

Junior Duke Newsletter



What did YOU do during Lockdown?

When your school closed and teachers sent out work to do, most children just got on with their daily tasks. Not Ailie.

On March the 23rd, when schools around the UK closed their doors and children were confined to their homes, Ailie from Bruntsfield Primary, in Edinburgh, did something outstanding. She became frustrated with the constantly emailed, unnamed pdfs from her school and found them hard to open. Because she was doing her Platinum Junior Duke and had been tasked to create a website, she decided to upload the work from the teachers onto her own website so that her classmates would be able to access it! As the weeks ticked by, per pupils' suggestion, she added a place where pupils could share their work, which was an early sign of connection for pupils, their classmates, and teachers. What a girl!

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SCOTTISH SCHOOLS

Up on last year, we have 2284 Scottish children taking part.

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ENGLISH SCHOOLS

New to England this year with 479 children taking part.

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UAE SCHOOLS

Our first international participants! 204 children from Dubai.



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Deadline
20/21

Schools are being asked to ensure their numbers for booklets are in to Dawn **before the 17th of September 2020.**

Litter picking in Totnes

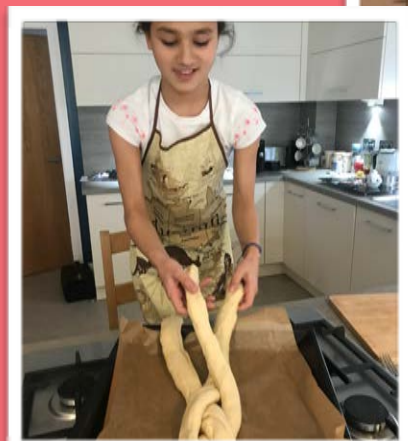
A group of Year 4 (P5) children from The Grove have made a difference to their community

Silver Junior Duke children decided that litter picking around Borough Park in Totnes and along the river would be a really great thing to do. They were right. Look at all the litter they collected. Their community is a much nicer place to be because of them. They all said they would go back and do it again. Thank you to these wonderful people.



Eco Challenge

With the changes in our environment so prevalent in the news, children working in all levels of the Junior Duke are asked to think about what they can do to help. While other year groups are asked to save electricity, plant trees, pick up litter and weed their garden, in P2 (Y1) in Aberfoyle Primary School, children planted bulbs and seeds. As well as making their village look lovely, the air quality north of Glasgow will be improving because of their hard work.

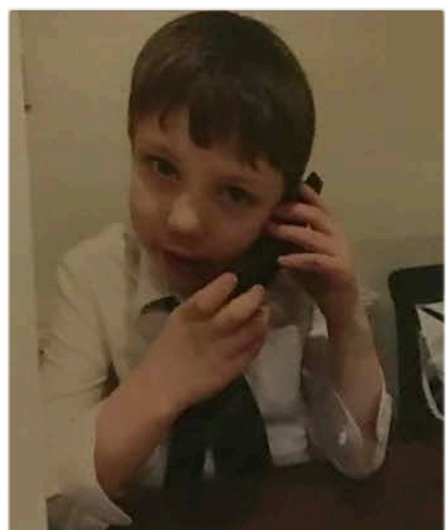


Cookery skills

Eat your heart out, Paul Hollywood. Evie, a Year 5 from Totnes, had great fun learning to bake bread. She thought the best bit was kneading the dough. Once baked, it disappeared in seconds - it was delicious and warm with drippings of butter. Her mum says that she has a job in their house for life!

While Evie was baking bread in Devon, Sophie was pleating her loaf in Glasgow.





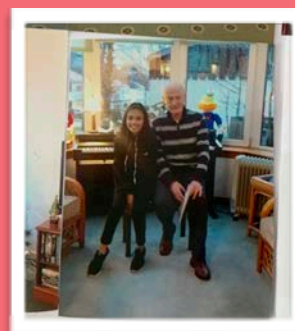
Safety

Matthew in Year 1 (P2), learned his daddy's phone number and loved learning how to phone it from his mummy's phone. He thinks it will be really useful to know if he ever gets lost.

Caring for Others

In the Platinum Junior Duke, Zara in P7 (Yr6) visited her local Care home every week for a month. She chatted with the residents and really enjoyed hearing their stories and feeling as though she was making them happy and helping out.

She enjoyed it so much, she planned to keep going even after completing the requested four sessions.



Junior Duke Teacher of the Year!



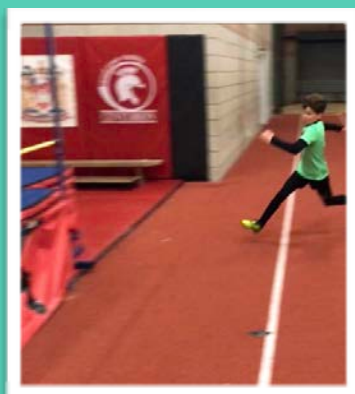
There have been many amazing stories of things going on in various schools around Britain this year and I thank all of the teachers involved. During Lockdown, I heard of Duke clubs set up on weekly Zoom calls and there was even the first ever Duke trophy made (can't wait to see it!). However, the idea that I loved and copied was the Duke Drive-thru. The mastermind was Rachael Wilding, Head Teacher of the Smart Vision

School in Dubai. Thank you for celebrating the children's success!



Mental Health Awareness

Particularly during this unusual time of home schooling, self distancing and lockdown, it is so important to slow down, breathe and take the time to do the things that make us happy. Jake from St Aiden's Primary in Wigan enjoyed completing his first ever level of the Junior Duke this year. Prior to lockdown, the thing that made him happy was his athletics. He really attacks the high jump bar! I hope he has been able to find other active things to do during Lockdown!



Whilst, Jake was doing athletics to keep him happy, Zara in Glasgow has discovered a love of Anime. At the start of Lockdown, she read an Anime book all about Volleyball and was inspired to learn how to play. She feels that she has become a bit obsessed by it and has spent hours playing volleyball in her garden.



Independence

In Primary 4 (Yr3), the children are asked to show how independent they can be by leading an adult on a walk to a particular destination. They need to show that they can cross roads safely and take the appropriate turns to get to the shop to buy milk or go to the swimming pool etc.

Here, Jenna led her family past the intrigued cows to the shop to buy milk and bread for the next day's breakfast. She said she would feel a bit better doing it on her own now that she has proved to herself, and her dad, that she knows the right way.



Gold Mini Duke Exercise Challenge

To go on a family bike ride and take appropriate kit.



Silver Mini Duke Exercise challenge

To go on a long family walk and carry your own snacks.



Platinum Domestic Task

Wash, dry, iron and put sheets back on the bed. Challenging!

DUKE DRIVE-THRU

Due to there being no assemblies at the end of term, nor in the near future, Hutchie stole the great idea of a 'Duke Drive-thru' from Rachael in Dubai. 80 children were driven-thru or walked-thru and some even scooted-thru. It was a joyous occasion and a lovely way to end the term and to congratulate the children after all of their hard work.



AIMING TO REMAIN CARBON NEUTRAL

After having nearly 3000 booklets printed last year for children around the UK, we contacted the Woodland Trust and asked that they replant enough trees to replace the wood used...and then a few more to balance the carbon dioxide that was produced by delivery vans! We are very thankful to the charity for making a difference to our world.

