



Here's to the start of Year 2018-2019

Students and staff have delighted in a warm and sunny start to the new academic year at Dane Court Grammar School.

The team at your termly student newspaper, “**DCGS Chatter**”, would like to give a huge welcome to the newbies across all the year groups. In particular, we welcome the **new Year 7s** who are fresh faced and excited, so they must be raring to go!

We also welcome the **new members of staff** who have taken up the gauntlet to join the team leading our students through to the summer holidays. We intend to bring you more about the staff, new and not so new, once our reporters can find some interesting information (*read ‘gossip’!*) about them for the coming **DCGS Chatter** editions.

The **DCGS Chatter** team, inspired by students, meet at their headquarters in the **school library** on **Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes from 1:45 pm to 2:15pm**. We have an ever increasing team of reporters, who have many different skills to enable the team to deliver each edition of Chatter. We welcome anyone who would like to contribute in ways such as: supporting the group, organising people, coming up with ideas, writing reports, drawing, being creative, developing competitions, telling jokes, interviewing people or simply telling us what you would like to read about.

Reporters drop in when they can so if you are interested in joining a friendly, fun and lively group with time for everyone, come along to the library and have a biscuit!

Sneaky peek...

THE BIG DEBATE

Student views and experiences one month along the path to **RESpect**.

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WIN!!!

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- ~ Think you could scare anyone else?
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Words from the Editor

I would personally like to thank the **Parents Association, and Miss Riley**, for their ongoing support of the Chatter school newspaper. They have generously provided us with the financial resources necessary to make this magazine as good as it is. I know that the team and myself are very appreciative of their support (in particular for funding our top priorities: prizes and picnics!). **Truly, thank you!**

Before stowing this edition safely in your compost, please **enter the competition to win a spookily special bundle of Hallowe'en treats** to take home on 31 October.

Have a great half term - we made it!

Happy Hallowe'en and fangs for reading!

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Join in and have fun!



The BIG Debate

AONM 11D and Skye West 8T

- * Rewards
- * Expectations
- * Sanctions
- * Phones
- * Equipment
- * Clothing
- * Traits for success

“Good intentions, insufficient implementation.”

“Effective.”

“Useless. It will fade away quickly.”

A month has gone by; just a short time to see in the new ‘RESpect behaviour for learning’ ethos and behaviour diamond. What do you think?

“It’s good to have something to focus on at the start of the year, serving a purpose and making things clearer for students. Posters schoolwide help to reinforce the expectations.” Staff

“Very direct, helps to control students, easy to understand, helps students to see how they are performing.” Student

PHONE POLICY:

“If we are seen with our phones after the pips, they will be confiscated as we are supposed to be going to our next lesson. In my opinion, this new school initiative is fair. It avoids us accidentally injuring ourselves or someone else if we are distracted on our phone while walking.” Student

“I think that teachers should also follow the rule - they are our role models after all.” Student

“Personally the school would be better off without them.” Staff

“I don’t want it, it’s gone too far.” Student

“It’s more strict, the threats are effective.” Student

UNIFORM CRACKDOWN:

“I didn’t even notice it!” Student

“Effective but punishments are too harsh.” Student

“It makes students look smarter.” Student

RESpect behaviour for learning

RESpect behaviour for learning
Rewards Expectations & Sanctions

- R** Head of House: Significant improvement. Contact home.
- R** All Staff: Proactive learning. Verbal praise.
- R** All Staff: Helping others in class. Merit mark.
- E** Everybody: Respect the school. Put all rubbish in bins.
- E** Everybody: Hands up for questions and contributions in class.
- E** Everybody: Phones kept in bags until a teacher asks you to use them in a lesson.
- S** All Staff: Persistent failure to meet a simple expectation. Break time detention.
- S** Assistant Head: Failure to attend HOD detention. 2hr SLT detention.
- S** All Staff: Disruption (using pencil case) Behaviour point. Sussuring at a peer. Break or Lunch detention.

The Dane Court Uniform that must be worn by all students is:
A black blazer with DC badge, sleeves unrolled.
A blacked in white shirt or blouse.
A Dane Court tie (optional for girls).
Black Watch taken kit or straight legged black trousers.
Black flat formal shoes.
In cold weather the uniform can be supplemented by a plain black V neck jumper or cardigan.
In the summer, a red blazer will be optional.
The jewelry worn by a student is limited to:
A single pair of ear studs, no other piercings are permitted.
A single ring worn on a finger.
A watch.
A bracelet.

