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Dean Close Preparatory School

Year 8 Devon Trip



As we say 'farewell' to another successful Devon Trip, we are left with some great memories.

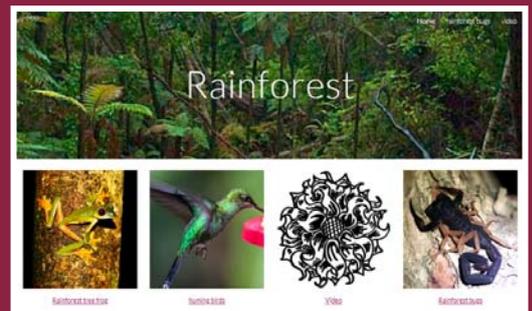
Pupils arrived on Monday to beautiful blue skies and bright sunshine and were soon excitedly unpacking and settling themselves in. As the week progressed the rain and heavy winds did make an appearance, although it didn't stop the children enjoying the surfing, mountain biking and rock climbing to name just a few of the fun activities.

On Tuesday afternoon, pupils laughter in the sea could be heard for miles along the beach whilst surfing in the pouring rain. Even Mr Fraine was brave enough to give it a go!

A delicious supper and hot chocolate ended each day before falling into bed exhausted and happy.

By Mrs Smith, School Secretary

Achievements of the week



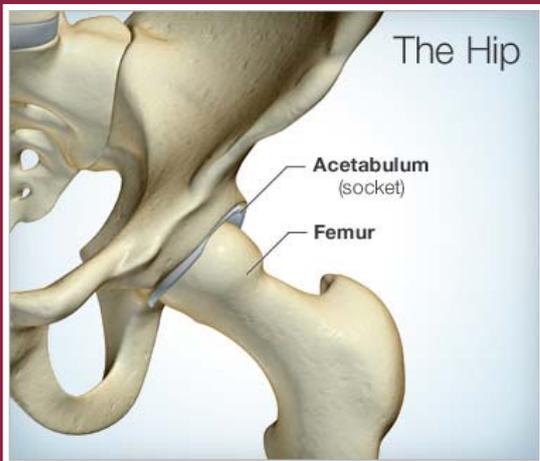
This week, some Year 3 pupils have been spending their lunchtimes creating a website about Rainforests. Inspired by their Geography lessons with Mrs Hunt, the pupils taught themselves how to use Google and created a fully functioning website with links, videos and some interesting facts. Rachel Fairfax first learnt how to create websites from her brother. She taught Lilou Reaux and Emma Johnson who went on to create this fantastic website. What a brilliant example of self-motivated collaborative learning!

By Miss Rubringer
Head of Computing and Digital Learning

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



Academic Insights



This week I have been thinking about hips. I broke mine cycling in February and have had to deal with the discomfort and the frustration of not being able to compete on my bike. Poor old Chris Froome has just had an awful crash which has ended any hope he had of winning a record equalling fifth Tour de France.

There are times when we will all experience setbacks. This can happen in our academic world and some pupils may have been disappointed by their recent end of year test results. However, it is crucial that we remember the learning which went on before the tests was not just to try and get a good grade; it was there to act as a foundation for future learning. A setback, with the right mind set and appropriate action, can lead to success in the future. We can see this with Andy Murray who, just months after surgery on his hip, is about to compete again at Queens.

By Mr Gould, Academic Director

Headmaster's

Review

Fun in the Rain

Following their week of 'final' exams, our Year 8s have enjoyed a week letting off steam down in Devon. Despite the persistent rain, the pupils have had the opportunity to kayak, coasteer, mountain-bike, ringo and surf around the beautiful north Devon coastline, many sampling these healthy, outdoor activities for the first time. Sleeping in tents and cooking on 'trangias' tested the most hardy pupils and I am grateful for our enthusiastic staff who ensured that they kept smiling! More news anon.



Choristers



Witness the Fitness! This Sunday the Choristers will be walking from Dean Close to Tewkesbury Abbey to raise money for their forthcoming tour to Sweden. They will be leaving school at 8.15am and walking 12 miles to the Abbey. We are very grateful to Mr Moss and Mr Gould who will be giving up their Father's Day lie-ins to meet the boys mid-way on the walk with refreshments.

If you would like to sponsor them, please visit our fund-raising page: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/WitnessTheFitness2019>

By Mrs Lyons, Chorister Tutor



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a feeling of belonging together

The Warden, Mrs Emma Taylor, invites you to join her at the launch of the **Dean Close Foundation Annual Report** on Thursday 27th June 2019, 6.30pm-8pm Dean Close Preparatory School Centenary Hall.

Join other parents in finding out more about the Foundation and our future plans.

6.30pm - Welcome drinks and nibbles in the atrium
7.15pm - Presentation followed by Q&A
8.00pm - Close

For catering purposes please let us know if you hope to attend by emailing development@deanclose.org.uk

Girls' Sport

With the Year 8s away, yesterday was a good opportunity for our Year 7 girls to show us what they can do, as we put out four U12 tennis teams against Bromsgrove. Our girls performed brilliantly, with all four teams winning. The A team won by 9 sets to 0! In contrast, the D team had to really work hard for their 5-4 win and should be congratulated for showing such determination and persistence. Well done, girls.

