



Weekly Parent Bulletin No 12: Week Commencing Monday 2 December 2024 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

Christmas Card Competition Winners

We are excited to announce the winners of our annual **Christmas Card Competition!** This year, we received an overwhelming number of creative and festive entries, showcasing the incredible talent of our students. Congratulations to the winners:



- **Becca Histed** - 10D2
- **Lily Carter** - 7J1
- **Georgie Dix** - 11W1 (3rd-time winner!)
- **Jessica Beechey** - 10W1

Thank you to all the students who participated. Each entry was a wonderful reflection of the festive season and the spirit of **Dene Magna School**. We are proud of all the students for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Scholastic Book Fair



We are thrilled to share that the **Scholastic Book Fair** has returned to our library! Over the last few days, students had the opportunity to visit during break and lunch, and students in Years 7-9 were given dedicated time during their lessons to explore the wide selection of books. We were also excited to welcome Year 6 students from **Drybrook**.

It was truly heart-warming to see so many students excitedly browsing the books and engaging in lively discussions about their reading interests. Their enthusiasm and joy were evident, and it was wonderful to witness the positive energy surrounding

the event.

A special thank you to our **library volunteers**, whose hard work and dedication made the Book Fair a great success. They ensured the event ran smoothly and created a welcoming atmosphere each day.

Shrek the Musical

“**Shrek the Musical**” will be taking the stage next week! Our talented students have been working hard to bring this beloved show to life, and we can't wait for you to see the performance. The musical promises to be a fun-filled, vibrant experience for all ages, showcasing the creativity and dedication of our students. We encourage you to come and support them as they perform for family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the wonderful talent of our school community!

Tickets are selling fast, Wednesday and Friday there is limited availability, seats left for Thursday.



LAMDA Exam Success

We are delighted to share that our students took their **LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art)** exams last weekend, and we couldn't be more proud of their efforts. The students were absolutely fantastic in their performances, demonstrating great dedication and talent.

Many people at the event commented on the **impeccable behaviour** and **manners** displayed by our students, and it was clear that they gave their all during their performances. Their professionalism and enthusiasm were truly impressive.

While we will have to wait a few weeks for the official results, we are confident that all the students performed exceptionally well. The positive feedback speaks for itself, and we look forward to sharing the results with you once they arrive.

Students involved:

- Quinn Barnard
- Amber Whitehouse
- Olivia Betty
- Leah Marfell
- Evie Barry
- Sophie Baynham
- Connie Simonds
- Chloe Swanson
- Verity Badger
- Lily Bevan
- Jack Evans
- Jonah Crossfield
- Amelie Hughes
- Clementine Goodison
- Grace Boughton



Girls Under 16 Football – Regional Cup

We are excited to share some fantastic news regarding our **Girls Under 16 Football team**! On Tuesday night, teams from across the Forest competed at **Forest High** in the regional cup, aiming to progress to the county finals. Our **Dene Magna girls** performed brilliantly, demonstrating incredible determination and skill. We are thrilled to announce that they have successfully qualified for the county finals, which will take place after the Christmas holidays.



A huge congratulations to all the players for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship! We wish them the best of luck in the upcoming finals and will keep you updated with further details.

Year 7 Boys Rugby – Comeback Draw

We are excited to share the incredible performance of our **Year 7 Boys Rugby team** in their recent match against **Fire Acres**. Despite being 3 tries down, the boys showed remarkable spirit and determination, battling hard to bring the game back to a 5-5 draw. Both teams' demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and perseverance throughout the match, making it an exciting and thrilling game for everyone involved. We are extremely proud of our team for their resilience and commitment.

Year 9 Boys Rugby – Close Contest

Our **Year 9 Boys Rugby team** recently played an exciting match against **Forest High**, displaying superb determination and skill. The match was closely contested, with both sides evenly matched throughout. It was fantastic to see our students working effectively as a team, showcasing their hard work and teamwork. In the end, it was a very close game, and despite their efforts, we narrowly lost by just one try.

We are incredibly proud of the team's performance and the sportsmanship they displayed. Well done to all the players for their commitment and determination!

Lego Training

We are excited to share that our staff has been trained to use LEGO to support specific students in improving key social and emotional skills. This intervention involves small groups of children working together to build LEGO models, where each child takes on a role (e.g., builder, supplier) to collaboratively complete a project.

Benefits include

- **Improved Social Skills:** Children learn to communicate, share, and cooperate with their peers.
- **Reduced Anxiety:** The structured environment provides predictability and safety for children.
- **Boosted Confidence:** Completing a LEGO project fosters a sense of achievement.
- **Better Teamwork:** Working together helps children practice collaboration and problem-solving.

LEGO supports social interaction, emotional development, and communication skills in a fun, engaging way.

Willow Hardy (9W1) completed this model over her last three Lego sessions and she's very proud of it!



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday 17th December, tickets can be purchased from the Canteen at a cost of £3.00. Please note no other food will be available on this day.

And Finally we have 14 sleeps to go until the end of term on Thursday 19th December. Ho Ho Ho.

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

- W/C Monday 9th December – Spanish Visitors
- 9th & 10th December- Flu Vaccinations
- 11th, 12th & 13th December – Shrek the Musical
- 13th December – Ski Trip Departs
- 16th December – Christmas Soiree – 7pm
- 17th December – Christmas Lunch
- 18th December – Year 11 Trial Results Day – from 8.00am in the Main Hall
- 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day – donations to the Food Bank
- 19th December – End of Term at 12 noon