



Hermes

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Spring Term

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Red Nose Day 2019



Dear Parents

News of the week gone by starts with congratulations to Mrs Brunt and her team of Form 6 STEM champions who returned victorious from the UAK Winfrith Challenge last Friday, accompanied by an amazing cheque for £500 to be spent on STEM equipment, together with fabulous K-NEX kits for the individuals. The two groups had to work with pupils from another school to complete a range of practical challenges including building a bridge and making a submersible craft propelled by elastic bands. The final round involved a STEM knowledge quiz which our team tied with another school, eventually winning the tie breaker.

This is the second year in a row that our team have done so well.

The staff hockey team tried to keep up the winning momentum on Sunday morning. Despite the phenomenal skills of the ever-young Mr Metcalfe, we were overpowered by a strong Weymouth Vets team with parents, Mr and Mrs Foot, doing much of the damage. That's 1 - 1 in the series with the decider taking place before the season ends next month. We'll make sure our big guns are present and correct by then.

Hopefully Mr Willemse will be fully recovered having been taken out by their goal keeper followed by a trip to hospital to check for breaks. It was supposed to be a friendly!

On Tuesday we held the Form 7 Parents' Evening. Academic progress for this dynamic year group remains strong and both school and home have great focus in preparing them for the bigger journeys that lie ahead following their final year in school. It seems just yesterday that I was arriving and they were in Form 2. How quickly time speeds by.

One of the new features of the academic curriculum in Forms 7 and 8 is our bespoke Creative Curriculum. Mrs Saines and I began our own module this week, with conservation at the heart of what we are studying. We began on Tuesday by completing a full transect of the River Frome from its spring head in Evershot to where fresh water meets salt at Wareham.



Along our journey we looked at changes in biology, geography, history, architecture and much more. As you might imagine with the esteemed Mrs Saines "on board" there was also a decidedly creative and artistic feel to our journey.

This included listening to the music created by the babbling river, identifying bird song and observing the natural beauty of the art of

river willows and reeds and the reflections made by bright light over ploughed fields.

If all that wasn't enough, the lovely Kerry and her team sent us packing with hot Cornish pasties. We have five more Tuesday afternoons to fully savour which includes a trip to meet the RSPB at Arne and to the Freshwater Biological Association lab at East Stoke. We're going to complete some removal of invasive species work looking at Himalayan Balsam and Signal Crayfish. Water colour paintings will be inspired in situ with the renowned artist Charles Jardine working with us.

On Wednesday I received a copy of the Dorchester News through the post. It made for excellent and informative reading and just in case you don't receive it, we have forwarded it to you for your enjoyment and as part of our attempt to become a source of community news.

On Thursday I held my half termly Class Reps meeting, with topics discussed including how we address E-safety issues to planning for lockdown. Carol Krosnar as Chair of the PTFA chipped in with some excellent points concerning fundraising. In particular, she asked me to remind you that the school can benefit enormously if you buy items online via the Just Giving Machine. Drinking water was discussed and in particular whether we could think of a suitable replacement for the current bottles.

The tops in particular seem susceptible to self-inflicted "nibble nobble". New bottles cost just £3 and tops for the reasonable cost of £1. Both can be purchased from Megan on Reception.

There was a strong feeling that we can and must do more to minimise our single use plastic items.

They're right and we will!

The very important issue of road safety was also raised and in particular the speed at which some cars drive down the main drive. I promised to look into some form of radar

which smiled at you when your speed drops below 10mph.



Please do take the very greatest of care, as the consequences of being in a rush to get to work do not bear contemplating for any of us.

Back in school we welcomed a specialist iPad trainer to school on Thursday. Our Apple expert worked with individual groups of teachers to help develop the skills they each hope to pick up in their own subjects to further support learning.



On Friday, led by Mrs Smith and Form 8, we celebrated World Book Day and Red Nose Day all rolled into one. It was really great fun.