Mobile devices are only permitted before school, during break, during lunch and after school.
All devices must be in students' bags as soon as the pips sound before lesson 1, after break and after lunch.
Students are not allowed to use their mobile devices during the transition time between lessons. Devices are not permitted during lessons at any time, unless instructed to do so by the classroom teacher.
Mobile devices out during unpermitted times will be confiscated and taken to the office for a parent to collect.

Everyday students should be coming to lessons with:
A black or blue ballpoint or fountain pen.
A pencil, eraser and sharpener.
A ruler, protractor/pair of compasses and a calculator for that day's lessons.
The exercise and textbooks for their homework planner.
When students have food and nutrition lessons they should bring ingredients and a container.
On days where the student has PE they must have a full kit.

To read all policies in full please visit <http://dane-court.kent.sch.uk>

So, basically it seems like it is a good set of initiatives that we have now. However, generally these are embedded in every school in some way or other. The key thing is if students, and staff in particular, maintain the focus. People have worked hard to get us here...people work hard to disrupt classes. Who wins? Let us see.



New Starter Tips!

“We were new too!” - Jenny 8D



1. Avoid the Year 7 lockers corridor between lessons- very busy.
2. Don't put a bobble hat in your blazer pocket because teachers will think you've **brought a gerbil into school** - I did!
3. **Don't get lost!**
4. Don't get on the bad side of Miss Sadler!
5. Remember the **cheese and baked bean panini are the BEST**, unless you are allergic to cheese of course!
6. **Move out of the way of the Year 10s** otherwise they'll squash you!
7. The most important of all...**Have a good time at Dane Court - I am!**



Study WithOut Trauma!

Beat study blues with top tips from the 'SWOT' team of Tasneem Daud, Jessica Rowland & Ana Macura from 8H

- Tip 1. **Stay organised:** use your **planner** and **create a checklist**. This will minimise stress as you will know what topics you will be covering and when.
- Tip 2. **Work in groups:** this will make you smile and laugh at the mistakes and corrections you do. This will **get revision done in a fun and active way and more quickly**.
- Tip 3. **Think positive thoughts:** this is very important. Being stressed constantly will damage your wellbeing.
- Tip 4. **Get rest and get outside:** you can't study all the time and you need to **recharge your brain with fresh air!**
- Tip 5. **Eat healthy foods:** this will help you **concentrate**.
- Tip 6. **Drink plenty of water:** to keep your brain hydrated so you can **think clearly**.
- Tip 7. **When there are upcoming tests just make sure to feel calm.** You should keep in mind that your mind is more important than tests. As long as you have tried your best on the day, then that's all that counts. **Believe and revise!!!!**



For more great study tips try
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/highlights/curations/zpbdxfr>



Joss Bay with Year 8



Galloping Geographers Hazel Leese & Eleanor Golding

Hazel Leese 8N

Gathering on Joss Bay on the 4th of October, **8S, 8T and 8N** began the first Year 8 trip this term! With the weather nice, warm and at a perfect temperature we walked out of the large coaches with all our equipment ready. We then stormed along the bay settling at a site to **begin our mission**. It was pretty funny to watch some of the students walk along the sand struggling to walk along the uneven surface. Overly prepared, some members of our school even brought **flip flops** to change into (which in my case I thought was a pretty good idea)!

After our group leaders (**Mr Hutchings, Mr Spillett, Ms Morris**) showed everyone how to measure the beach's **landforms** we all rushed off in our groups of six to find a good spot on the beach! Half an hour of **running up and down the steep sand hills** went extremely quickly, and it was then break time! Some of us (tired from walking around) sat down, whereas others decided to exhaust themselves even more by running around.

At this point of the trip we were all given a chance to calm down a bit while drawing some **sketches of the cliffs**. It was hard, but will be very useful when we come to doing our **projects**! Sadly, it was coming to the time we had to pack up and leave the beach at this point and it was very disappointing. But the time did come, and we got ready to leave and headed back to the coaches.

