

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

8 October 2021



LEAVES FALLING! AUTUMNS HERE!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Some important information is repeated for your convenience, but there is also new content to be read. Please also see the accompanying letter attached regarding the continuation of home testing and new Home Testing kits that have been distributed to students today.

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Home Testing Guidance

Please see below the link which confirms the Governments review at the end of September of student's continuing voluntary home testing twice weekly:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance#asymptomatic-testing>

Guidance for parents and carers on the vaccination programme for young people aged 12 to 15

This autumn, all young people aged 12 to 15 are being offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Public Health England has updated its [page of resources for young people and their families](#) with [answers to some frequently asked questions](#).

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=c9344d00-71be-4509-92da-fd3f044fc47f&utm_content=immediately

[Guidance and resources for schools](#) are also available.

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing.

Wherever possible, your child should continue testing and reporting results twice a week at home. Students have been supplied with enough test kits to last until the end of term, however if your son/daughter runs out of tests before this please ask them to collect more from the school office.

Reporting results Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond.

Reporting results is easy.

Go to: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) Or call: 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

All results should be reported, even if your child's result is negative or void. To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the government has produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#)

You should also keep a note of the test ID and share your child's results with school using [this link](#)

Universal Testing

The government is encouraging all adults to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You can order tests through the [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#) service.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Maintaining a regular habit of testing twice a week, 3-4 days apart, will help stop the virus spreading and keep schools and colleges open to students and staff.

Symptomatic COVID-19 Testing

- Home testing using the LFD tests **does not replace testing for those with symptoms.**
- If your son/daughter (or anyone in your household) experience symptoms of COVID-19 your household must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines. You will need to inform the school if this is the case.
- Once you have the result of the test please inform us as soon as possible. If the result is negative, you can then stop self-isolating and your son/daughter can return to school if they are well enough. If the result is positive your household will need to continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and follow national guidelines.

If you have any queries regarding testing please contact Carolyn Hobbs, Office Manager.

School Day Timetable next week

Please be aware that next week we will be operating the school day on our 2:1:2 timetable.

Pupil Premium

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, you should have received an email last week with a Google Form attached regarding the Scholastic Bookfair. Please ensure you complete the Google Form by Monday 4th October. If you have not received the email, please contact neve@danecourt.kent.sch.uk.

Many Thanks

Miss Neve

Duke of Edinburgh

DofE training session 1-

M3 15.30-16.30

Wednesday 13th October 2021

Attendance by all PARTICIPANTS is expected. Students **MUST** submit their bitesize planner for their Silver Award **in Google classroom** by Monday 11th October or sooner if completed.

Love Languages

Year 7 have made an excellent start to their French, German and Spanish learning journeys, and the enthusiasm in their lessons is fantastic to see. Your support and interest in their language learning is vital - please ask them about their homework and what they are learning in class. Year 11 are working hard towards their PPEs in French and German - *bonne chance* and *viel Glück!*

The following students have been nominated by their teachers as **Linguastars** this week. These students will be collecting well-deserved merits from their teachers.

Gregor H. (Yr10 - Spanish): Always trying his best during the lesson and HW - His interest in improving and understanding the language is commendable

Isaac C. (Yr8 - German): Going beyond in homework to show understanding of possessive pronouns.

Stanley H. (Yr7 - Spanish): Super passionate and hard working with a great understanding of the language.

Theo G. (Yr7 - Spanish): Incredible knowledge of Spanish numbers.

Evie P. (Yr10 - French): Excellent retrieval of previous vocab and grammar to ensure written work for y10 is accurate and detailed

Ashvin G. (Yr8 - German): Amazing effort in class, fantastic participation to ensure full understanding of new sentence builder vocab

Oli T. (Yr7 - German): Excellent attitude and effort both in class and homework.

European Day of Languages Competition **Language Rocks!**

This year's entries to the **Language Rocks!** Competition

The winners are:

1st place: Nikita Z. Yr7

Runners up: Betty P. Yr7, Poppy W. Yr7, Zach O-G. Yr7, Jefferson G. Yr7

Mrs Radix has prizes for these students.



Free Support

I wanted to share details of a free youth course below, but also draw your attention to the fact that the same organisation offers a variety of other free support services. Their website <https://www.maidstonemind.org/youth-services-covid-19-outbreak/> is worth a look.

