



Message from Sue Marooney, CEO DMAT and Headteacher, DHS

MAY 2018

It has been a wonderful first half of the summer term with many exciting events and engaging activities taking place at both schools. This newsletter brings a taste of what has been happening and I hope you will enjoy reading it. As we prepare for what promises to be a very busy final stretch of the school year, I would like to wish the DHS year 11 students good luck with the rest of their GCSEs and The Laurels year 6 children a wonderful finale to their primary school journey. I hope you all have a restful half term and return refreshed and raring to go on Monday 4th June.

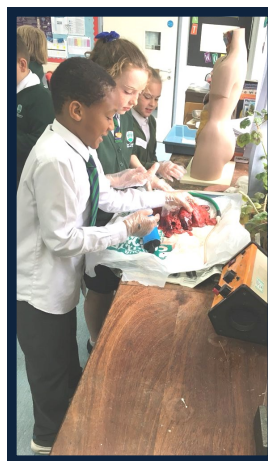
Giving Words to the World

This wonderful book drive organised by DHS was a huge success. Students and staff brought in their unwanted books to be donated to schools in Africa and also to work with local projects. The aim was to bring in enough books to make a pile as tall as your form tutor, and many forms rose to this challenge. 8JMu managed to build a pile 2239cm tall and combined together the books spread almost a mile. DHS will be working with The Laurels to continue this project, so look out for further updates. If you search #GW2TW on Twitter and Facebook you will find a wonderful array of photographs and facts from this amazing charity initiative.



Students from The Laurels visit DHS for an engaging science lesson

Year 6 students from The Laurels attended an interesting (and slightly gory) science lesson on Friday 11th May



at DHS. They discovered many amazing facts as they dissected hearts and lungs, and were thoroughly engaged in this practical lesson. As part of their year 6 transition programme this was a great opportunity

for students to familiarise themselves with the school and get excited about their learning in September.



The Laurels year 4 students enjoy an active adventure

Year 4 students enjoyed archery, kayaking, rafting, orienteering and abseiling on their trip to Rythe Mill. After all that activity, in the evening they enjoyed time around the camp fire with singing, games and lots of laughter. The children were exceptionally well behaved and everyone enjoyed every minute of this adventure.

DHS students success in Eco Competitions

We are very proud of DHS students Heidi Sheridan, Hope Waite-Jones and Eddie Pullen who have all won eco themed competitions this half term. Hope and Eddie won the Coastal Drains climate change essay writing competition – winning £500 for the school. Heidi won the eco poem poster competition and her poster will be displayed as part of an E.Y.E and Southern

Co-op campaign across schools and communities.

Dates for your diary

The Laurels Summer Fair

Saturday 23rd June

11.00am – 2.00pm.

DHS Summer Celebration

Saturday 30th June

11.00am – 4.00pm





Maria Dawes, Deputy Director, Regional Schools Commissioners Office visits schools

Both DHS and The Laurels were delighted to welcome Maria Dawes in early May. Maria toured both schools and was impressed with everything she saw, stating that it 'was brilliant to see such a rich diversity of opportunities for young people.' Welcoming a key person in education to our schools is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the excellent work we are doing. It is important to show how our schools support each other, ensuring the very best for all our children.



Angel of prisons team off to Rock Challenge finals

The 100 strong Rock Challenge team were delighted to come third at the southern premier division finals at the end of April. They are the only school from Sussex in the national finals which is a huge achievement. The finals are in Rotherham and to help with the costs involved we have a Go Fund Me Page. If you are able to support us please do so at <https://www.gofundme.com/dhs-national-rock-challenge-finals>

Year 6 children complete their KS2 tests

Year 6 students at The Laurels were working hard last week as they completed their Key Stage 2 tests. On each of the 4 mornings there were special warm ups and breakfasts to ensure the students were very well prepared. All the teachers are very proud of how they prepared for and performed during the tests.

Year 10 careers day a great success

The whole of year 10 at DHS took part in an inspiring careers day on Wednesday 16th May. With around 60 employers from over 40 local organisations the students gained a valued insight into the many opportunities available to them. They also practised their interview techniques in mock interviews and looked at how best to build a CV. It was a fun and interactive day which was enjoyed by both the students and the volunteers.



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