



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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The Junior Duke Award A life skills award for children



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Dear Parents/ Carers

At Hawridge and Cholesbury CE School we already have a big focus on inspiring children to challenge themselves and others, while encouraging them to use a range of learning skills to help strengthen their character. In order to build on our work in this area, we are pleased to be offering to all of our children for the second year running, the Micro, Mini and Junior Duke Awards, created by Dawn Waugh of Capable Kids.

Children who completed their Award last year received their certificates and badges in celebration assemblies throughout the summer term. If your child is still working on last years' challenges, there is still time to complete them and send the booklets in to school. It would be great if all children were awarded their certificates and badges by the end of this half term.

If your child has already completed last years' Award and/or they would like to take part in the next Award then please read on as there are different challenges for every class.

The Micro, Mini and Junior Duke give primary-aged children the opportunity to participate in a variety of new experiences. They teach children that it is good to 'have a go' and challenge them to learn new and varied skills from an early age. By enrolling in the Award scheme, children will learn that you may not always succeed first time and that is okay. This helps them to develop the resilience they will need throughout their lives.

There are seven levels: Micro Duke (Reception), Silver Mini Duke (Year 1), Gold Mini Duke (Year 2), Bronze Junior Duke (Year 3), Silver Junior Duke (Year 4), Gold Junior Duke (Year 5) and Platinum Junior Duke (Year 6). Each level has a range of ten challenges based around developing valuable life skills such as baking a loaf of bread, fixing a puncture, planning an adventure and making a cup of tea. Children must complete seven of the challenges to achieve the level and be awarded a certificate and a badge.

The Micro, Mini and Junior Duke Awards are entirely voluntary and are designed to be completed mainly at home with the support of friends and family. However, a number of challenges will need to be assessed and signed off in school by the class teacher. Children should aim to finish their challenges by the end of the school year.

For those wishing to participate, there is a cost of £10 which includes a challenge journal, a certificate and a badge (Please note that if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium then the Pupil Premium grant will cover this cost). The challenge journal explains the challenges in detail and provides space for written and photographic evidence to be collated. For more information about the Award please visit <https://juniorduke.com/>.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete and return the slip below by Monday 18th September 2023.

Kind regards,

Caroline Davey
Assistant Headteacher

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This slip must be returned by Monday 18th September

Duke Award

I would like (child's name) in(class)
to participate in the Duke Award.

☐ I have paid £10 via SchoolMoney **or** ☐ My child is in receipt of Pupil Premium

☐ In order to proceed with the Award, please tick here to show that you 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.). **THIS BOX MUST BE TICKED**