The children's photographs, from the wacky photo booth, were shown as they came into assembly enabling them to show off their many comic poses. The Form 8s shared the serious message behind this charity event and showed how the money raised goes to

help individuals and communities both here and abroad.



There was also lots of fun to be had as Poppy hosted an inter-house quiz. Well done to Maumbury who were the winners!

Finally, the winners of the class dressing up competition showed off their costumes as they walked down the make-shift catwalk. The giant dinosaur was a really surprise as was Mr Stazicker's performance!



Congratulations to Form 3 and 4 for their performance of 'Put a nose on it'.

For those who have bought a red nose, please remember that these can all be recycled at Sainsbury's, and red nose glasses can be recycled at Specsavers.

The PTFA team has had a few worries regarding the number of tickets sold for their second barn dance this evening. Hopefully, a few more of you will turn up on the night to swell numbers to a level that will allow all their hard work to pay dividends.

I can't sign off without mentioning the most terrible acts of atrocity committed in two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand today. It is beyond heart-wrenching to read about such heinous acts of terrorism to communities attending Friday prayers as part of their commitment to their faith. Please do continue to talk to your children about love, faith, understanding and tolerance and how being a multi-faith world makes us so much richer.

John Thorpe.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery

This week we have been doing some still life paintings of a bouquet of flowers. The children have done really well with looking carefully at what colours to use for each different flower.



A lot of Nursery children have been starting to show an interest in writing and tracing their names and have been progressing really well. Sholto has been particularly proud of his hard work!



On Friday, we celebrated Heidi's 4th birthday. We have been hearing this week how much fun her friends had at her party!



Reception



Reception children heading off to Kingston Maurward.

Form 3

Kitty's anatomy doll of which you can take the insides out! Her grandma made the Sunninghill outfit for it. It is called Erwin.



Wet play-time

Form 5

The pupils have been using the Bunsen burners in science today. They have been working hard in their topic on chemical reactions and irreversible changes.



Music News

Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Tuesday this week.

Please note this terms informal concert will take place on Thursday 20th at 4.00 pm in the Drawing Room. Our Formal Concert of the term takes place on Friday 21st at 7.00 pm, please come along to support our wonderful musicians.

Notes from a Small Garden

The last two weeks have been a rather blustery affair, and the children similarly so, blowing in and around the garden with the force of small storms. It's funny how our temperaments change with the weather!

Last week we settled them to some Zen like seed sowing, producing neat little trays of flowers for the summer borders, and then they gathered some magnolia petals for our flower press. All calm and serene we released our little storm clouds with a few bags of winter spinach to take home.



This week we set off armed with clipboards to identify some of Liz's lovely spring flowers adorning the school grounds, it was amazing to see how many different flowers we could spot! Although some of us found the spelling of certain ones quite tricky! (That was me and not the children..)



Hopefully next week the windy spell will have passed and we can get back to our raised bed preparations!



Jo Foote



Last Friday, the children were all rewarded with their Red Belt kickboxing grade from Integrity Martial Arts



Mascot Club



*Amelia with her newly hatched stick insects:
Basil, Coriander, Rosemary & Chive*

Weymouth Hockey Club U10 Boys at Dorset County Championships on 10th March 2019. Won two, lost one.



Came second to Bournemouth, but have qualified for the West Regional championships in Bristol on the 5th May.

Representing Sunninghill were Aaron as Captain and James as goal keeper.

Sports News

Team: U10/11 Netball
Venue: Clayesmore
Result: 10 – 0 loss

A tough game playing Clayesmore's A team. The opposition was much quicker in the first half and the score was 0 - 7 at half time. Amelia had a very red face at half time and an even redder face at full time working really hard at GD as our defence was under a lot of pressure. Polina and Imogen had a few chances to score and Imogen really improved the effectiveness of her dodge as the game went on. In the last quarter we managed to stop Clayesmore from scoring and it was 0 – 0.

