



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021



## Summer is here...

Wow - what an academic year 2020-2021 has been! From an unusual September to a school closure in January - it has been turbulent to say the least. However, I am extremely pleased that we had the opportunity to spend the final term together as a full school community.

I am so proud of the resilience and commitment that staff, our pupils and their families have shown this year. We have overcome many barriers together including school closures, bubble closures, and individuals and families isolating, yet we did not let this impact on the education of our pupils. Each and every pupil deserves to be commended on their efforts and attitude this year - well done!

As we approach the summer, I hope all pupils and staff have a well-deserved break and I would like to congratulate them on another fantastic year at Diamond Hall Junior Academy! Additionally, all staff and pupils would like to wish our Year 6 Leavers the best of luck in their new adventure in Key Stage 3.

I look forward to seeing everyone return in September, ready for another action-packed year at Diamond Hall Junior Academy.

Have a great summer,

Mrs F Hoare, Headteacher

# Hello!

## to our new Year 3 pupils!

**Hello to the children and parents/carers who will be joining Diamond Hall Junior Academy in September!**

At this time of year we would usually hold transition visits in our school to show you around our school areas. As we cannot currently show you around in person, please visit our Facebook page to join us on our virtual tour...

**We look forward to seeing you all in September!**



# End of year poem by Femi Year 6

I've enjoyed my time at Diamond Hall,  
It really has been a ball.  
My time in school was totally great,  
Coming here was no mistake.  
I've loved this school - through and through,  
Over the years, we've really grew.  
Although it's sad I need to go,  
I hope my hard work really shows.  
Now it's time to say goodbye,  
Farewell Diamond Hall: I've got to fly!

## Joke corner

What do ghosts eat in summer?

I-Scream

Where do sheep go on holiday?

The Baa-hamas

# We're social!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with all of the latest news from around the Academy!



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## IMPORTANT DATES

for your diary

TUE 07 SEP - Back to school

FRI 22 OCT - Half term begins

MON 01 NOV - Back to school

Please keep checking our website and social media channels for the latest updates.

## Mini medics

Our Year 5 pupils have been gaining valuable knowledge on emergency response and CPR as part of their after school club this term.

The group focussed on their right and responsibility to be (and stay!) healthy. Pupils looked at both physical and mental health, focussing on factors such as diet, exercise, education and wellbeing. The group studied illnesses and conditions before learning how to prevent them, mainly looking at hygiene.

The group were fascinated to learn how to respond to emergency situations using the DRABC acronym (Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing and Circulation) and studied a first aid kit and bandaging techniques for different injuries.

## Olivia's mask

"Our last topic in Year 6 has been 'Hola Mexico'. As part of our learning, I decided to create my own 'Day of the Dead' mask as part of my homework. I love being creative both in and out of school!" -

Olivia, Year 6



## Reading stars

Each week we have eagerly waited to see who would be our 'reader of the week'.

The battle for the top spot on the leader board was close week after week!

We are thrilled with everyone's reading effort and have loved seeing our winners proudly display the trophies on their desks.

A huge shout out to Taylor-Leigh who managed to top the leader board twice in a row!

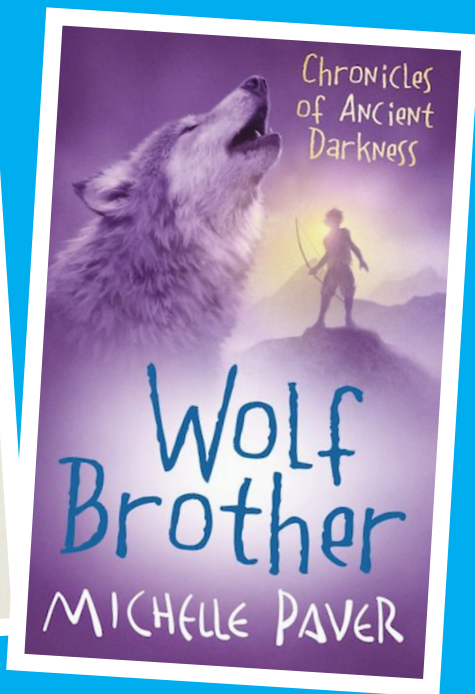
Here's what recent winner, Kiera, had to say...

"I love reading! It's one of my favourite things to do. I have many favourite books, one of them is 'Once Upon a Dream' which tells the story of what might have happened if the kiss from the prince hadn't woken sleeping beauty."

## Road trip USA!

Our fantastic pupils have been taking inspiration from their Road Trip USA learning topic in their Tuesday evening art club. Check out their amazing totem poles!





# Reading area makeover

You may have noticed a few changes around school this term...

Our Trust's graphic design team have transformed four reading areas into paradise for bookworms! Each area has a theme including an out of this world space theme, a tropical jungle, an enchanted forest and a mystical under the sea space!

## Book review: The Wolf Wilder and Rooftoppers

By Demi H

"Katherine Rundell is the best-selling author of *The Wolf Wilder* and *Rooftoppers*, which won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Blue Peter Book Award and was short-listed for many others. Other books by Rundell include: *One Christmas Wish* and *The Good Thieves* to name a couple.

In the book, the main characters are Feo and her mother, who live in the snowy woods of Russia, in a house full of food and fireplaces. People have wolves as pets in the book and once they have done something wrong, the owners would send them to Feo's mother who is a wolf wilder and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. A wolf wilder is a person who teaches tamed animals to be wild again, to fend for themselves and to fight and to run.

When the corrupt Russian Army threatens her wolves and arrests her mum, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run. With her wolves by her side, she sets off on a daring, exciting and sometimes scary journey through the snow to St Petersburg, pursued by an evil general who's determined to kill Feo's wolves and stop her at all costs.

This book is great! I highly recommend it. It's a great book especially if you're into animals. I would recommend if you're into longer books.

My next read is going to be *Wolf Brother*. I'm excited to read this book. It is written by Michelle Paver, author of *The Wolf brother* series."

