

Pear Tree Mead Academy

Educating children 2 – 11

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The Junior Duke Award

A life skills award for children



Dear Parents,

To encourage independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation, our school is running an Award Scheme called the Junior Duke Award. This includes the Micro Duke, Mini Duke, Junior Duke and now also the Senior Duke Awards and is aimed at helping children from the age of 5 to 13 to learn and practice a large variety of life skills.

We will be aiming this at years 5 and 6. 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 some of the challenges will be required to do outside of school with family and friends. This will be completed during the school day and children who sign up will come out of class once a half term to complete a challenge. There are 10 challenges. 6 will be completed in school (once every half term) and 4 at home.

On completion of the level, a well-earned certificate and badge will be awarded.

In order for your child to take part, we ask that you pay £20. This will include the membership, booklet, certificate, badge and any resources that need to be bought in order to complete the tasks. If your child would like to take part, please would you complete and sign the form below.

Please can you return this to us by **Wednesday 22nd September** with full payment. Your child will not be able to take part without full payment. There will be limited spaces so please return this to us as soon as possible.

If you would like more information, please ask Miss Warner or Mrs McCombie or visit the website: juniorduke.com

Thank you,

Miss Warner and Mrs McCombie

