



THOMAS WILLINGALE SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents/carers,



We are pleased to announce the continuation of our very successful Junior Duke Scheme this year. We apologise for the slight delay to this scheme starting, due to school closing early on the day that our launch assembly was due to take place.

For those who are unfamiliar with the scheme, it encourages independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation. Junior Duke is aimed at helping KS2 children to learn and practice a large variety of life skills, incorporating various different levels, starting with Bronze Award.

Each level has a selection of challenges and, in order to complete a level, children need to finish a pre-determined number of these successfully. These might include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Eco awareness, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair. Children will be given some of the necessary skills in school, but most of the challenges will require a good deal of time and effort out of school with friends and family.

On completion of a level, a well-earned certificate and badge will be awarded. Children should aim to finish their challenges by the end of April '27, in order to take part in a celebratory tea party. However, if your child's booklet remains incomplete by the end of the school year, he or she may carry it on into the next year. We are very pleased to announce that Leyton Orient F.C. will continue to be our ambassadors for the Junior Duke Award Scheme and will be making appearances at the school during this academic year.

Unless your child has already completed the Bronze Award, we are offering interested KS2 children in **Year 3 - Year 6** the chance to take part in the **Bronze Junior Duke Award**. Initially, there will be **30 spaces** available and there will be a cost of **£10** to participate. Your child's space will be secured by both an online payment via School Gateway and giving online consent. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To make this as fair as possible, the **payment line will go live at 11am tomorrow (Thursday 22nd October)**

Please only sign up your child if they are genuinely interested in completing the award and have the necessary time that they can put aside outside of school.

Kind regards,

The Junior Duke Team (Mrs C. Brown & Mrs M. Hinton)

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