Unluckily, I was sitting down listening to the teacher and a bee came up and stung me below my eye!

Mr Hutchings can empathise after his summer!



Eleanor Golding 8H

On Friday 5th October, there was a Year 8 trip to Joss Bay. **Helsinki, Delphi and Barcelona** went on a coach ride to see the coast. We were very lucky because the weather was sunny, slightly windy but not too hot.

Our group teacher was Mr Spillett (the best!). In the first hour or so, we sat on the warm floor to admire the beautiful chalk cliffs and run our fingers along the tickling sand. Mr Spillett spoke to us about how the **waves** work and why the **cliffs** are how they are now. It is **very interesting** to learn about the **history** of the bay and how it has changed over the years. Then after a few fun drawings, we had our break time. It was really funny because everybody kept running up a dune in the sand and people kept falling over and rolling down the dune! We kept doing races where we ran down the dunes but even when we had reached the bottom we still kept running. After break **we used some cool equipment** to measure the height and angle of the cliffs. At the end of the trip we took some **notes** and then set off back to school.

I would **definitely recommend this trip** for the next Year 8 because it is **educational** and **very fun**!

I think it is very important to experience what you are learning because school isn't just about sitting in a classroom.

I accidentally buried my pencil in the sand and I never found it...I wonder if somebody in the future (when everyone is aliens) will find it.





House Events

AONM 11D

See our upcoming House events on page 21

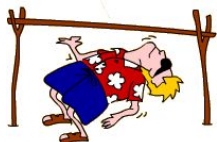
Tip 1:
Wearing a House t-shirt = points!



House events are run throughout the school year. They are a variety of events to **encourage team spirit** whilst trying to beat the other Houses for **House Points**. At the end of year the winners are awarded the hallowed **House Trophy** on Sports Day.

Start thinking about what you would like to do to get involved and gain points for your House!

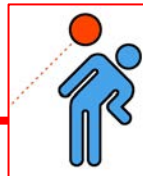
Limbo Winners



Sorrento

Dodgeball Winners

Sorrento



Spelling Bee Winners

Sorrento

Congratulations to Miss Metcalfe and Mr Buttery who limboed their way to success in the staff competitions!

So, just to remind you, we have six Houses at Dane Court: **Barcelona, Delphi, Helsinki, Neuchatel, Sorrento, Tallinn**. Students and staff are all assigned a House to encourage a sense of **belonging, team spirit and bonding**.

There are a variety of House events to encourage participation from everyone - you do not have to be sporty to join in. The aim is to get as many points but no one should be forced to take part - it should be **FUN!**

Participants ALWAYS need spectators - it really helps to know you are supported by your form, House or friends so anyone can be there at an event.

House events usually happen at **lunchtimes** and require full teams for extra points so make sure your form is fully represented.

If it is a sports event, e.g. rowing or dodgeball, **WEAR YOUR HOUSE T-SHIRT! You get extra points.**

It would be great if we could be rewarded as an incentive to participate, Especially as some do it to help out the form every time.

Tip 3:
Wear PE kit for sports events!



National & local news

Latest happenings from Ellie 8H and Maddie 9D



ARETHA FRANKLIN

Aretha Louise Franklin was born on March 25th, 1942 and passed away only a month ago on August 16th 2018 - aged 76. She wrote and sang many songs including her most famous song: '**You make me feel) Like A Natural Woman**'.

Aretha began her career as a child, singing gospel at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit where her father C.L Franklin was Minister. At the age of 18, she embarked on a career recording for Columbia Records. However, she made her fortune on a TV advert with Atlantic Records.

Aretha's success made her famous all over the world and she began to write lots of songs and every song has its own personality. Some people call her a legend, but most call her the **Queen Of Soul!** And I love her work.

Some of her amazing songs are:

- ~ Respect
- ~ Say A Little Prayer
- ~ Think
- ~ Chain of Fools

'The Queen Of Soul'



By Ellie Golding 8H

Image Credit: Wikipedia



Wicked by Maddie Erridge 9D

We were so excited as we left school around 10:30 am on our journey to **London**. It was a long journey but it seemed short as we were all watching films or singing along with music!

