

Academy Articles



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October 2016

Key Dates

Monday 31st October

Start of Term 2

Monday 7th to Friday 11th November

Year 6 Residential trip to Liddington

Tuesday 8th November

Senior Maths Challenge
Year 11 and 12

Thursday 10th November

Year 11 into 12 Options
Evening 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Tuesday 15th November

Primary & Nursery Parents'
Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Weds 16th November

Primary & Nursery Parents'
Evening 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Thursday 24th November

Year 8 Parents' Evening
5.00pm to 7.00pm

Monday 5th December

Year 10 & 11 GCSE Textiles
Students trip to Clothes
Show, Birmingham

Tuesday 20th December

Last day of Term 2 — Non
Uniform Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been one of great achievement across DSLV and this could easily be forgotten in the busy run up to the holiday week.

Across the school:

- KS2,4 and Post 16 results were all very positive suggesting a bright future for the whole academy.
- Our recent HMI inspection was very successful, the results of which will be available online in the very near future.
- Record numbers of pupils have joined the DSLV/Parker collaborative sixth form.
- First group of attendance awards given to students last week.
- Refurbishments in Music & Primary have all helped enhance our classroom areas.
- Our push towards greater pupil decision making in school has led to us appointing a young leadership team, alongside the school council and prefect system.

Congratulations to all pupils who have gained posts in pupil leadership; especially to Esharveer Panesar and Kara Terry on being appointed to Head Boy and Head Girl.

Pupils have also enjoyed taking part in, or supporting:

- Open mornings for nursery and Yr7
- The launch of our new primary play equipment
- CE Day which included:
 - CSI Day; Story writing; Rescue the egg
 - Harvest Festival
- Fund raising for Macmillan cancer (£400+ raised) and Post 16 football (£100+ raised)
- Post 16 visit to Northampton University

Amongst all of these enrichment activities we must not forget the formal tests which are crucial to the future success of our young people. In amongst next terms' events; Christmas pantomime, Nativity and activity days I would also ask parents to mark in your family calendars the following events:

- Year 6 SATS mock tests – January 2017
- Year 11 GCSE mock exams – November & December 2016
- SAT's and GCSE examinations May / June 2017 (Only 20 weeks away).
- Year 1 phonics screening check w/c Monday 12th June 2017

It is our intention, as in previous years, to run revision workshops for parents and pupils in order to support successful outcomes in the summer of 2017. In anticipation of these sessions I would encourage all parents to consider carefully when booking holidays for this coming year the negative impact that absence from school has on examination performance.

Have a good holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October.

Mr S Cotton
Principal DSLV

Mrs Katie Towers
Senior VP – Head of Primary

Out with the Old-In with the New!

Wow! The children's faces literally lit up when they were eventually allowed to use our new fixed play equipment on the Year 3 & 4 and Year 1 & 2 playground.

It had been tantalising the children for 2 weeks while being constructed. Children at DSLV will now be able to benefit from this wonderful equipment. We feel that children will be more active during play times and increase their fitness levels while enabling them to burn off excess energy. This will undoubtedly



have an impact on their learning as they will be more alert from this physical exercise.



As well as encouraging social skills, this new equipment will help children feel happier and calmer, creating a positive mental attitude - A place where children may tap into their creativity and their imaginations will have no limits.

It is such a wonderful sight to see happy smiling faces as they clamber, crawl and swing along the play equipment.

Open Evening

On Wednesday 12th October our annual Open Evening took place for prospective Year 6 children and their parents. We are extremely proud of the 150 classroom helpers and 100 student ambassadors that volunteered their services for the evening in order to show how much they care about their Academy.



We had very positive comments from the Parents/Carers including how fantastic the Student Ambassadors were in showing them around.



There were some very interesting activities going on in classrooms including some exotic appearances in Mr Willis' class in Science who showcased a Corn Snake, Bearded Dragon and a Leopard Gecko.

In the day we also had a cake sale throughout the Academy in aid of MacMillan Cancer, Miss Stevens who helped to organise this with students continued this event at the Open Evening. Thank you to all Parents/Carers who kindly donated

cakes. We are pleased to announce that a grand total of £478.87 was raised for this worthy cause.



DSL V Dance Show



At the end of the Summer term the BTEC dance show took place. Well done to all the girls that took part. Everyone pulled together to make the evening a success.

The BTEC dance students performed some excellent contemporary routines and dance club brought lots of energy to the show. Thank you to Megan Evans and Jenna Park for returning to DSLV to compete and

perform in their final show and I wish you luck for the future.

Mrs Cole



A Great Start for Reception Children

What a fun first half term the caterpillars have had. We are all so proud of how the Reception children come in smiling in the mornings and are so enthusiastic to learn and "grow our brains".

We are already independent in the classroom; getting our own snack and washing up, getting changed for PE and joining in with school assemblies and playtimes.

We absolutely loved it when the fire engine came to school and we all had a go with the hose!



Girls Football Success

Congratulations to our Year 8/9 Girls Football Team who came 3rd overall in the Football Tournament held at Moulton School on 12th October. This is a fantastic achievement. The team consisted of:

Hannah Ridgewell (Year 9) – Captain
Morgan Baker (Year 8) – Vice Captain
Karen Davies (Year 9)
Chloe Jones (Year 8)
Mia Heron (Year 8)
Millie Farrow (Year 8)
Chloe Spencer (Year 8)



Young Leadership Team

It gives us great pleasure to introduce this Years' Young Leadership Team.



Nominations were received and interviews with the Principal took place earlier this term. Congratulations are in order to the following:

Head Boy: Esharveer Panesar, **Head Girl:** Kara Terry

Young Leadership Team: Charlie Williams, Lauren Neal, and Megan Livingstone

Year 10 Trip to Italy



At the end of the summer term, Miss Kelly, Mrs Sangha and Mr Green along with 25 Year 10 Geography students visited Sorrento, Italy to explore the beautiful landscape along the Amalfi Coast. This is the 10th Year that the Geography department have ran this fantastic trip.

The trip included a trek to the crater of Mount Vesuvius and the view over the Bay of Naples was spectacular. We visited Pompeii to see the excavated remains of the town.

We took a ferry to the Isla of Capri, went on the Funicular up to Capri town and took a chairlift up to Monte Solare. We drove along the Amalfi Coast, visiting the



Emerald Grotto and taking a boat trip and we visited Solfatara and experienced being inside a live volcanic crater. On our final day we drove from Sorrento to Rome and finished our trip with an amazing tour around the spectacular Colosseum and all the other attractions Rome has to offer.

Have your Say!



Daventry District Council will be installing new playground equipment at the Fishponds Park.

Four potential designs have been drawn up and they would like to find out from local children which one they like best. Given the park is within the DSLV catchment they would like to give the children at the nursery and primary school (and their parents!) the chance to have their say on their favourite designs. If you would like the chance to vote then please use the following link:

<https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/consultation> Voting closes on Monday 7th November.