Contribution Award: The opposition gave the award to Amelia for some great defensive work.

Team: *U11 Netball*
Venue: *Clayesmore*
Result: *12 – 1 loss*

Clayesmore chalked up a deserved win against a depleted Sunninghill team. As the teams lined up for the start it was apparent that Sunninghill would have their work cut out against a significantly vertically advantaged Clayesmore team. I'm not sure what they are feeding their pupils at Clayesmore but maybe Mrs Wilson should invest in some stilts?

By half time, Clayesmore had taken control of the game with a 10 – 1 lead. The hosts shuffled their team positions and Sunninghill began to adapt their game in a far more even second half.

Contribution Award: *Mia for an excellent competitive all-round game.*

Team: *U12 Netball v Clayesmore*
Venue: *SPS*
Result: *12 – 12 draw*

We got off to a cracking start ending the first quarter 5 – 2. Having had a move of positions we weren't quite on it and let the lead slip ending at half time 7 – 7. Excellent pressure in the third and we pulled out a 1 goal advantage. Sadly in the fourth quarter it appeared that Freya grew the stickiest out elbows ever grown by a human and was penalised every time she got the ball in the D which was often. The end of the game arrived with a balanced 12 – 12 draw.

Contribution Award: *Gemma & Eleni chosen by the opposition.*

Team: *U10 Football V Sandroyd*
Venue: *SPS*
Result: *4 – 4 draw*

The match against DMS began with a bang. Straight away, Will in goal was under great pressure but held his nerve and pulled off some remarkable saves. The game was back

and forth for the whole duration. Sam and Archie's powerful attack was too much for the home team and at the break, the visitors lead 3-4. An intense and hard fought second half yielded only one goal and the final score was an apt reflection of the intense battle of football. All of the Sunninghill boys played exceptionally well.

Contribution Award: *Samuel for displaying wonderful skill in the box and composed finishing.*

Team: *U12/11 Hockey*
Venue: *Sandroyd*
Result: *3 - 0*

Our U11 boys played an excellent game against skilful and more experienced players - in fact they were Sandroyd's U13 B team – and so to hold them to just 3 goals showed how good they played. Possession and territory was pretty much fifty-fifty, thanks to Valentine who dominated the midfield with great tenacity and excellent skills. Despite Gethyn's best efforts and great running; their defence and goalie were impenetrable. At the other end, Harri made his debut in goal, saved some superb shots and kept us in the game. Everyone had a good run out and all played their part.

Contribution Award: *Valentine – amazing midfield play and kept us battling. Harri – first time goalie made some super saves.*

Team: *U13/12 Hockey*
Venue: *Sandroyd*

The U12/13's faced a strong U13 Sandroyd side. The boys all played fantastically in the first half and created many half chances in the Sandroyd 'D'. Both teams played with a high level of skill and moved the ball around well. Sandroyd scored two goals near the end of the first half which changed the momentum of the match. Joshua and Tom

worked tirelessly in midfield and Gabriel showed some lovely individual skills. Tymon was unfortunate not to score but got himself in some fantastic positions. Nathan and Harry worked hard in defence and displayed sound ball control and clearing skills.

Contribution Award: Ben who defended brilliantly and made a lot of interceptions throughout the match.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Spring Term

Head Boy – Tom
Head Girl – Poppy
Sports Captains – Lawrence & Tallulah

Prefects:

ICT – Lawrence & Olivia
Art – Jessie
M&D – Clara & Lily
Outdoor Ed – Atlanta & Frida
STEM – Verity & Poppy
Languages – Lea & Amalia
Humanities – Olivia
Eco – Jessie & Verity
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St Osmund's Sports Facilities in new hands

For the last 18 years sports facilities at St Osmund's School have been operated by a voluntary trust. During that time they have made the main sports hall available for group use, operated a fully equipped fitness room and also managed outdoor tennis court and pitch facilities. Unfortunately, faced with increased competition and no funds to replace their gym equipment, the Trust ceased trading in January 2019.