Soon we arrived at the **Apollo Theatre** in London to see '**Wicked**' which has been running there for twelve years. Wicked is the **tale of Oz** but the backstory of the **Wicked Witch of the West, and The Good Witch**.

The show was **brehtaking!** I went with the school last year and did not think it was possible to top the performance I had witnessed but I was proven wrong! **Elphaba** (the main character, played by Alice Fearn) had the most **amazing voice**. The way she took the characters personality and performed it was **outstanding!**

"I aspire to be in the West End one day and have definitely learned a lot from this experience!"

Chatter: We will be in the front row to watch your West End performances, Maddie!

Image Credit: 2018 Wicked LLC



Year 7s Go Wild

Reporting on the wildlife AND the animals - Sophie, Skye, Hazel, Jenny & Erica.

Port Lympne Wildlife and Safari Park, Hythe

Port Lympne was a very good trip. It was fun as well as educational. Everyone was excited. When we got there, we got on a safari. The safari showed a lot of room for the animals; it was a huge park for the animals to roam freely. I personally loved seeing the animals close up which was a new experience for me. In my opinion, the entire day was amazing and my favourite bit was definitely the safari. I will definitely be going again.



Sophie Tyler 8T



We saw some cool animals, our safari truck nearly hit/was head butted by an ostrich, and I got stuck in a dinosaur's mouth in the dinosaur forest. Overall a very good trip.

Jenny 8D



They have more than 700 animals and 80 species and we saw lions, ostriches and many more animals. When we went on the safari the animals were sorted into the continents they came from. There was also a dinosaur forest.

Skye West 8T



Port Lympne was a good time! We had a walk around and although none of the animals were around, the safari truck ride where we saw zebra, giraffe, kampala and wildebeest was good...well...until I accidentally **dropped my phone out of the safari truck and it got run over!** Funny...NOT! I don't recommend that to anyone - it was somewhat **crushed**. That wasn't so much fun but at least I got ice cream...

Erica Cousins 8D





My first month at DCGS

Introducing Oscar Whitehall from 7S

MY FIRST MONTH AT DANE COURT

By Oscar Whitehall

My first day at Dane Court really was my first day at school, I'd never sat in classroom, copied notes from a board or done any homework because up until that point I had been home educated for my whole life. My uniform was new, my shoes were stiff and shiny, when I walked they were quite uncomfortable.

I was reading the Hobbit at the time and I literally felt like one, all the grown up people were towering over me and I seemed so small compared to them. It was so busy, everyone seemed to know where to go but I didn't.

Some of the highlights have been meeting new friends, trying out the clubs and the individual subjects lessons. I cooked a pasta salad in Food and Nutrition, I was surprised my food was actually edible! The amount of homework is currently quite low at only 10 minutes but there is a lot of pressure to get it done. So far I have managed to avoid the threat of DETENTION, let's hope I can keep it up for the rest of the year, fingers crossed!

Now my first button has fallen off my blazer, my shoes are scuffed and worn in, they are starting to feel very comfortable. I now know where everything is and I even got to give a new teacher a tour. I don't know if it's my imagination but all the big kids don't seem quite so big anymore. Just like my shoes the school has started to feel comfortable.



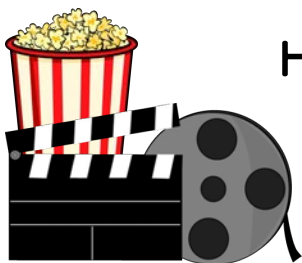
**INTO
FILM**

Introducing your Dane Court Film Club

WHEN: Wednesdays

WHERE: Dane Court Theatre

HOW MUCH: It's FREE!



Starting 31 October at 3:30 pm





Year 8 in Germany

Roving Rhineland reporter, Jaan Richards 9S (8S last year)

Y8 visited Rhineland in Germany at the end of July

Rhineland was an amazing adventure in western Germany and the Year 8s had a blast. The highlight for me was going to be Phantasialand and I was not disappointed. It has the largest indoor roller coaster in Europe, and the steepest fall in any log flume rides in the world! Yes, it was spectacular! Just the rides alone convinced me that this definitely was the best experience!



Stunning Rhine landscape

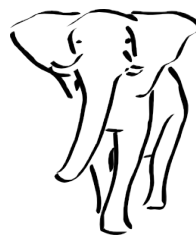


Exhilarating Phantasia rides!

