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Announcing the Launch of the Junior Duke Award Scheme

Dear Parents and Carers,

To encourage **independence**, **confidence**, **resilience** and **self-motivation**, our school is offering an award called the Junior Duke Award. There are ten levels, one per year group, named: the Nano Duke (Nursery), Micro Duke (Reception), Mini Duke (Y1+Y2) Junior Duke (Y3 – Y6) and Senior Duke Awards (Y6+). These are all aimed at helping children from the age of 3 to 13 to learn a large variety of life skills as well as broadening their horizons and understanding others' cultures.

Each of these levels has a selection of challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish a pre-determined number of these successfully. These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Eco Awareness, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair. The 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 with school with friends and family. Time spent achieving and discussing the awards with your children is extremely valuable.

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 the school year. However, if your child's booklet remains incomplete by the end of the school year, he or she may carry it on into next year.

We will be funding this award for all children in our school, and we hope that as many of you as possible really see the value in this scheme and become fully engaged with it. The scheme forms part of our school offer to promote pupil's wider development beyond the academic, and links closely with our Silsden Seven Threads of Learning, the New School Climbing Wall and out Outdoor Learning Curriculum.

For more information about the award please click the link to find out more.

[Junior Duke Information Video](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support

Yours faithfully,

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