

THE DIXIE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Junior School and Nursery





Extra-curricular Clubs

A variety of clubs are on offer throughout the year.

- SPEECH AND DRAMA
- CRICKET
- ICT
- NATURE DETECTIVES
- MAGAZINE CLUB
- TENNIS
- DANCE
- BALLET
- TRIATHLON CLUB
- ORCHESTRA
- FIRST AID
- BADMINTON
- SKIING
- FENCING
- FOOTBALL
- HOCKEY



Welcome to The Dixie Grammar Junior School and Nursery

The Pippins Nursery School—Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The Nursery is located on the ground floor of the main house yet enjoys the benefit of having its own safe and secure area, making full use of school facilities and the specialist Music and PE teachers.

The Nursery takes children from their third birthday, offering full day sessions. We encourage the children to explore, be active and develop critical and creative thinking through a variety of both indoor and outdoor activities.

The transition from the Nursery to the School is made as smooth as possible with the children spending time in the Reception classrooms with the Reception Class teachers in the summer term. The children also perform a joint Christmas Nativity Play and take part in many School events such as Inter-House Cross Country and Sports Day. Swimming is also introduced in the summer term.

Reception Class —Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The Reception Class sees the completion of the Early Years Foundation Stage of education. Children learn through a variety of teacher led and child initiated activities while continuing to develop their independence. The Reception class curriculum provides a stimulating range of topics to prepare the children for their transition to Year 1.

Maths

All children are taught number, calculations, problem solving, shape and space and data handling. These concepts are delivered using our wide range of practical resources. Our aim is to equip our children with strategies to allow them to solve mathematical challenges with confidence.

English

Children follow a full and varied curriculum throughout the school. From Reception Class to Year 2. The curriculum focuses on reading, phonics and independent writing. We know the value of fluent reading and this is encouraged from entry into the School. The children in Years 3 to 5 continue to develop their skills in ability groups concentrating on creative writing, grammar and comprehension.

Science

All three science disciplines of physics, chemistry and biology are covered in the new science curriculum. Science in the younger year groups is carried out within their own classrooms. Children in Years 4 and 5 benefit from using the dedicated and very well resourced Science Room where the majority of learning is through investigations and experimentation.

SPORT



Sport

In PE lessons all children participate in rugby, hockey, football, cricket, netball, and rounders. From the Reception class onwards the children have swimming lessons, at Hinckley Leisure Centre. All children have the opportunity to participate in Inter-House and Inter-School competitions including cross-country and swimming galas. The School competes regularly in ISA Midlands and National events and Hinckley and Bosworth Small Schools Association competitions. The PE Department recently won a Gold Sports Mark Award for provision and competition in Sport.

LANGUAGES



Languages

In EYFS and KS 1 children learn French through songs, interactive activities and action rhymes; sometimes puppets are used to introduce new words. With this young age group the emphasis is on speaking and listening in order to familiarise the children with the sounds of the French Language. In KS2 the emphasis is on learning in a fun environment and the children carry out role plays, play language games and use Chrome books. We aim to give the children the ability to learn basic vocabulary for the next stage at the Senior School. Year 5 pupils are also familiarised with the basics of Mandarin, a subject fully introduced at the Senior School in Year 6.

MUSIC



Library

All year groups are timetabled to have time in the library. We aim to teach our pupils how to make the best use of this resource to enhance their own learning and enjoyment of reading. The children also take part in guided reading sessions as well as paired reading groups across the year groups.

Art

Our children enjoy and understand art by exploring and developing ideas using different media and techniques. In the summer term we have an Arts' Week when the School bases all activities around a chosen theme. During the week we take part in the Bosworth Festival of Art s.

Music

All children have the opportunity to enjoy and be enriched by learning to play a wide range of musical instruments. There are many extra-curricular activities including choirs, recorder ensembles, orchestra and brass group. Recorder lessons begin in Year 2 and all Year 3 pupils receive weekly group lessons on either the violin or cello. The School also acts as a private centre for ABRSM Exams.

HUMANITIES



ICT

All pupils from Reception to Year 5 receive weekly timetabled ICT lessons where the children focus on a variety of skills. These include word processing and multimedia, digital media, programming, communication and collaboration, data handling and E-safety. The children also have access to Chrome books in lessons to support classwork, as well as computers in the classrooms.

Humanities

This covers History, Geography and Religious Studies. In the younger years these are taught as part of a cross-curricular topic rather than as individual subjects. Each subject is enhanced by an educational visit.

We believe at the Dixie Grammar Junior School and Nursery that each child is unique and that it is our role within education to look for opportunities to present different challenges to pupils whilst constantly supporting them in their studies.

Our broad based curriculum allows us to get the best from our pupils and we are pleased to offer specialist teaching in Languages, Sport, Science, Music and ICT.

Languages are first taught in Nursery, beginning with French, and in Year 5 pupils have an introduction to Mandarin. We participate in the Independent Schools Association and local sporting events and, as a registered centre for the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, our children regularly attain grades in Speech and Drama. We have for many years also competed successfully in both the Nuneaton and Market Bosworth Festivals of Art.

Year 4 children have the opportunity to go on a residential visit where they take part in a variety of outdoor activities including abseiling and archery. This is a fantastic experience for them to participate in team building activities and the development of leadership skills. In the summer term Year 5 enjoy weekly sessions at the local Water Park as part of their PE curriculum culminating in an overnight camping trip and sailing regatta.

Music plays a very important part in the life of the school and we encourage all of our children to learn an instrument. In year 3, all children learn a string instrument and participate in concerts throughout the year. Music is showcased at other times through the year in concert and carol events.

Our Nursery is located behind the main house, on the ground floor. Children may join from the age of 3 years. We offer Government funding for the Nursery Years and also into the Reception Class. Nursery Staff and Reception Class teachers work closely together to facilitate a smooth transition.

The academic achievements of our pupils are the foundation of the School and I am delighted that almost all of our Year 5 take up places in the Senior School with many gaining Scholarships. Despite the split over two sites we work as one school with one vision and exploit the links and opportunities that a 3-18 school brings.



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