Something else that was amazing was the river ride along the Rhine river. This one hour boat trip was eye-opening and relaxing. Travelling along the Rhine we visited a ruined medieval castle before getting the coach. When would you get another chance to relax on a trip with such scenery? I doubt the teachers would let this happen at school...

We experienced stunning German Gothic architecture at Cologne Cathedral, and then saw giraffes, penguins and lots of elephants at Cologne Zoo!

Another bonus on this trip was the hostel we stayed in. The **service from the staff was top-notch** and there was plenty of food to go around - perhaps not what you expect here in Thanet, and nothing spicy to set the taste buds on fire but an experience all the same!



Overall, the entire German experience was amazing because of one thing; **it was a chance for everyone to try something new!** I hope future Year 8s reading this get the opportunity to go on this trip in the future!



Cologne Cathedral

What we did last summer!

Team antics for summer 2018

JENNY'S HOLIDAY

It was a busy holiday with sleepovers and getting **stuck** on a ride at **Dreamland**. After that there was a week of **Scout camp** and **smelly toilets** then a few days later we were driving for **nine hours down to the south of France!**

It was a good two weeks in **France** with Tim falling off a paddle board into a **cold river** and Mia (our dog) rolling in a big puddle of mud! After two weeks of fun and **hot weather**, we took the nine hour journey back. It was then my **birthday** which was epic! Then I got **Tumbles!** The cutest (and slightly **savage**) hamster! Then back to school.



ELTHAM PALACE by Aiden Holmes 8T



My whole summer was exciting and engaging. However, by far the best part was going to **Eltham Palace**. We were greeted by staff who told us an event was on and anyone could join in. We ended up doing **army drills** because of that! It was very funny to see everyone doing **push-ups** and **getting yelled at**. When everybody had had enough, we went on an **audio tour** of the palace. It was very fascinating to see all the rooms and learn about the **bunkers** under Eltham.

“Overall a very fascinating experience and I would highly recommend it.”

Turner Contemporary exhibits - evolution?



SKYE'S SUMMER

Just before the summer began, I went to **Hastings** and spent a week at Combe Haven there. It was busy and exciting trying new things there and I got lost once or twice. There was a **massive water slide**, but I was too nervous to do it...**I could have drowned!**

During the summer, I had a lot of fun **relaxing** from school. **I went to Dreamland a lot.** Honestly, I might have gone on the **Scenic Railway about ten times**, and I didn't even get dizzy!

I went to the **Turner Gallery** as the exhibit, '**Animals and us**', was on. It featured models and pictures of animals created by artists, and it was a **brilliant display**. There were many different types of **3D art** from monkeys and wolves, to a **weird stuffed giraffe lying on the floor**. We also did a workshop where we **made animal masks** then paraded around the exhibit **embarrassing ourselves!**

What we did last summer!

More team antics for summer 2018

ELLIE from 8H went on holiday to Stratford-Upon-Avon

In the summer, my family and I took our Swift caravan on a **seven hour journey** to see Romeo and Juliet at the RSC. We stayed at a riverside park and did lots of kayaking. It was really funny when my **dad got chased by a flock of geese!!** I did a really fun **circus workshop** and was allowed to **hang upside down** on a rope. We also went to a 1940s tearoom where we sat inside a giant **air raid shelter** to eat scones with tea!

Romeo and Juliet is a tragic **Shakespeare** story about a boy and a girl who fall in love. However, they are **split apart** by argument in their separate families (**Capulets and Montagues**). They go through everything to be together including **sacrifice** and **pain**. But no matter what they do, the only way they can be together is (spoiler alert!) **in their grave...**



JACOB from 11S and Mrs Finlay went to CHATHAM DOCKS (not together apparently!)

At the Chatham Dockyards they have lots of cool things. **Boats, submarines, old army vehicles** and lots more. You can even go in the **submarine** known as the **HMS Ocelot**: a submarine made at Chatham Docks and also used in the **Cold War for spying**, but do be careful of the low ceiling because, **'Ouch! Ouch! Ouch!'**

Along with that you can learn how **Victorians** used to make rope out of hemp and what their **working conditions** were like. Word of warning though, if you are seasick then this place will make you **queasy!**



Mrs Finlay visited the **Lego exhibition** on at the dockyard, with **amazing historical buildings**, which her children loved.