Since then the Town Council, working closely with officers at West Dorset District Council, have agreed a £20,000 funding package to allow St Osmund's School itself to invest in the site to make the Sports Hall available to organised groups in the evenings and on pre-booked weekends for sports such as badminton, tennis and cricket. Outdoor tennis courts will also still be available for organised groups.

In time the School hope to convert the Fitness Suite into a studio for groups to hire for dance and wellness classes, as well as making a smaller hall available for regular meetings. If your group is looking for such facilities please contact the School at sportscentre@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk.

New Electoral Wards for 2nd May Elections

In May residents will be invited to elect Councillors to the new Dorset Council, which replaces Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council and four other District Councils. There will be five councillors representing Dorchester



- 2 for Dorchester East Ward
 - 1 for Dorchester Poundbury Ward
 - 2 for Dorchester West Ward
- (named and edged in red on the map below)

On the same day elections will also take place for Dorchester Town Council Councillors, as follows



- 5 for Dorchester East Ward
 - 3 for Dorchester South Ward
 - 4 for Dorchester Poundbury Ward
 - 4 for Dorchester West Ward
 - 4 for Dorchester North Ward
- (named and outlined in orange on the map below)

Both sets of elections will be run by the new Dorset Council. Details regarding standing as a candidate, registration and voting for the elections can be found at dorsetforyou.gov.uk.

Wards for Dorset Council and Dorchester Town Council



Dorchester News

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Come and celebrate the Moon Landing, 50 years on

On 20 July the World will celebrate 50 years since Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.

Working in partnership with Dorchester Arts the Town Council will host "Moonbury Rings", a three day event at Maumbury Rings with something for everyone.

On Friday 19 July Dorchester Arts will present "Apollo: One Giant Leap", a free music event that brings together 500 pupils from Dorchester, St Mary's Puddletown and St Osmund's Middle Schools and The Thomas Hardy School, with a professional orchestra, to perform a cantata specially written for young people by local composer Geof Edge.

The whole community will be able to join in too, with parts of the cantata being made available online for you to learn and sing on the night. For details of how to join in with this and other opportunities to participate keep an eye on local press and www.dorchesterarts.org.uk nearer the time.

Fund-raising for the event is going well, with a major grant applied for to Arts Council England, a successful crowdfunding campaign completed, and local fundraising focused on business sponsorship. If you are in a position to help please contact development@dorchesterarts.org.uk



Local artist Robin Mackenzie has created artwork especially for Apollo: One Giant Leap

On Saturday 20 July the Town Council will host our annual cinema night, with a special focus on films that place the moon at their heart.

Then on Sunday 21 July members of the local science community will put on an afternoon of events based on astronomy and physics, including astronaut training for children.

All three days will take place directly under the Museum of the Moon, a NASA-accurate, seven meter diameter, lit globe which has been touring the world in recent years. For more details see mymoon.org.



Plastic Free Dorchester

Dorchester's Councillors recently signed the Town Council up to a new initiative driven by children at Damers School, who have already won awards for their innovative campaign to move the town closer to becoming plastic free.

The School has already signed up 20 local businesses to start the move to become plastic free, with pupils promoting more take up at a recent Chamber of Trade event.



In particular pupils are encouraging businesses and residents to take part in the Refill Dorset campaign which encourages shops to refill plastic water bottles for free. See the [Plastic Free Dorchester](#) tab at www.litterfreedorset.co.uk for more info about their initiatives.



The Damers School Eco Crew have led the initiative to reduce plastic use in the town.

Council Tax to rise by 2% from April 2019

The Town Council share of the Council Tax will rise by 2% in April, a Band D charge of £192.78, up £3.78 on last year, raising nearly £1.5 Million from the town's local taxpayers.