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Swimming

On Saturday 8th June, swimmers from Year 7 and 8 competed in the IAPS Swimming Finals at the London Aquatics Centre. To qualify was a huge achievement, with 285 schools from across the country competing in the earlier stages of the event. Both the Year 7 and 8 girls' medley relay teams swam their best times ever, improving their PBs as a team, by more than 2 seconds. In the individual events, Emily Cox, Andy Cottingham and Caitlin Thompson competed with great determination in their heats, with Caitlin finishing 11th overall, only missing the final by one tenth of a second. It was a fantastic experience to swim as part of such a key competition. An added bonus was seeing Tom Daley practise in the diving pool.



@DCPSmusic

There are many articles extolling the numerous benefits of learning an instrument. How about looking at: <https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/reasons-to-play-a-musical-instrument/> for further information on this. This article lists 10 benefits of learning an instrument, which are: it



it makes you smarter, improves your social life, relieves stress, gives you a sense of achievement, builds your confidence, improves patience, helps your memory, increases discipline and time management skills, makes you more creative and last, but not least, is FUN! Is it time to start learning an instrument in September? If yes, the deadline for requests is Friday 28th June. Please email dcpmusic@deanclose.org.uk.

Artist of the Week



Nick Milne

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Nick Milne has been developing his skills using oil paints and has been working on building up skin tones to create this really realistic portrait to depict the difference between modern and traditional cultures. It is a stunning example of oil painting at its best! Well done, Nick!

News from Chaplaincy

Our MCU (Middle Christian Union) went away to St George's House in Devon over the weekend. We had a lot of fun surfing, climbing, abseiling and rock scrambling. Over three 'God spots' in the schedule, we looked at Abraham and how he trusted God's promises. The Chaplaincy Team would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Cahill, Mr Harris and Mr Wadsworth for partnering with us and to Mrs Harris and Miss Harris for cooking delicious food!





Saturday 15th June

Boys' and Girls' Cricket v The Downs Wroxall Preparatory School – U9s and U8s Away 10.00am. Boys Cricket v The King's School Worcester – U12A Home 2.00pm; U12B Home 2.00pm. Girls' Tennis v Bromsgrove Preparatory School– U11A IV, U11B IV, U10A IV and U10B IV Home 12.30pm
Boarders' Outdoor Party Games
Wilton Campout

Sunday 16th June

6.30-8.00pm Year 8 An Evening for Leavers in Forest School

Monday 17th June

ABRSM Music Exams this week 9.00am-5.00pm 8E Scholars' Outing. 9.00am-4.35pm Expedition Day Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. 4.30pm Junior and Middle Christian Union
5.15pm Senior Christian Union

Tuesday 18th June

Boys' Cricket v Sir Thomas Rich School – 1st XI Home 4.00pm

Wednesday 19th June

Boys' Cricket v St John's on-the-Hill Preparatory School – 1st XI,

U11A, U11B and U9A Home 2.30pm; 5th XI and U9B Away 2.30pm. Boys' Cricket v Wycliffe College Preparatory School – 2nd XI and 4th XI Away 2.00pm; 3rd XI, 6th X Home 2.00pm. Boys' Cricket v Cheltenham College Preparatory School – U10A and U10B Away 2.00pm. LTA Year 7 and Year 8 Girls' Team Tennis v Beaudesert Preparatory School – 1st IV Away 2.30pm. Girls' Tennis v Beaudesert Preparatory School – 2nd VI Away 2.30pm; 3rd VI, 4th VI, 5th VI, 6th VI, U11A IV and U10A IV Home 2.30pm; Girls' Cricket v Beaudesert Preparatory School – U13A, U13B, U11A and U11B Away 2.30pm; U10A, U10B and U9 Home 2.30pm

Thursday 20th June

11.00am Boarders v Yeaman Tug-of-War House Competition
Tennis – U10 Mixed Tournament at St Edward's Preparatory School 10.00am.
Athletics v Cheltenham College Preparatory School – Year 5 and Year 6 Away 5.00pm
6.45pm Prefects' BBQ at Dean Close House

Get to Know Our Staff



MR COLIN MCLEAN

Saturday Health Care Supervisor

Question: How would you describe yourself?

Answer: Curious, chirpy, positive.

Question: What's your favourite meal of the day?

Answer: I love a full English breakfast, but that can be said for any meal of the day.

Question: Do you have a secret ambition?

Answer: To study martial arts in Japan.

Question: What's the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

Answer: 'Find your joy' as you live with yourself daily, I do now follow that idea.

Question: If you could do any job for a day, what would it be?

Answer: Working with Warren Buffet, in just one day.

Question: What accomplishment has made you most proud?

Answer: Becoming a dad.

The School Chapel

Old Decanians



100 years ago next month, the School decided that they would build a permanent Chapel in the memory of those 135 Old Decanians that are known to have fallen in World War One. This picture is the first proposal of what the Chapel would look like (taken from The Decanian 1911). The Chapel was ready for use by 1924.