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School Vision

At Deer Park School we aim to instil a life-long love of learning through our HEART values embedded in our curriculum to ensure all pupils become valuable members of society that we are proud of.

Upcoming Events

- **Fawn Class Assembly — 4th February, 2.45pm**
- **Bambi Class Assembly — 5th February, 2.45pm**
- **Year 4 boys football match—4th February**
- **Year 3/4 visit to the Richmond Synagogue —Friday 7th February**
- **Year 2 trip to Hounslow Urban Farm —Tuesday 11th February**
- **Phonics Workshop for Reception & Year 1 parents —Tuesday 11th February at 3.30pm**
- **Year 3/4 Synagogue Workshop at school —Thursday 13th February**
- **Year 4 trip to the London Central Mosque —Thursday 27th February**
- **Year 4 trip to Tate Britain —Monday 2nd March**
- **Parent & Teacher Consultation— Tuesday 3rd March & Wednesday 4th March**
- **Reading Workshop for all parents — Thursday 19th March**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As January comes to an end, the days become longer and the Spring bulbs start to grow, at Deer Park we continue to thrive. The children are such a delight and really live the HEART (happiness, enthusiasm, achievement, resilience and thoughtfulness) every day.

Over the last two weeks: the children in Year 4 have all started to learn the keyboard; Year 2 have visited the Buddhist Temple in Wimbledon and Year 3 have visited the British Museum Ancient Egypt. It is honestly such a pleasure taking the children out on trips because they are always beautifully behaved. On both these trips members of the public have commented to the teachers about impressed they are with the children's behaviour and how smart they look in their uniforms.

Thank you to all who came to our Curriculum workshop yesterday (for the powerpoint click [here](#)). It was great to see so many people and we will take all your feedback and use it to finalise our Curriculum intent statement. Please put the Phonics and Reading workshops in your diaries (see upcoming events) as these are great opportunities to find out more about what your child is learning at school, ask questions and to pick up ideas on how you can support them at home.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, *Frances Bracegirdle*

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ATTENDANCE NEWSFLASH!

During the last two weeks the following classes have had 100% attendance:

Monday 20th—Fawn and Marsh

Tuesday 21st—Bambi

Wednesday 22nd—Roe

Monday 27th—Sika

Wednesday 29th—Sika

Thursday 30th—Marsh and Sika

Friday 31st—Sika

Well done! Which class will be the first to have 100% attendance for the whole week?

Last year it was Roe Class (now Marsh Class) - they had a bonus trip to the park as a reward! What will the prize be this year?

What have we been learning in Geography this term?

Miss Coward and Mrs Bracegirdle have been so lucky because they have been able to join all the classes in a geography lesson over the last two weeks. Geography is Mrs Bracegirdle's favourite subject!

The year 1 and 2 children have been learning about the countries which make up the United Kingdom and what their capital cities are. In year 2 they have learnt that the River Thames runs through Richmond and that Richmond is in the South West of London. They are experts at using keys for their map work.

In year 3 they have been learning about Why the River Nile is important? They've



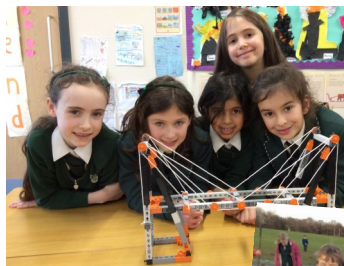
discovered that the most fertile land is at the mouth of the river. They've used keys and labelled satellite photographs to show where the desert, sea, River Nile and Nile Delta are.

In year 4 it's been about comparing the Lake District to Richmond. There was a great discussion about what a national park is and then they looked at rainfall to see where it rains the most!

There, as always, is a very positive, enthusiastic buzz about the school and all the children are very engaged.

17 Clubs are up and running

This term we have: hockey, tag rugby, recorder, STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths), gymnastics, choir, lego, karate, sewing to name a few.



Nature club
and STEM
club.



Staff development at Deer Park School.

As a school we are always looking for ways get even better! Our teachers and staff are as thirsty as our children to learn and develop. This week our Maths advisor from BPET (the Trust) spent the day with us. He will be back next week to do some team teaching and support in the classrooms. Our aim is to develop all children to be masters of maths.

One of our key development areas this year is our Curriculum. As you know we are writing our Curriculum intent statement (why we teach what we teach). Now we are looking at all the subjects to ensure we cover all the skills we need to teach and that the children's knowledge of every subject grows from year to year. Miss Coward has been to training events with BPET and Richmond Local Authority to support this process.

Update from the Local Advisory Board

The Local Advisory Board (LAB) met week before last. The main items for discussion were on the focus areas for this school year, English as an additional language (EAL), general curriculum and management of change as the school expands and prepares to move to the new building.

Also, LAB members and Mrs Bracegirdle recently met with East Twickenham residents groups to build relationships before the school move in the summer.

Minutes of the meeting will be published on the school website in due course. For any further information, feel free to get in touch with LAB chair, James Boyle, at LABchair@deerparkschool.org.uk

Attendance

Week	Fawn	Bambi	Roe	Marsh	Muntjac	Sika
20.01.2020	97.3	92.4	96.3	95.3	89.3	92.7
27.01.2020	92	90.7	94.7	96	91	99

World Religion Day

In assembly we learnt that there are 730 religions! Did you know that all religions have the same basic message? We must treat each other the way we would like to be treated ourselves.