The next exhibition will be **Untold Stories: a celebration of black people in Kent**, from 2nd October to 2nd December.

Also, during **October half term**, the **steam trains** will be up and running.

HMS Ocelot



What we did last summer!

Tamsin Hooker 6N2 volunteering in Ghana

Two weeks of hot weather, making friends, hard work and pure joy!

During the summer, we travelled to **Ghana in West Africa** for **two weeks**, along with 23 others, all from **Kent Scouts**. We stayed in a town called **Woe** which was six hours away from the city of Accra.

Individually, we had **fundraised £2500** to go, which I did by running tuck shops, three raffles, Bunnings sausage sizzles, and many more things including generous donations.

Our aim was to **teach** in two local schools and **build a toilet block**, which can be seen in the images.

With us, we took two suitcases each, one containing our personal items and the other containing teaching, building and everyday useful resources. We **distributed the resources** between the local schools and families.



We taught and built during the week, teaching mainly English, Maths, Biology, Sports and Art.

On the weekends we went on adventure weekends, we went to a **monkey sanctuary**, went **in a waterfall**, to a **slave museum**, on a **rainforest treetop walk** and we **ate at a restaurant on a crocodile lake**.

The trip was a mind-blowing, life changing trip which has made us more appreciative of everything. We were very lucky to have this opportunity and we can definitely say **it won't be the last trip we make to Ghana!**



Why don't you join the Scouting Movement?
<http://www.scouts.org.uk/home/>

“I’m bored!”

Why not try...

Jenny's top tips for keeping boredom at bay!





Book Reviews

Book worms, Oscar from 7S and Erica from 8D, share their great reads

Wonder by R.J.Palacio.



"My name is August, by the way I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking it's probably worse."

August is a ten year old boy who is born with a deformed face and is embarrassed to show it. For most of his short life he was constantly given odd looks and glances. He battles his way through school and ends up overcoming his greatest fear - himself.

When August meets Summer he finds the first friend who doesn't judge him by the way he looks but digs deeper inside of him, echoing the saying ' don't judge a book by its cover'. This book makes you realise the true meaning and power of friendship.

At key points in the story the narration switches from August to other important characters that are sympathetic towards August, which is an interesting technique because you get to hear their point of view.

This is a heartwarming story that has recently been made into a film starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jacob Tremblay.

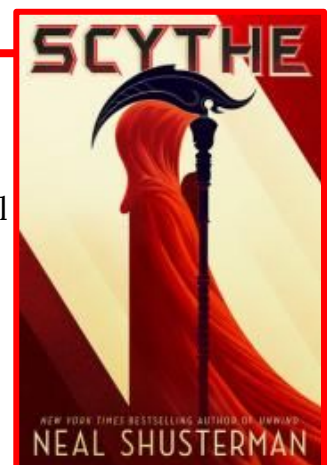
Review by Oscar Whitehall

Scythe: Arc of a Scythe, Book 1 (12+)

Genre: Biopunk, Adventure fiction, Dystopia

There's a brand new book, **first in the Arc of a Scythe series**, out by Neil Shusterman and frankly, it's awesome!

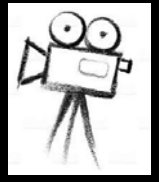
The arc of a Scythe series shows an amazing **vision of the far future**. **Death is inevitable** but not in the way we were used to and two teens are given a perspective from the inside. Technology rules and no-one dies naturally any more. However, there is a lot of deaths, violence and unpleasant gory bits - beware if you are sensitive, unlike me!



Erica Cousins 8D



Entertainment Reviews



Our ardent reporters share their views - which one catches your eye?

MOVIE: Mission impossible: Fall Out

What an action packed, funny film! It is full of fights, crazy stunts and **Benjy was hilarious**. You'll be sat on the edge of your seat as the **action is full on** from the start. At the end of the film there is a thrilling plot twist, turning the film on its head. **Go see it!**

Jenny 8D

MOVIE: Ant-Man & the Wasp



This was quite frankly, awesome! As per usual **Marvel** delivered with the cinematics, casting, plot, everything! Honestly Marvel never fails to impress us and this movie was no exception. **I loved the comedy** and the action, the **villains were awesome!** I was so invested, it's a must watch. And don't forget to stay for the **post- credit scene**.

