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School Aims

We aim to nurture confident, responsible, resilient learners who know how to keep safe; and to remain significantly above borough and national averages in attainment.

Upcoming Events

- **INSET Days**—2nd and 3rd September
- **Return to school (Years 1-4)** - Wednesday 4th September
- **Reception start mornings**—Monday 9th September
- **Year 3 and 4 swimming starts**—9th September
- **Stone Age Workshop (Y3)** - 24th September
- **Break for Half Term**—25th October
- **Back to school**—Monday 4th November
- **Natural History Museum (Y3)** - 13th November

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I have a lump in my throat as I write in this pale green box for the very last time. There are no words to express how immensely proud I am of the school and everything we have achieved together over the last 4 and a bit years!

Thank you so much for your very generous gifts, cards and good wishes. I am incredibly touched by your kindness and will miss everyone terribly.

I will cherish the memories and Deer Park School will stay in my heart forever.

Wishing you all a lifetime of happiness, enthusiasm, achievement, resilience and thoughtfulness—from the bottom of my HEART!

Alison Colenso

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St Margaret's Fair U9 Football

Last Saturday, Muntjac class put a team into the St. Margaret's Fair U9 football

competition. After a slow start losing their first two matches, a draw and win (against an all Year 4 team!!) were enough to see Deer Park make it through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost in extra time following an exciting 2-2 draw. It was a really exceptional effort by the team!



Sports Day

Our first Sports Day at Orleans Park School was great fun. All the children entered into the team spirit and enjoyed working with their house. Sometimes their hair was too shiny for the bean bag, sometimes shoes fell off and some people missed the starting gun; however, we all had fun. The children also enjoyed the excitement of running on a track. It was wonderful to see the older children

looking after and supporting the younger ones.

Thank you to the parents for being so supportive and the PTA for being so helpful.

Assigning House Names

George ELIOT	Joseph Mallord William TURNER	Virginia WOOLF	David ATTENBOROUGH
Leading writer from Victorian times (1819-1880)	English painter (1775-1851)	English writer (1882-1941)	Natural historian Born in 1926 so he is 93!
All live or have lived in Richmond Upon Thames			

From September our four houses will be known as

Yellow—Attenborough

Red—Eliot

Blue—Woolf

Green—Turner

Deer Awards

This year, 5 children were chosen for their outstanding contribution to the school HEART values.

Our awardees were— Talia (Happiness), Amelia (Enthusiasm), Josh (Achievement), Mathilda (Resilience) and Samuel (Thoughtfulness).

Update from the Local Advisory Board

Last week, the Deer Park School Local Advisory Board (LAB) met for the final time in this school year. It was a busy meeting with a lot of items on for discussion on the agenda. Firstly, we welcomed Chris Tart-Roberts to the LAB as the third parent board member. Chris is replacing Emily Compton who resigned earlier in the year. We also hope to add a new “community” board member at the start of next term.

This has been the first year we have worked as a LAB rather than a board of governors and it has felt as though we have been developing how we work along the way. In a recent meeting with Mark Greatrex, the BPET CEO, I have taken feedback on how other LABs within the Trust work and we will look to incorporate these in how we work at Deer Park. The main objectives are ensuring that an excellent education is provided to our children and that the Headteacher is held to account for the educational performance of the school. In the 2019/20 school year, we will focus more closely on the School Development Plan (SDP) and work with Frances Bracegirdle as the interim Headteacher to maintain the high standards Deer Park has set to date.

In the Report from the Head, Alison took us through attainment and progress data for each year. Once again, overall results were very positive. The highlight was in Year 1 where 100% of the children passed the phonics screening check. Any perceived areas for improvement will be areas that we focus on as a LAB next year. In terms of teaching staff, the school continues to expand. Lucy Darby joins the school to take over from Sophie Ballantine in Year 1 as Sophie moves to her new Year 4 role. Viviane Zanini joins as the second Reception teacher as we move to a two form intake and Daena Bennett replaces Rosie Frost in Year 2. Rosie has left Deer Park and we wish her well in the future.