Mind The Knife is a FREE, five-week programme which provides young people with a safe space and time where they can explore practical ideas about how they can keep themselves safe without breaking the law. The course aims to take a resilience-driven focus, encouraging young people to build and develop their positive coping strategies so they can maintain good levels of mental health. The aim is to boost self-esteem and confidence in the young people who take part in the course, whilst making them aware of how low levels of emotional resilience can lead to increased risk factors of falling into crime.

The course is free and takes place virtually via ZOOM. For more details, including current dates, please visit: <https://www.maidstonemind.org/mind-the-knife/>

I hope this is useful

Mrs Ives

Pastoral support officer

News from the Music Department

We are delighted that we have been able to restart our busy extra-curricular program in music. The orchestra has hit the ground running after our 18 month break during lockdown and we are working hard to prepare for performances at the Year 6 Open Evening and the Christmas Concert which is scheduled for Wednesday 8th December. If your son/daughter plays an orchestra instrument to grade 1 standard or above, then they are welcome to join us for the rehearsals which take place on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm. Please email Miss Curran if you'd like more information on jcurran@danecourt.kent.sch.uk.



Wellbeing Cook Club for Year 9

The Food department will be running a Wellbeing cook club for year 9 in term 2.

It will be free of charge, and ingredients will be supplied.

We will make lots of delicious and nutritious food which we will prepare and eat together.

Students must return a permission slip to the food department.

Permission slips will be available in the Food department or through their mentors.

Places will be limited to 30.



Next week Year 9 will be making soup in their lessons. They will need large lidded containers to take the soup home with them.

Please make sure the containers are lidded and named, and if in doubt over size, two containers is always better than one! Have a lovely weekend

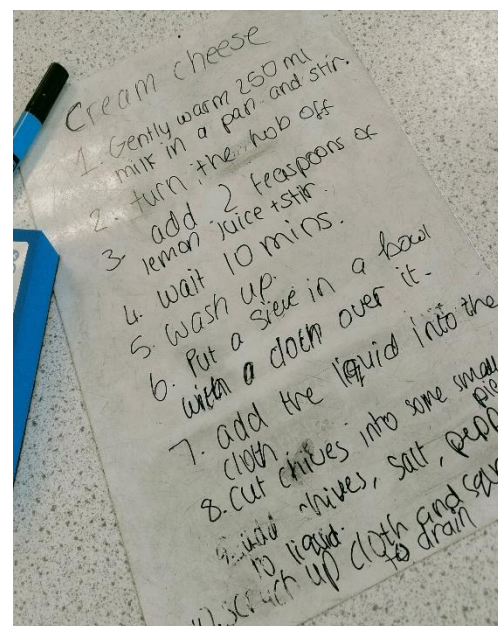
From
The Food Preparation teachers

In Food Technology Department This Week

Last week Year 10 watched a silent teacher demonstration and wrote their own version of the recipe for making cream cheese from milk. Some made it from cow's milk and others made it with soya milk. The following day they stuffed chicken breasts (from a previous jointing lesson) or mushrooms and peppers. We are very proud of the skilful outcomes and resilient and mature attitudes in the kitchen.

This week Year 9 have been busy making delicious soup; either leek and potato or chicken noodle soup following their learning about the processing of potatoes and vegetables from farm to fork. The food department has never smelt better! We always welcome donations of old ice cream tubs, takeaway dishes or extra-large yogurt tubs to help students who don't have a big enough container to take food home in. If you can help us out, please send them our way.

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From the Food Nutrition Department



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Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the book fair - we have managed to get almost £500 of free books for the school, so a wonderful addition to the school library.

Mrs Finlay

Physics Sessions

Dear Parents / Guardians

If your child is struggling with any aspect of Physics there is a Physics Drop in Session where a member of the department will be available in D12 to help.



Physics Drop In Session



Mondays 15:30 - 16:00 D12

Open to all year groups, an opportunity to discuss any Physics problems

School Direction Information Evenings

Thinking of training to teach?

Primary and secondary School Direct routes into teaching with the East Kent Learning Alliance.

Book your place on one of our online information evenings:

Tuesday 12th October - 6 pm BOOK NOW

Wednesday 1st December - 6 pm BOOK NOW

<https://www.ekla.org.uk/itt/school-direct>

DANE COURT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Events 2021

Quiz Night

Dane Court School Theatre
Friday 26th November 2021



Tickets: Adults £7.00 Children £3.00

Doors open at 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm

(price includes ploughman's supper- bring your own drinks, glasses provided)

Teams up to 8 persons per table.

To book a table please contact Mrs Lois Gadd (Maths) (Tel (or text) 07968 687415 or Email gadd@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) by 4pm on Wed 24th Nov

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