



HERMES

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Headmaster's Welcome

Start well and finish stronger

At the start of this term, I reminded all the pupils that the school year is a bit like a long distance race. With the athletics season upon us, PE lessons are devoted to perfecting jumping, throwing and running technique – as long as the weather allows – and children are looking forward to competing in interschool and interhouse events. However, the pupils also need to be mentally fit for the challenges to come during this final term of the academic year. In the classroom, assessments are to be faced, projects completed and plenty of reflective learning will be undertaken. Hence, in this short but action packed term, it is so important that we all start well and aim to finish even stronger.



Barcelona Hockey Tour

As term came to an end a group of 31 pupils and 4 staff flew off to Barcelona for the school hockey tour. We played against Athletic Terrassa, Iluro, Catalonia Hockey club and Egara Hockey club. Both sides played 3 matches in 4 days, with the boys winning 2 and losing 1 and the girls drawing 2 and winning 1. All the matches were closely contested and each provided everyone with the experience of playing hockey on tour. The girls even ended up playing against a girl who had been at school in Cheltenham. Away from the astro we enjoyed time at the beach, a tour of the Picasso Museum, a trip around the Nou Camp and some shopping on La Ramblas.

By Mr Sutherland, Director of Sport



Now 'check out' what else has been happening at Dean Close Preparatory School



Academic Insights



Here's a challenge: ask someone to read this series of numbers out loud and see if you can repeat it: 4,9,3,2,6,5,1,4. How did you get on? If you could do it, try this series but you need to say it in reverse (so start with the last number): 8,6,4,1,2,4,9,3. It's not easy, is it?! This is a test of your working memory – how well you can hold things in your head for a short period of time. Our working memories are not very big, and the key to really remembering or learning anything is to commit it to your long-term memory. This can be done in different ways. To find out more, visit: <https://learningspy.co.uk/featured/three-animated-films-about-learning/>

By Mr Gould, Academic Director

Cake Sale

A HUGE thank you to everyone for their donations on Wear a Hat Day and at the Cake Sale at the end of term.

The grand total raised from the events was a whopping:

£1238.27!

By Mrs Hunt, Head of Pastoral



Mr Bradley Salisbury, Mr Paddy Moss and Dr Carolyn Shelley invite you to join Dean Close for

A Celebration of Music

A WEALTH OF TALENTED MUSICIANS FROM ALL THREE SCHOOLS

on Wednesday 1 May 2019
in the Centenary Hall at Dean Close Preparatory School

Drinks: 6.30pm
Performance: 7.00pm

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Monday 29th April

9.15am-4.00pm Year 3 Trip to Notgrove
7.40am-6.30pm Year 6 Trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
4.30pm Junior and Middle Christian Union
5.15pm Senior Christian Union

Tuesday 30th April

9.00-10.00am Junior Mathematical Challenge for Year 7 and Year 8
11.00am Boarders v Oaksey Tug-of-War House Competition
5.30-7.15pm Year 6 Parents' Evening in Centenary Hall
Hockey – U13 Girls' West Regional Finals at Millfield

Wednesday 1st May

8.45am-12.15pm Year 6 Churches trip
Boys' Cricket v Bromsgrove Preparatory School – 1st XI, 3rd XI, 5th, U10A, U10B and U10C Away 2.15pm; 2nd XI, 4th XI, 6th, U11A, U11B and Colts Home 2.15pm
Girls' Tennis v Clifton College Preparatory School – 1st VI, 2nd VI, 3rd VI and 4th VI Home 2.30pm; U11A IV, U11B IV, U10A IV and U10B IV Away 2.30pm
Girls' Cricket v St Hugh's Preparatory School – U13, U9A and U9B Home 2.30pm
Celebration of Music Across Dean Close in the Centenary Hall 7.00pm

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday 2nd May

11.00am Oaksey v Yeaman Tug-of-War House Competition
5.30-7.15pm Year 7 Parents' Evening in Centenary Hall

Friday 3rd May

2.45pm Chapel
Exeat begins after Chapel

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday Monday Exeat
Boarding Houses open from 6.00pm – Boarders' return by 7.30pm

