



DEER PARK

newsletter

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HEADTEACHER'S HELLO!

One of the things that make our school special is the strong sense of community spirit that exists here. As a school we wish to generate unique opportunities that create lifelong memories and in turn helps to create a sense of belonging and connection among our students, staff, and wider community. Involvement in eco projects, sports teams, student summits, house competitions etc all serve to maintain the ethos and culture here at Deer Park and it is wonderful to see how actively the students involve themselves. You can read how committed they are in the articles below. As staff we also recognise that this only happens from the encouragement that they receive at home to take a risk and join in. I know I talk about this a lot but it is so important for our students to push themselves to try new things and we know they perhaps wouldn't do that without your continued support (sometimes the students say nagging!) from home. So a massive thank you from all of us here.

I hope the Coronation weekend is a relaxing and enjoyable time for you all. The sunshine has made glimmers of an appearance so let's all hope that summer actually arrives soon...

Have a great bank holiday weekend,
Mr Jones

MEET MRS DENMAN



Hello, my name is Mrs Denman and I work in additional support as a learning mentor. I started at Deer Park this term but I have worked in schools for many years previously in various roles within the SEN team and Student Services. I really enjoy working with young people to support them as I find it so rewarding and I love how every day is different.

When I am not in school, I run a busy nail business from a salon at home and I also love to bake cakes for people. I have two lovely children, aged five and two. These along with our cockapoo, Mabel, keep me very busy!

TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC

Please click [here](#) to view term dates for next academic year (2023-2024).

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

This week in recognition of the hard work of our school community, Deer Park have been awarded with The Bronze UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools award.

The UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) helps schools to use the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) to enhance daily school life.

The Bronze award is granted to schools that have shown a commitment to embedding children's rights throughout its policies, practices and ethos. We look forward to continuing our work towards the silver award in the coming months.



EDUCATION FOR LIFE

This half term students will return to the 'Relationships' strand of the Education for Life curriculum. In line with the RSE statutory guidance the students will have 3 lessons on the following subjects:

YEAR 7

Celebrating Differences

(Lesson to complete student feedback
PASS survey)
Consolidation

YEAR 8

Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation
Consent with a focus on sexting
Introduction to contraception

This week students also benefited from an additional assembly from a Education Officer who explored a range of topics across society.

As always, should you have any questions, concerns or feedback regarding the Education for Life curriculum please do not hesitate to contact the school.

ANNIE SCHOOL TRIP

Year 7 and 8 had a lovely trip to the Mayflower Theatre on Thursday 27th April to watch the amazing Annie. The students were wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, especially those who got to meet the young cast at the end of the evening as they were heading home. We hope that students have been inspired to pursue interests in the arts and of course, students are welcome to attend Drama Club or Dance Club on Monday's from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.

EARTH DAY AND TREE PLANTING

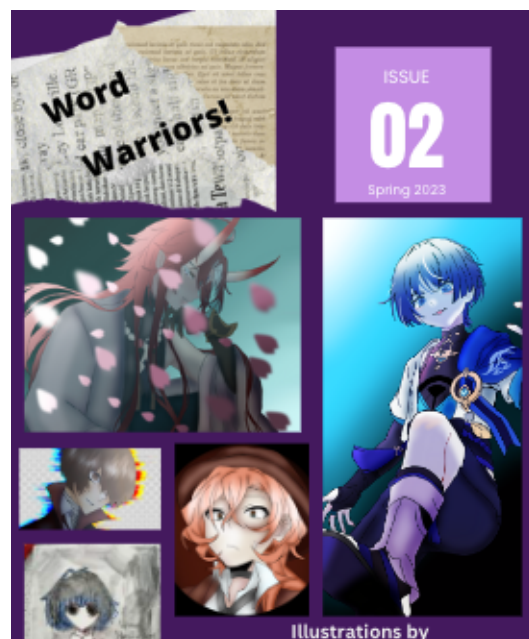


Deer Park celebrated Earth Day on Friday the 21st April. The students enjoyed painting an Earth mural and writing their sustainability pledges on our eco washing line. We raised £240 towards building our biodiversity garden and vegetable patch. Students also had the privilege of working with Hedge End Rotary club to plant four fruit tree saplings. Deer Park is now the proud home of a pear, apple and cherry tree! A huge thank you to Hedge End Rotary club who were fantastic to work with.