Erica Cousins 8D

MOVIE: Incredibles 2

The Incredibles were back for some more action, with now **Helen (mum) in the spotlight**, leaving the rest of the family at home. It's a tough time which they have to get used to until Jack Jack starts getting his powers. What will happen when a **new villain** arrives for revenge and **Jack Jack's new powers?!**

AONM 11D

MOVIE: Christopher Robin (spoiler free)



I, like most people did not have high hopes for a **live action adaptation** version of Winnie the Pooh, but I was really taken aback by how much I liked it!

It had incredibly intelligent and **witty dialogue** for a children's film, in particular Eeyore had some incredibly funny one liners. Another thing that I liked about the film was the way that the **characters behaved and kept to the rules of the established universe**.

I also really agreed with the message, and the way that it was shown did **not feel patronising** or rushed.

The actor playing Christopher Robin (**Ewan McGregor**) was really good, so was the actress playing Evelyn Robin (**Hayley Atwell**), and I really liked the voices of Pooh (Jim Cummings) and Piglet (Nick Mohammed).

The ending was not rushed and did not feel forced at all, and it was also able to tie up all of the loose ends in the film.

Overall, I would highly recommend seeing it as it is a lovely feelgood movie and it captures the nostalgia of Winnie the Pooh beautifully.

Grace Williams 9S

CONCERT: Little Mix

Sophie Tyler and Sofia-Rose Baker 8T

Little Mix for me was at the **Kent County Showground, Maidstone**. It took us at least 1 hour long to get there. Once there, we got drinks at a stall; they **took our caps** off so we couldn't throw them. The first act was the **Germein Sisters from Australia** then it was boy-band **Rak-su from Watford, England**.

Finally, **Little Mix** came out, sang songs (Shout Out to My Ex, Black Magic, etc.) for a few hours then went off stage so we all thought it was the end...It was not, as it carried on until about 11 pm. There were **huge, grey, bouncy balls and fireworks** too! Unfortunately, I didn't get home until 1 in the morning because of traffic.

What have you done lately that you could review for DCGS Chatter?



Relieve the Boar-dom!

Win Hallowe'en goodies!

It's Hallowe'en so we challenge you to **write a spooky story or poem** using no more than 150 words. You could win one of two putrid prizes and see your story published in Chatter next term.



Erica Cousins, 8D has written this to get you in the mood...



Bakersville was a small village just off the west coast of Iceland. It didn't have too many inhabitants but the locals were as friendly as can be. The only thing that made the small town stand out was the astonishing castle atop the hill - home of Lord Biggins.

One night a grand ball was held where Lords and Ladies from far and wide attended. As the night drew on and the sky became dark three gorgeous women entered the castle. They danced through the night until the clock struck 3 o'clock. At exactly 3 the castle glowed with the light of a lightning strike and everyone was momentarily blinded. As their vision returned, they saw the three women standing before them cackling but they were no longer beautiful. They were wretched old women.

As they flew away the small town turned to stone and a curse was brought upon them.

THE SMALL PRINT! Terms and conditions: To be in with a chance to win one of TWO Hallowe'en goodie bundles, write a short spooky story or poem. **Email your piece to Chatter@danecourt.kent.sch.uk by 5pm on 30 October 2018.** Winners will be anonymously chosen by a panel of judges and receive their prizes on 31 October - Hallowe'en!

HALLOWE'EN SAFETY ADVICE



- * Don't set fire to a firework in your hand
- * Keep pets inside
- * Don't go trick or treating alone
- * Keep away from lit fireworks
- * Don't talk to weirdos when trick or treating
- * Don't eat too many sweets
- * **Keep safe - wear something reflective**

Get home before midnight otherwise look behind you...

Stay safe, have fun and live to tell us about your Hallowe'en!