In setting the budget for 2019/20 Councillors considered a number of specific issues, including:

- £100,000 to be spent on the Municipal Buildings, mainly to address problems associated with its passenger lift and a replacement for the gas boiler system
- The Town Council elections in May, estimated at £20,000
- An extra £30,000 a year to maintain the new facilities at The Great Field, work on which will commence this year

The increase comes as the Town Council prepares for the reorganisation of local government which brings Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council and four other Councils together to create the new Dorset Council. The Town Council anticipates that this will result in reduced provision of locally important discretionary services such as public toilets, TICs, support for local arts, museums and community organisations and keeping public areas tidy.

The budget also allows for a number of new projects including the refurbishment of the public area around the Town Pump in South Street and new pedestrian signage in the town centre, while the newly elected Council will have £250,000 to allocate to new priorities.

New Battery kit and Solar Panels

Our Outdoor staff have recently taken delivery of a new electric-powered vehicle, as well as battery powered trimmers, hedge trimmers and leaf blowers.

The electric vehicle will replace one of our five diesel-based pick ups. Initially it will be seen in the Borough Gardens but over time will be trialled across the town. If successful the Council expects to replace the remainder of its diesel fleet over the next 7 years when they are due for renewal.

The Grounds maintenance equipment also uses rechargeable batteries, reducing noise and vibration for team members as well as cutting the cost of operation and maintenance. These first purchases are part of a gradual replacement of much of the Council's petrol powered equipment as battery technology continues to improve.

The Council is also installing 72 solar panels at its Louds Mill Depot and will eventually use these to charge all of its battery powered equipment.

Town Walks resurfacing completed

Over the course of 2018 the Town Council worked with Dorset County Council to resurface stretches of The Walks from Hardy's Statue round to Hangman's Cottage in the north, and from the War Memorial along to the Frink Martyrs statues on South Walk.

In February the team is scheduled to complete The Walks resurfacing programme by tidying up the final stretch between Salisbury Fields and Icen Way.

Alongside the resurfacing new benches and bins are being introduced, as well as information boards explaining the history of some of the key sites.

Poundbury Cemetery nears completion

Over Autumn 2018 the Council completed road layouts and a boundary wall at its cemetery on Poundbury Road at the north of the town.

The Council has also been landscaping the Green Burial space to the west of the site, by preparing the ground for wildflower seed. A split chestnut fence will mark this area.

The cemetery received its first burial in 2002 and will be the main burial site for the town for the next 50 years. More details relating to burial services can be found on our [website](#).

New Wheelchair Accessible Swing

Working with local residents the Town Council has installed a new swing at its playground at Maiden Castle Road, opposite the Prince of Wales First School.

The swing, the first of its type in the town, was part funded by a Big Lottery grant and is specifically designed to be accessible to wheelchair users without having to leave their chair.



Councillor Stella Jones joins Freddie Palmer and family to formally "open" the swing.

The Great Field - latest news

Work continues with the Duchy of Cornwall to prepare a new park space in the west of the town.

A key part of the works will be to install play equipment, and Duchy and Town Council staff are currently involved in selecting both a supplier and a design.



Over the course of 2019 and 2020 over 400 trees and 23,000 shrubs will be planted; this work is heavily dependent on weather and ground conditions; pathways will also be installed during 2019.

A local charity with a national reach, the Alcohol Education Trust, is preparing to construct and manage a pavilion on The Great Field. The ground floor will be available for the public, with a café, meeting space and public toilet being available, while the Trust will occupy an upstairs office space.

Dorchester Christmas Market 5 - 8 December

The Town Council is working with Weldmar to bring some of Dorset's finest arts, crafts, food and drink providers to the Borough Gardens this December.

The afternoon/evening event will also involve lighting up the Gardens and will provide entertainment from the Band Stand. Put the dates in your diaries and see our website for more detail nearer the time.