LITERACY - EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS!

It has been a busy time for the Extra Curricular Clubs with a focus on Literacy!

The Word Warriors group has published Issue 2 of their inhouse fanfiction magazine which students can read in the LRC. Issue 2 includes illustrations, a Harry Potter, Stranger Things, Dragon-Ball Zombies, Sonic and some of our student's original creations! If your child would like to join our group, we meet every Tuesday from 3pm - 4pm in Room 004.



Books and Biscuits Club have also been busy! Our group, which is open to all, meets on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss the latest book. The students enjoyed exploring and discussing 'Lord of the Flies' and have just started 'Chinese Cinderella'.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Athletics Success: Both the Year 7 & 8 athletics teams attended the first round of the Hampshire Schools Track Knockouts this week with fantastic determination shown and support for other runners. The year 8 team had a hard task in this year's competition against year 9 runners with fantastic effort shown by Max S and Oliver M in some very difficult races against year 9 boys. The event was hosted by Wildern and we look forward to coming back again next year. The year 7 boys scored a large number of points at Bayhouse in Gosport earning them the second qualification spot with Harry G obtaining two first place finishes in the 80m & 150m alongside Jaden C in the 1000m event. The year 7 girls team including Annabelle RC and Ava SP, Mia C and Molly G came 4th out of seven schools and all performed amazingly at their first ever event as a team.

The Year 8 girls team and year 7 boys team have qualified for the county semi finals below:

Yr8 Girls - U15 Monday 22nd May

Yr7 Boys - U13 Tuesday 23rd May

Reserve Date: Friday 26th May.

Good luck to the U13 Cricket team today led by Cameron L, who welcome Brookfield in round 1 of the county cup, in what will be the first ever hardball match in Deer Park history.



Hawks v Somerset

Wed 7 Jun

19:00 - 22:00

Look out for our first PE department trip where we will be attending Hampshire v Somerset on Wednesday 7th June at the Ageas Bowl.

YEAR 7

This week Year 7 were introduced to the inaugural House Charity Challenge. Each house in Year 7 will be given £20 and tasked with seeing how much money they can raise across a fundraising week. This is designed to get them thinking about how businesses run, and bring out their inner entrepreneurial spirit. The dates below outline which day of the week each house will host their fundraising activities.

Monday 22nd May = Elk

Tuesday 23rd May = Fallow

Wednesday 24th May = Javan

Thursday 25th May = Roe

Friday 26th May = Sika.

Students will have sessions during tutor time next week to carefully consider what activities they would like to do in school. The year group will also hold a house dodgeball competition on Thursday 25th May afterschool, as well as a non uniform day on Friday 26th May, to raise some extra money for our chosen charities.

I am looking forward to seeing what ideas Year 7 suggest for the challenge! Mr Gregory

WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE TRIP

On Tuesday 25th April we took 72 of our year 7 students on a trip to the Winchester Science Museum. Whilst at the museum all students enjoyed visiting the exhibits, enjoying a flight through space in the planetarium and took part in a workshop with 'Rocket Ships'. The day was extremely enjoyable for everyone, we hope their experiences will inspire them into stem subjects and careers in the future. It is also worth mentioning that the feedback from the museum staff was fantastic stating that the behaviour and attitude shown by all our students was exemplary- Well done year 7!

