



A Message from Sue Marooney, CEO DMAT and Executive Headteacher, DHS

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We have had a busy and successful start to 2019 with students across both schools working hard with support from teachers and parents. At DHS our year 11 students received their mock GCSE results at a special assembly that energised them to continue to work hard as they enter the final run up to the exams. This half term has also seen some exciting visitors, offering our students opportunities to deepen their learning, as well as taking learning outside the classroom in a range of school trips. I look forward to the many opportunities the second half of the Spring term will bring, and in the meantime wish you a happy and restful week of holiday.

DHS hold charity concert

Students at DHS showcased their fantastic musical talents at the 2nd annual charity concert. Over 50 students were involved in the concert which raised a fantastic £425.15 for local charity Guild Care. Many students performed solos, which were either their own compositions or covers of well known classics. There were also performances from school vocal group, MTV (Musical Theatre Vocals), and the school choir accompanied some of the soloists. It was a wonderful night with great feedback from the audience, made all the more special by the money raised for Guild Care, who provide support for those who need it in our local community.



The Laurels pupils get their chefs hats on

Pupils in year 1 visited restaurant chain Pizza Express as part of their science topic exploring where food comes from, with a particular focus on the journey of wheat. They also learnt about foods from around the world and healthy eating. Pupils each made their own pizza, learning about the importance of food hygiene when preparing food, and then brought it back to school to eat!



MFL spelling bee competition at DHS



The DHS MFL team hosted the 3rd annual French and Spanish spelling bee competition for year 7 students. All students took part in the classroom rounds and the winners of each class were invited to the final. They were also given support on Wednesday lunchtimes from year 9 mentors during practice sessions. They were all brilliant on the night, standing bravely in front of friends and family to recite the French/Spanish spelling of random words. Congratulations to the winners, Samia Hussain (French) and Daniel Ford (Spanish).

Free breakfast for pupils at The Laurels

After a successful bid to become part of the National School Breakfast Programme all pupils at The Laurels can now enjoy a free breakfast. They are able to choose from a bagel, porridge or cereal to make a healthy start to the school day. The programme is funded by the DoF (using the soft drinks sugar tax) and is run in partnership with Magic Breakfast. Not only does the breakfast ensure the children are fuelled for learning in the right way, but it is also a great way for the school community to start the day together.





Tide of Light visit The Laurels

This term Tide of Light came to work with students in years 2 and 3 at The Laurels. The focus was on plastic waste and how it can be re-used, re-purposed and recycled. As well as having the opportunity to make their own bird shaped lanterns from used milk cartons, they saw the amazing polar bear from the Jack on the Green and Worthing Light Festival. The children really enjoyed seeing the polar bear lantern and learning about how he was made. They were also able to attach LED lights to their own creations, which they could then take home, showing them how something beautiful can be made out of what we might think of as 'rubbish.'



SCITT trainees head to a new challenge



Our South Downs SCITT trainees have all been working very hard and are now over half way through their year-long teacher training programme. They are moving on to their second placement and we wish them well in their new schools. Applications for next year are open and you can apply via UCAS. The South Downs SCITT is an OFSTED outstanding teacher training programme offering QTS and PGCE at Masters level in primary and secondary. Visit the website to find out more www.southdownsscitt.co.uk or email info@southdownsscitt.co.uk

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Laurels get a lesson in fire safety

Children at The Laurels in reception, year 2 and year 5 were lucky enough to have a fire engine in the school playground this term. The unusual sight was part of a safety visit by the Fire Service to help the children understand the importance of the 'Get out, Stay out, Call 999' message. The children really enjoyed seeing the fire engine up close and meeting the fire fighters. They also learnt about what to do in the scary event of their clothes catching fire with the 'stop, drop and roll' technique. This was a great experience for the children and important safety lessons were learnt.



Brighton Science Festival comes to DHS



Several classes across KS3 had extra excitement in their science lessons as Brighton Science Festival came to DHS. Professor Richard Robinson from Sussex University and Science Communicator Professor John Hare ran a wind turbine workshop in which students had to design and make mini wind turbines that could power small household objects. The students really enjoyed the workshop and many of them managed to create mini turbines that could power an LED light, calculator and buzzer.

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