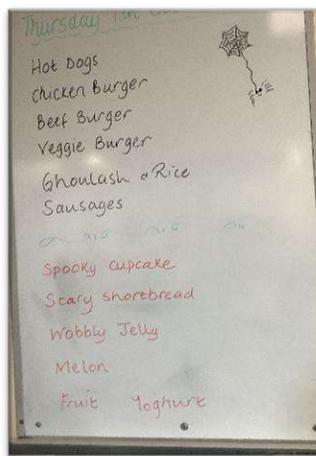
AT Durham Lane we like to keep things interesting, and that includes in the dinner hall.

Just before Halloween, children were treated to a special spooky lunch.

The lunch took place on a Thursday, and children of all ages – from nursery to Year 6 – enjoyed hot-dogs, Quorn-dogs, chicken burgers, and goulash and rice with chips, beans and sweetcorn.

For dessert there were biscuits, muffins, jelly and cakes with Halloween-themed toppers on.

Our reporters spoke with Mrs



Richardson, the school cook, to ask her about this fun event.

Mrs Richardson, who has been cooking since she left college, said, “I like doing theme days because I like doing nice biscuits and cakes and I can change the menu. I can do all sorts for a change.”



Halloween isn't the only dinner with a twist. We also have: Italian dinner, French days, or, as Mrs Richardson says, “Whatever is going on in the school, whatever is requested”.

During special events or holidays there is also often a special lunch in school. In the past these have included: Christmas lunch, Valentine's day lunch, Blue Cross day, tea party lunch, Easter lunch, Red Nose Day and Children in Need.

Pupils and staff also enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch last month. Yum!

# Pupils take it easy on Mindfulness Day

By Kleio Vlisidou and Isla Rochester

Looking after pupils' wellbeing is extremely important at Durham Lane Primary School.

With this in mind, staff organised a special Wellbeing Day, which was held on Friday, December 3.

The pupils did not have to dress in their normal school uniform, but instead dressed in comfortable clothes.

During the Mindfulness Day, instead of usual schoolwork, pupils took part in a range of fun activities which helped promote mindfulness and good mental health.

The activities included yoga and art and crafts.



# Making pupils' votes count

By Daisy Pam Lee and Isla Rochester

DURHAM Lane's children all made their voices heard as they democratically voted to elect 14 school councillors.

A school councillor does things like helping around the school, does important things for the school and stands up for people when someone has been unkind.

Myrto Beintari of Year 3, said, "I wanted to be a school councillor because I thought that I would be responsible and my friends also thought I was sensible and kind. As a school councillor, I thought of ideas for Children in Need."



# Simply sensational

## A uniform to rival all others

Story by Tabitha Tough and Kleio Vlisidou



Illustrations by Tabitha Tough



NOT many schools can say that they have two different uniforms, but at Durham Lane we do!