YEAR 7 SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Please note that, as we complete the remaining topics in the year 7 course, students will be studying Human Reproduction in this final term. The lessons covered include fertilisation, puberty, menstruation and the development of a foetus. Should you have any questions about this topic please contact Mrs Turner at the usual school email address.

YEAR 8

Starting next week, Year 8 will have two weeks of exams in each of their subjects, giving them an experience of what exams look like. Subject teachers will be explaining to the students the best ways to prepare for these exams, and students may receive homework to revise for the exam. Please ask your son/daughter to speak to their teacher about any concerns they have. For these exams, it is important that students arrive with all necessary equipment, including a pen, pencil and calculator.

I would also like to congratulate all of the Year 8 girls involved in the football cup final last week, taking Deer Park to the first football cup final! Well done to you all - let's go one step further next year and win the cup! - Mr Smith

UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

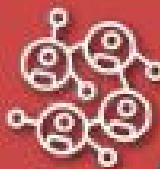
19 Year 8 students took part in the online UKMT Maths Challenge this week. There were some very tricky questions, but fingers crossed for some winners when results are released later in the term!

All National Online Safety materials are designed to empower parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for full on guides, hints and tips for adults.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



Online Safety Tips For Children

Do's



Don'ts

1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE ONLINE

Only share it with people you know like friends and family. Ask a trusted adult, like your teacher or a family member, to help you change your privacy settings so that strangers can't see it.

2 SPEAK POLITELY AND BE KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM ONLINE

Treat them like you would treat them in real life and always remember your manners.

3 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED ONLINE

If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.

4 USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.

5 ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP

This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.

6 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DONT LIKE

This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.

7 USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS

Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.

1 ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS OR PEOPLE YOU DONT KNOW

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know tries to contact you online.

2 SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR DEVICE

Instead, go out and play with your friends, get some fresh air and try to exercise more. This will help you stay fit and healthy.

3 REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM ONLINE BULLIES OR PEOPLE WHO SEND YOU NASTY MESSAGES

The most important thing to do is to tell a trusted adult and then block the person from contacting you.

4 COPY PEOPLE'S WORK ONLINE OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS

This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.

5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE

Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.

6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME

This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.

7 SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.



CAPTURE VIDEO - FINANCIAL TIMES

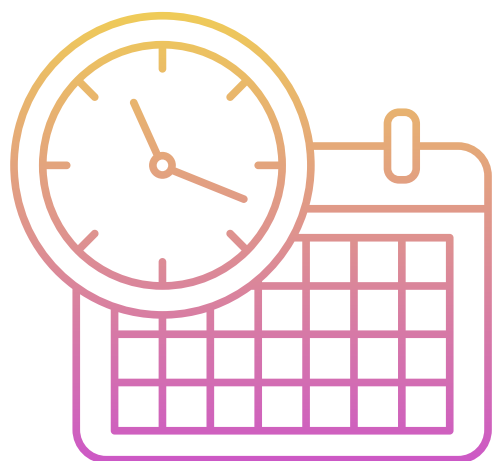
In a recently published video by Financial Times films, they give an important insight into the impact of social media on our children and our family life. The video linked below is quite shocking but well worth a watch and may help parents to consider how to talk to their children about their social media use. You can find the video on YouTube by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk>



CATERING ASSISTANT & OTHER STAFF VACANCIES AT DEER PARK SCHOOL

We are looking for someone to join our team at Deer Park Secondary School to help prepare, cook and serve food and drink to students and staff. For more information on this and other vacancies at Deer Park please click [here](#).



UPCOMING DATES

Date	Activity	Year Group
Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday	All Years
Tuesday 9 May	Week B	All Years
Tuesday 9 May	Virtual Parents Evening	Year 7
Thursday 11 May	Virtual Parents Evening	Year 7
Monday 15 May	Week A	All Years
Monday 15 May	Imperial War Museum Trip	Year 8
Tuesday 16 May	Virtual Parents Evening	Year 7
Thursday 18 May	Virtual Parents Evening	Year 7