



# Deepdene

Weekly Bulletin Week Commencing 30th January 2017

You are invited to come and see  
your child's work on  
Wednesday 1st February 2016

On Wednesday 1st February you are invited to come into the classroom between 8:40-9:30am to view your child's work. The children always enjoy showing their work and it's a good opportunity to come and speak informally to your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you then.

## Reception

Reception has turned into a winter wonderland of cold wintery colours, one of the activities we did last week was to paint scarves in cold colours. We did experiments with ice cubes to see which melted first. Our ice cubes made from a mixture of salt and water melted first! Our bulbs are growing roots and we have been using the magnifying glasses to keep a close eye on them. Please bring any baby pictures in for our display board. Can I gently remind parents to please make sure all items of clothes are clearly labelled especially hats, gloves and winter scarves. Thank you.  
Mrs Stoner



## Year 1

We have had a busy week in Year One and the children have particularly enjoyed our new Geography topic 'Oceans and Seas'. This week we have learned about the seas surrounding the British Isles and discussed some of the interesting creatures which live in these waters. The children have produced some lovely art work linked to the new topic which we hope you enjoy looking at. In our French lessons we are also learning the names of some sea creatures which we are sure the children will enjoy practising at home with you!

Mrs Moore and Mrs Kent

## Year 2



This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed Science through investigating the forces of push and pull.

For English last week, the children all wrote their own stories by adapting the story maps they made and in Maths we practised adding and subtracting mentally by counting on or back. In Geography we have begun to look at the island of Skye in Scotland. The children found out about what life is like there and what the island looks like.

In History we are continuing to look at how The Great Fire of London affected people and the city.

We are still learning about algorithms in computing and the children are writing instructions.

I look forward to seeing you for Open Morning on the 1st February.  
Ms Rosen.

## Year 3:

This week Year 3 have really been enjoying their humorous poetry topic and begun to have a go at writing their own. They have been challenged to use powerful verbs and came up with lots of great ideas. Next week we will be looking at alliteration in poetry. In Maths we have been practising telling the time on analogue and digital clocks. We have also been practising our trick of how to know how many days in each month using our knuckles. We will continue with time and also look at Roman numerals as they are often used on clock faces.

In history everybody drew a great Celtic roundhouse and answered questions about its features, having just one room, a fire in the centre and hardly any furniture. Next week we will also look at Celtic forts and how the Celts protected themselves from other tribes. The children were excited to learn that later in the term we will be looking at Boudicca and her story.

Ms Hayward and Mrs Watkins

## Year 4

Year 4 explored column addition last week in Maths. We set up a shop situation where the children came to purchase grocery items with either £5 or £10. They had to work out what change they should be given and whether this was different from the change they received. We talked about the importance of checking their change when making a purchase by rounding up to estimate and then using the frog method we practiced in class to find to exact amount. The children really enjoyed applying their Maths to a real life scenario.

Mrs Ash

## Upper School News

It has been a busy and exciting week with many of our Year 6 pupils attending interviews at their chosen secondary schools. Finley Shear has received a letter of acceptance following his entrance examination at Our Lady of Sion, so we are very proud of him and are celebrating this wonderful news.

It is back to the Victorian era for our Year 5 pupils this week, who have embarked on a cross-curricular project in English and History. They are enjoying extracts from Victorian novels with Mrs Croucher and learning more about what life was like in the Victorian era with Mrs Hayward.

Our Upper School girls participated in a Netball Fixture last week at Roedean, there will be a pupil match report printed in next week's bulletin, so do look out for that in the pupil column.

Upper School are looking forward to attending a Science focused workshop on the last day of this half term at Roedean. This term is rapidly passing us all by so quickly! We are very much in the swing of the Spring term and enjoying all that is on offer.

Ms Brown

## Forthcoming events

### Week 4

#### Wednesday 1st February

Open House – Come view your child's work 8:40 – 9:30am

### Week 5

#### Monday 6th February

Lower School (Years 1,2 and 3)  
to Roedean for Academic workshop- Science focus.

#### Tuesday 7th February

E-Safety Day

#### Thursday 9th February

Year 3 to Roedean for Sports today

#### Friday 10th February

Upper School (Years 4,5 and 6) to Roedean for Academic workshop- Science focus.  
Half term 13th- 17th February

## MATHS NEWS

As Year 4 visited the Bilingual School on Friday, it was down to Year 5 to set the times table records this week!

Most improved time was Eliana, who reduced her time by 50 seconds.

The fastest 77 grid last week was Luca, with a fantastic time of 3 minutes 39 seconds. Well done, Year 5!

## School Sports Fixtures

### 20th February - 2pm

Warlingham Cross Country  
Warlingham CR6 9PB

### 2nd March - 2pm

U9 U10 Netball Teams V Shoreham  
College Shoreham College

### 9th March - 2pm

Deepdene V Lancing U10 Tag Rugby  
Lancing College

### 16th March - 3:30pm

St Andrews V Deepdene U10 Tag Rugby  
Wish Park

### 22nd March - 2pm

Roedean Cross Country  
Roedean School

### 23rd March - 2pm

Deepdene V Shoreham U10 Tag Rugby  
Shoreham College TBC

### 29th March - 2pm

Deepdene U11 U10 Netball  
Brighton High School

Please check the Bulletin each week for new fixtures. They will be placed on this new board which will now feature weekly.