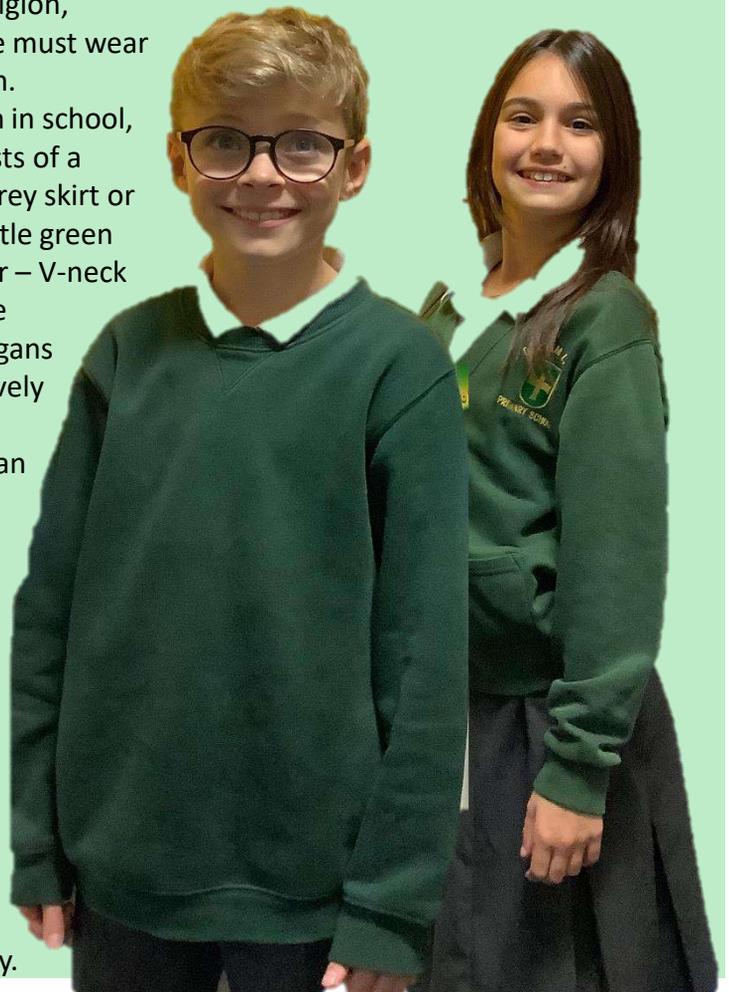
So, what uniforms *does* Durham Lane have, and why is there more than one?

At our school, we are proud to be inclusive and allow you to wear the aspect of clothing you choose, no matter gender, race or religion, although everyone must wear the school uniform.

For most children in school, the uniform consists of a white polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers and a bottle green cardigan or jumper – V-neck or round neck. The jumpers and cardigans can include our lovely school logo.

Pupils and staff can also choose to wear a fleece, again bearing the logo.

Year 6, however, wear black and white uniforms. This is to show that they are the oldest in the school, and that they are afforded more responsibility.



# Join our clubs

By Isla Rochester and Tabitha Tough

HERE at Durham Lane Primary School we have many clubs for you to join!

On Monday, there is a Cookery Club. This alternates between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 so everybody has a chance to learn how to cook. So far in Cookery Club children have learnt how to make: fruit kebabs, fruit scones, carrot and nutmeg cookies, pizzas, and decorated biscuits.

In Lego Robotics on Tuesdays last term, pupils learned how to programme vehicles to complete various tasks.

DanceFusion takes place on Wednesdays. Children in the dance club play different musical games.

Art also takes place on Wednesdays. This was led last term by Mrs Khan, with children learning lots of different art techniques, producing work they should be proud of.

On a Thursday three different clubs happened last term: multi-sport, sewing and lunch time games club. This term, football will be held on a Thursday after school, led by Mr Sheahan.

In sewing club with Mrs Hall, children try many different stiches and learn to create different items. These have included felt Christmas decorations and hair scrunchies.

As well as all of these, our school offers a breakfast club before school every day and an after-school club from 3pm onwards. At after-school club, children regularly take part in games, crafts and creative play.



# Doing us proud at Cross Country



Durham Lane's competitors at the Cross Country final, held at Preston Park

By Isla Rochester and  
Daisy Pam Lee

EIGHT speedy children from each class went to the Cross Country finals at Preston Park.

The damp field didn't stop them from achieving their goals.

The winner of the day was a girl from Yarm Primary School, however, Durham Lane did exceptionally well and made the school extremely proud.

Before the Preston Park event, the children in Key

Stage 2 took part in a race at school and the top four boys and girls from each class went forward to compete at the main event.

Miss Barrett, Durham Lane's Deputy Headteacher, said, "We were incredibly proud of the way all the children conducted themselves at our recent cross country event. Their behaviour was impeccable and the children tried their very best throughout the morning. What a fantastic group of children they were!"

## Pedalling to safety

By Lois Vickers

LAST term, our Year 5 and 6 classes were given vital bikeability sessions.

As well as helping them to stay safe on the roads and with bike safety checks, the children who participated said that they thoroughly enjoyed it.

"I liked going in between the cones." said Tabitha Tough from Year 5, while George Davies said, "I enjoyed signalling."