



DEER PARK

newsletter

Issue 2 - Friday 30 September 2022

Headteachers Hello!

Well another really successful couple of weeks - the students are now in full flow and are actively seeking out the clubs available to them which is great to see. It was also wonderful to see so many smiling faces for the school photographs! Our students, as ever, were fantastic at the open evening last week and we have had so many lovely emails and comments from the prospective parents describing how engaging, polite and enthusiastic the students were. Thank you to everyone involved - you were brilliant.

Languages have been a focus all week with students exploring cultures, vocabulary and cuisine from across Europe and the world. We certainly have some budding linguists who are also willing to try a plethora of new foods! Thanks as always to Chef Sylvie and her team for making some amazing menus for us this week. And finally we finished this week with an assembly with both year groups to watch the launch of Dance Live! Please encourage your son or daughter to sign up - it will be an awesome experience.

Special thanks to everyone who has supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning - the students loved it and even hand delivered some of the cakes to Snowdrop Place for our wider community to enjoy.

Have a restful weekend.

Mr M Jones



Thank you!



Jeans for Genes

On Friday 23rd September students were able to swap their school trousers and skirts for Jeans. An amazing £261.63 was raised. The proceeds have been split between the Jeans for Genes charity, who raise awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic disorder, and the brilliant Mrs Smith, who is running the London marathon this Sunday, in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust which is a genetic disorder.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We have raised an incredible £183.70 at the Macmillan coffee morning held in the main hall this morning. Students and staff were able to purchase an array of cakes kindly donated by local businesses, Elizabeth Bakes, Truly Scrumptious, Tesco Bursledon, Co Op BP Garage Sholing, our chef Sylvie and Deer Park Staff, a big thank you to everyone who took part.



Wellbeing Website Page

You can find lots of wellbeing resources and signposting under the wellbeing tab of our [website](#). This is updated regularly and is really useful in supporting students with their overall wellbeing and mental health. Please take a look should you think your son or daughter will benefit from the information located there.

Healthy Mind Healthy Me Workshops



Deer Park, Wildern & Wyvern Parents/Carers of young people in Years 7 & 8. This exciting funded live event will be held at Deer Park School on Saturday 8th October 2022 from 10.30am - 1.30pm.

We are excited to announce that **Lorraine Lee (Parenting Expert)**, will be the keynote speaker on the day, delivering workshops for parents on the following themes:

- 1) Understanding Your Adolescent Child's Development
- 2) Healthy Ways to Communicate with your Adolescent Child
- 3) Helping Young People Express Emotions in a Healthy Way

Student workshops are delivered by Expert Mental Health Professionals

Refreshments are being catered for by **The Fountain Cafe**.

There will be a recording of the parent workshops to watch if you are not able to book a space. Reserve your space now by clicking [HERE](#) as there are only 40 spaces per school (Parent + Young Person).

Please send any enquiries to send@deerparksecondary.org
We look forward to seeing you!



Parent Support Programme (PSP)

A letter will follow with information about our up and coming Parent Support Programme's. Dates for your diary are below:

Welcome to Year 7 - Monday 10th October 4pm-5.15pm

Welcome to Year 8 - Monday 17th October 4pm-5.15pm

Year 8 Cipher Day

On the 13th October, Year 8 will spend the day learning about the history of cryptography, finding out about key people and how they can use their Maths and ICT skills to solve problems.

They will use their code-cracking skills to work together and solve a nefarious crime committed here at Deer Park!



We have had an exciting start to the Southampton Schools Football league with now three games being played here at Deer Park. This evening the year 8 boys host Regents Park with a 3.30pm kick off, in their first ever league fixture. Congratulations to the year 7/8 girls who came back from 1-0, to draw 2-2 against Cantell on Tuesday 27th September, with first league goals from girls football captain Poppy O (yr8) and Layla S (yr7). Parents are welcome to watch fixtures but please continue to remain within the spectator gallery (pitchside).

As the school continues to grow the PE department would like to offer match kits to pupils and are seeking sponsorship opportunities within the local area. If you know of anyone who may be interested please get in touch.

Netball league matches in the Eastleigh & Winchester league also start today as the year 8 girls host Wyvern. Training is every Tuesday and results from fixtures will follow.

Attendance at clubs has been continuing to grow with double the numbers at Badminton this week (Monday). All students are encouraged to be taking part in one additional sporting activity each week either at break/lunch or after school. Please ensure that students attending football club each Wednesday are bringing shin pads and appropriate astro/boots footwear.

Colder weather - pupils have been reminded when their outdoor lessons occur this half term. Year 7 week B, and Year 8 week A. Students are encouraged to have the long sleeve PE top, or additional layers (black) underneath their PE uniform to ensure they stay warm.

Year 8 Ski Trip

Thank you to those who have signed up to the Year 8 ski trip in Easter 2023. A letter has been sent to parents this week and more information will follow regarding meetings and ski lessons. In the meantime, we ask parents to continue to make their regular monthly payments.

School Photographs

Proof cards for your child's school photograph will be handed out over the next few school days. The closing date for orders is Tuesday 18th October. You will find information on how to place orders on the proof card. If you have any questions regarding your child's photograph please contact Yellow Photos on 02380 404070.

Pre-loved Uniform Collection

At Deer Park School we are slowly building up a pre-loved uniform collection. If your child has outgrown any of their PE/Dance kits, tartan skirts, ties and jumpers and they are still of good

quality students can drop items to reception. Once we have enough pre-loved uniform we will arrange opportunities for items to be reused by members of our school community.

Lost Property

We currently have a large amount of unnamed lost property. Please remind your child to check the lost property that can be found either in reception or on a table situated in the Atrium. Please can we ask that you also help us by adding your child's name to all items of their uniform and equipment so that we can ensure that lost items are returned to their owner.

ParentPay Low Balance Alerts

If you wish for your child to purchase meals and snacks in school please remember to top up your child's ParentPay account regularly. Low balance alerts are really useful and can be set up in the ParentPay 'Communication' tab. You can choose either email alerts, which are free, or text alerts. If you wish to receive text alerts text credit will also need adding to the account. Each text alert costs 6p.

Cycling to School

If your child wishes to ride their bike to school please remember to complete the relevant cycle permission form found on our website. Students are encouraged to wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet and use appropriate reflective clothing, i.e. bright and conspicuous, and lights when visibility is poor. Please also ensure that your child's bike is roadworthy and in good working order, including the tyres, lights and brakes.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group
Monday 3 October	Week A	All Years
Saturday 8 October	Healthy Mind Healthy Me Workshop	All Years
Monday 10 October	Week B	All Years
Monday 10 October	Welcome to Year 7 - PSP	Year 7
Thursday 13 October	Cipher Day	All Years
Monday 17 October	Welcome to Year 8 - PSP	Year 8