We acknowledge that the 2019/20 school year will see a large amount of change at Deer Park and these changes will bring a number of challenges. We are all sad to bid farewell to Alison Colenso who has built the school from scratch into the thriving school we have today. Alison will still be around at the start in September in her new temporary role as BPET Education Adviser. She will be supporting Frances in some areas such as providing input to the new school building project. Frances is the interim Headteacher as the Trust works through the process of appointing a permanent replacement which should be completed in November or December. I will be working with Mark Greatrex through this process. We are pleased that Victoria Coward and Jenny Mclellan have been appointed as acting Assistant Headteachers. With the changes in leadership, new teachers joining the staff and the new school building becoming available in March/April next year it will be an interesting year ahead for Deer Park. In my time working with Frances I have no doubt that she is very capable to manage the school through this period and that Deer Park will continue to grow its position as one of the highest performing schools in the borough.

More information about the LAB and what we do is available on the school website. I can be contacted through the email LABChair@deerparkschool.org.uk. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer break ready for another exciting term in September!

James Boyle

Chair, Deer Park School LAB

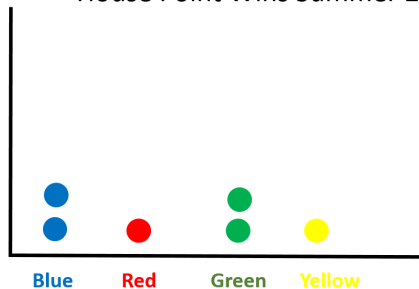
End of year fun!

We had a great trip to Marble Hill Park where we enjoyed a whole school picnic. We played on the adventure playground and at times it was hard to know who was enjoying themselves the most—see picture of Mrs Colenso on the rope swing later in this newsletter.

Thank you so much to the PTA for funding this trip and the yummy ice lollies which were very welcome.



House Point Wins Summer 2



Posh Pencils, Bands and Pens

	Fawn	Roe	Marsh	Muntjac
Posh pencil				
Green band				Rhaea
Silver Band				
Gold Band				
Pen				Isabelle

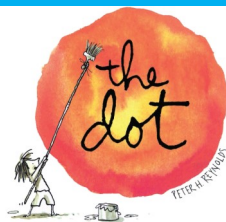
Attendance

What a way to finish the year Muntjac!!

Week	Fawn	Roe	Marsh	Muntjac
08.07.19	94.3%	96.3%	97.4%	97.5%
15.07.19	94.2%	90.8%	95.8%	100%

British Values

We talked about the five British Values—Individual Liberty, Tolerance, Mutual Respect, Democracy and the Rule of Law. Then Miss Ballantine read us the story 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds. We had a discussion around how we all have the freedom to choose how we do things and how this fits under the value of Individual Liberty. We had great fun creating our own 'dots' back in class.



Achievement

With the England cricket team's phenomenal achievement ringing in our ears we were able to have a discussion around what achievement looks like. We talked about how a baby taking their first steps is an enormous achievement. We reflected on our achievements. Although it is nice to be recognised, we also talked about sometimes we just have to congratulate ourselves.

Mrs Colenso asked everyone (pupils and adults) to reflect on their achievements this year.

Hi! I'm BAS. (Be At School). I like to spend my days in the class with the best attendance. I'll be in Muntjac Class next week!



Golden Ties!

Last week we awarded Charlotte in Roe Class the golden tie and the bow tie was awarded to Narumi.

Charlotte has worked very hard this year and demonstrated determination and creativity. She has shown brilliant resilience in writing and has written very imaginative stories full of interesting characters and imaginative language. She has achieved so much in Art this year, always taking great care when drawing and painting. Charlotte has an inquisitive mind and is always asking interesting questions and making thoughtful contributions to class discussions. Charlotte throws herself into outdoor learning with enthusiasm and created a detailed and colourful journey stick on a Geography walk. Well done Charlotte, you should be very proud of your achievements this year!

Narumi has thrown yourself into life at Deer Park School. She has embraced the HEART values. She is a kind and thoughtful girl; who has developed a lovely circle of friends. The enthusiasm that she has shown has ensured that her learning has developed very quickly. She has represented the school in football tournaments and shown her superb sporting talents.

Well done to all our golden awardees!

Stars of the Week!

Week Commencing	Fawn	Roe	Marsh	Muntjac
08.07.19	Ethan	Isabelle	Charlie O	Vit
15.07.19	EVERYONE			

Have the most fabulous and well-deserved summer break! The Deer Park Team.



An enormous welcome
to our new families...



...and a huge
thank you to
Orleans Park
School for
hosting our
Sports Day!



Some of Mrs
Colenso's
favourite
moments!

