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Duke Award



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Dear Parent/Carer

To encourage independence and self-motivation, our school is running an optional scheme called the Duke Award.

There are six levels: Mini Duke Silver (YR1), Mini Duke Gold (YR2) Junior Duke Bronze (YR3) Junior Silver Duke (YR4) Junior Duke Gold (YR5) and Junior Duke Platinum (YR6).

Each of these levels has ten challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish seven of these successfully. These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Languages, Art, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair. The children will be given many of the necessary skills in school, but most of the challenges will require time and effort out of school.

Each task in the award has an adult in school trained to assess each challenge with the Duke leaders, then checking everything is in order with the seven challenges prior to being awarded the badge and certificate.

On completion of an activity, a house point will be awarded and on completion of all seven of the activities, children will earn five house points, a certificate and a badge at celebration assembly. All children who complete the Platinum level will receive his or her badge and house points at assembly as soon as they have completed his or her Award. The certificates will be awarded later at a special ceremony near the end of the academic year with the Duke Leaders and the Duke Ambassador – yet to be recruited!

If a level remains incomplete by the end of the school year, children may carry it on into the next year, except for Year 6 pupils who will be moving onto a new school.

The cost of the resources (booklet, certificate and badge) for each of the awards is £10.

For children who would like to take part in the award, we do not want cost to be a barrier to children, therefore, when paying for the award on Arbor, we have added three price options.

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This is set up as a club on Arbor and requires you to consent and pay online. To enable the price options for payment, you will need to choose either one, two or three sessions. (See below for prices)

Once you have signed up and paid, we will issue children with their booklets to start the scheme. This will be done once a week so please allow for this before your child will bring the booklet home.

- 1) £10 for the cost of the award.
(Choose two x £5.00 sessions on Arbor)
- 2) £15 for the cost of the award and a contribution to another child's award.
(Choose three x £5.00 sessions on Arbor)
- 3) £5 for a contribution to the cost of the award.
(Choose one x £5.00 session on Arbor)

Please speak with a member of the school team that you feel comfortable approaching if your child would like to participate but the price options are not viable for you.

Please note in order that you may proceed with the Award, when signing up to the club, you are hereby giving consent for your child to take part and acknowledge that the Junior Duke takes no responsibility for injury or accident sustained throughout the Award (e.g. burns when cooking, injury through sport etc.) Please also note that John Ball School takes no responsibility for any of these activities undertaken whilst outside of school.

During the process, if there are any great photo opportunities, if you use Twitter, please would you send them to @JBPrimary #TeamJB.

Thank you,

Regards

Mrs Francis and Mr Crawford
Duke Award Leaders