Jenny 8D



Library Update

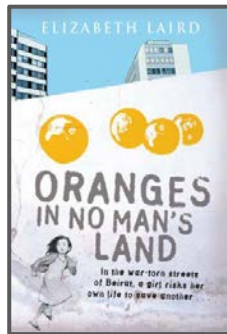


DCGS Librarian - Mrs Finlay

Take a look at what your school library can offer you!

Junior Book Club meets every Week A Tuesday at 1.45pm. If you enjoy chatting about books then why not come along!

We are currently reading **Oranges in No Man's Land** by Elizabeth Laird - all year 7s and 8s are welcome.



Would you be interested in joining a **Creative Writing Club** on Thursday lunchtimes? Drop by and let me know!

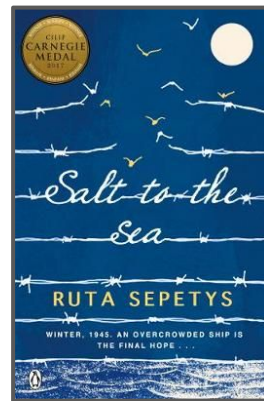
Chatter newspaper club meetings take place in the Library Wednesdays & Fridays at 1:45pm.

If you would like to see a particular book in the library please ask and I will order it for you.

I have just ordered the School Library Pack from Book Trust for January. Last year's titles included:

Senior Book Club meets every Week B Tuesday lunchtime at 1.45pm.

At the moment we are reading the 2017 Carnegie Medal winner **Salt to the Sea** by Ruta Sepetys. All year 9s and above are welcome.



We have a number of lovely new titles in the Library, on the New Books spinner by the door. Come and have a look!

Some spooky Halloween book suggestions: Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, Bram Stoker's Dracula, Robert Louis Stevenson's Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Hound of the Baskervilles, L.J. Smith's The Vampire Diaries series and Stephanie Meyer's Twilight series.





Parents' Association

Miss Riley, Chair of the Parents' Association

The Parents' Association is a group made up of parents and staff that work at Dane Court. **Our main aim is to raise money for the school** to buy those 'extra things' that all students can enjoy or appreciate. This year we have **purchased benches**, helped purchase **equipment for the school radio** and replaced the **hall floor**. We have also helped with the production of your **brilliant Chatter publications**.

How do we raise our money?

Money is raised through **quiz nights** and **boot fairs** which we organise from April through to September and we are always looking for different ideas to help with our fundraising.

Thanks again, PA and Miss Riley for your amazing support of Chatter!

The PA welcome parent helpers, so if you would like to support their activities please contact Miss Riley at riley@danecourt.kent.sch.uk



'Chatter Contributor of Summer Term 2018' went to...Jenny 'the Journalist' of 7D!

Hallowe'en Yummy Recipe

Ingredients: Orange food dye
200g Rice Krispies
50g marshmallow and/or chocolate

Equipment: Pan, wooden spoon, baking tray

- Method:**
1. Melt the marshmallow in the pan.
 2. Once it's melted add the Rice Krispies and the orange food dye.
 3. Stir until it's all sticky and orange - it's HOT!.
 4. Pour it into the tray and leave it to cool.
 5. You could shape it into pumpkins too!



Ta da...you have a yummy sticky food!

Skye West 8T



Coming up next term...

Join in and make new friends!

<u>Event</u>		<u>Dates</u>
* Rowing, all years (not KS5)		- 15 to 19 October
* Half Term		- 22 to 26 October
* Term 2		- 29 October to 19 December
* NEW Film Club starts		- 31 October
* Countdown, Years 7, 8, 9		- 5 to 9 November
* Keepy Uppy, all years (not KS5)		- 12 to 16 November
* Talent Show Auditions, all years		- 14 November
* Scrabble Years 7-10 only		- 19 to 23 November
* Mentor Day		- 21 November 2018
* Giant Connect 4, all years (not KS5)		- 26 to 30 November
* Christmas Baubles, all years		- 30 November to 5 December
* Christmas Tree Judging		- Christmas Tree Judging
* Lip Sync Battle Years 7-11 + mentors		- 10 to 14 December
* Talent Show Rehearsals		- 17 December
* TALENT SHOW		- 19 December
* Christmas Holiday		- 20 December to 2 January 2019

Most important of all, we announce the winners of the Chatter Hallowe'en writing competition on 31 October - HALLOWE'EN!!!