Outdoor Theatre at Maumbury Rings

Sunday 23 June 7.00pm - The Tempest

performed by The Handlebards

Friday 12 July 7.30pm - A Perfect World

performed by Miracle Theatre

Sunday 18 August 5.00pm - The Legend of King

Arthur performed by Boxtree

Details and tickets at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk, Box office 01305 266926

DorchesterARTS

Town Events April - June 2019

Saturday 27 April - World Tai Chi Day

9.30am, Borough Gardens

Sunday 12 May - Durnovaria Silver Band

2.30pm, Borough Gardens

Saturday 18 May - Health & Wellbeing Picnic

2.30pm, Borough Gardens

Monday 27 May - Pop Club in the Park

2.30pm, Borough Gardens

Wednesday 29 May - Blackwell Concert Band

11.00am, Borough Gardens

Sunday 2 June - Thomas Hardy Victorian Fair

1.00pm, High West Street

Saturday 8 June - D-Day Commemoration

11.00am, The Keep Military Museum

Sunday 9 June - Durnovaria Silver Band

2.30pm, Borough Gardens

Saturday 15 June - Carnival style Fun in the Gardens

2.30pm, Borough Gardens

Sunday 23 June - Weldmar Cycle Challenge

All day, Borough Gardens

Saturday 29 June - Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Family Event - Noon, Borough Gardens

Sunday 30 June - Durnovaria Silver Band

2.30pm, Borough Gardens

To keep up to date with programme changes see notice boards in the Borough Gardens and our website.



WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	18th	LAMDA - Music Room
		Forms 5 & 6 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 11.00 am
		Forms 7 & 8 Girls Netball Practice -St Osmund's 2.30 pm
	19th	Nursery Parents' Consultations 8.00 am Drawing Room
		U8 & U9 Netball v Sandroyd (H) 2.00 pm
		U8 U9 Hockey V Yarrells @ Redlands 2.15 pm
		Form 7 passivhauss visit 2.15 pm
		Junior Prep Parents' Consultations 3.30 pm
	20th	LAMDA - Music Room
		Form 2 Forest School
		Form 4 Forest School
		U13/12A & B Netball v Sandroyd (A) 2.30 pm
		U11 Netball v Sandroyd @ Redlands 2.00 pm
		U10 Netball v Sandroyd @ Redlands 2.45 pm
		Forms 5 - 8 Hockey v Yarrells @ Redlands & SPS 2.15 pm
	21st	LAMDA - Music Room
		Form 7 to the Globe 7 am
		Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610
		Music Exam - Blandford 8.30 - 11.00 am
		Nursery & Fledglings - Kingston Maurward 1.00 - 3.30 pm
		Forms 3 & 4 Mixed Inter House Netball (H) 2.15 pm
		Informal Music Concert - Drawing Room 4.00 pm
		After School Skiing & Bouldering
	22nd	Open Morning 9.30 - 12 noon
		Clubs finish today
		Form 6 Assembly - all parents welcome 8.30 am
		<i>please let Megan know if you would like breakfast</i>
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am
		Reception Forest School 10.00 - 12.15 pm
		Mixed U12/13 Hockey v Bedales (H) 12 noon
		Form 1 Skiing 1.30 pm
		U11 Netball v Warminster @ Redlands 2.30 pm
		U11/10 Hockey v Warminster (H) 2.30 pm
		House Cross Country 2.30 pm
		Milton Abbas Debate 2.00 pm
		Formal Music Concert - Drawing Room 7.00pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Music Timetable- Week 10	
	Menu - Week 10	
	Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets	
Fledglings	Kingston Maurward trip change	
Nursery	Kingston Maurward trip change	
Reception	No letters	
Form 1	No letters	
Form 2	No letters	
Form 3	No letters	
Form 4	E-Safety letter	
Form 5	No letters	
Form 6	No letters	
Form 7	No letters	
Form 8	No letters	