Our focus for the week was to make each other happy. That's not hard at Deer Park as happiness is one of our key values. And we are a happy bunch of children.



British Values in the Playground.

We discussed the British Values: democracy, individual liberty, rule of law, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

We discussed what these values look like in our playground—democracy—discussing with our friends about what to play, individual liberty—we can do what we like as long as we stick to the rules, rule of law—there are consequences if we break the Deer Park rules, mutual respect—we respect each other and the school's property, tolerance—we can all play together regardless of our background.

The children have been playing well this week and looking after the playground equipment.

HI! I'm BAS. (Be At School). I like to spend my days in the class with the best attendance. Last week I was in Fawn Class and next week I will be in Sika class!



Golden Ties!



Winners of the golden tie are Richard and George:

Your confidence has increased immeasurably in our classroom. You are a core member of our class who sets a high benchmark when it comes to listening, making an effort, class contributions and overall enthusiasm to our learning. Well Done Richard!

George always follows the school values. He says goodbye to his dad at the door and comes into the classroom happily and independently. He is great at sharing his resilience for learning with his friends by telling them that at the beginning he couldn't write his name but he didn't give up he kept trying. At the beginning of January George achieved and was able to write his name!

He has also been very thoughtful towards his friends by comforting them when they are sad and he reminds them of our Golden Rules.

Well done George!

Winners of the golden bow tie are Gabriela and Aaila:

Gabriela you have shown amazing resilience, achievement, thoughtfulness and happiness!. You always listen intently and try your hardest, however tricky the task. You have achieved so much in reading this year because of your dedication and hard work, I am extremely proud of you.

You are always polite, helpful and you are immaculately dressed for school. Gabriela you truly deserve to win the golden bow tie! Well done!

Throughout the year to date you have shown the most incredible determination to do your best. There is not a moment that you are not working the hardest you can. You have a wonderful smile on your face that demonstrates your happiness to all. Your politeness and incredible kindness is clear to all around the school. You will go far Miss Arfeen because of all these qualities and your heart felt love of learning.

Well done to all our golden award-ees!

Have a lovely weekend! The Deer Park Team.



Year 2 trip to the Buddhist Temple in Wimbledon.

Report by Amber

On Tuesday 21st January I visited a Buddhist Temple in Wimbledon. I learnt that monks wear orange robes. I also learnt that monks pray at 8am and 6pm every day. In Thailand monks ring a gold bell to signal when to pray. When I went inside the Temple I had to take my shiny, black shoes off. The way we walk shows how we are feeling. Buddhists live by five rules: don't kill, no drinking alcohol, don't steal, don't lie and show respect. We did some meditation to help us focus our minds, our breathing and thankfulness. I felt calm because there wasn't any sound. Did you know the black Buddha statue inside the temple is 900 years old?



Year 4 are learning how to play the keyboard!



Year 3 visited the British Museum to learn more about Ancient Egypt.

Snippets from Nai's recount of the trip.



We went to a workshop. The first picture I saw was a picture with a man holding that's called a throwing stick in one hand and I also spotted a girl with a bunch of feathers like a fan. It was hot in Egypt!

The next picture was a repetitive pattern. I noticed that all the ladies were wearing cones on their head. I read that these cones are made of wax. The reason the ladies wear them is because they let out perfume.



The banquet: fragments of wall painting from the tomb of Nebamun



We went into a room full of mummies. And of course we had ...lunch!



There's one more thing to do before we leave and that is take a photo!



It was a great day out!



We love PE in reception and Year 1!



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Term Dates 2019-20

Autumn Term 2019

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 2 nd September 2019*	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2019	Friday 20 th December 2019	75 days (40 first half-term, 35 second half-term)

Spring Term 2020

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 6 th January 2020*	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2020	Friday 3 rd April 2020	60 (30 first half term, 30 second half term)

Summer Term 2020

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 20 th April 2020*	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2020	Tuesday 21 st July 2020*	60 (23 first half term, 36 second half term)

*Staff development days/new building move days on the following dates as INSET Days: (these could be subject to change depending on moving dates to the permanent building)

- 2 September 2019
- 3 September 2019
- 6 January 2020
- 20 April 2020
- 1 June 2020
- 20 July 2020
- 21 July 2020

Bank Holidays for 2019/20

25 th and 26 th December 2019	Christmas Bank Holidays
1st January 2020	New Years Day Holiday
10 th April 2020	Good Friday
13 th April 2020	Easter Monday
8 th May 2020	May Day Holiday
25 th May 2020	Spring Bank Holiday
31 st August 2020	Summer Bank Holiday

Autumn Term 2020

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Wednesday 2 nd September 2020*	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2020	Friday 18 th December 2020	70 days (35 first half-term, 35 second half-term)

Spring Term 2021

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 4 th January 2021*	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2021	Wednesday 31 st March 2021	57 (29 first half term, 28 second half term)

Summer Term 2021

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 19 th April 2021*	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2021	Friday 23 rd July 2021	63 (29 first half term, 34 second half term)

*Staff development days/new building move days on the following dates as INSET Days.

- 2nd September 2020
- 3rd September 2020
- 4th September 2020
- 4th January 2021
- 7th June 2021

Bank Holidays for 2020/21

25 th and 28 th December 2020	Christmas Bank Holidays
1 st January 2021	New Years Day Holiday
2 nd April 2021	Good Friday
5 th April 2021	Easter Monday
3 rd May 2021	May Day Holiday
31 st May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
30 th August 2021	Summer Bank Holiday