

Dear DMS Families,

Welcome to another week, and another busy edition of the DMS Dozen! Without doubt, the standout event of the week has been our DMS Sports Day. Despite a grey and misty start to the day, pupils and parents flocked into school with enthusiasm and excitement with the prospect of enjoyment, games, competition and ultimately the potential for success.

It goes without saying that days like this are only as successful as everyone who turns up and gives everything to the day, whether you are a pupil, member of staff, PTFA member or family member or volunteer. I had the privilege of running the Playground Games on the Tennis Courts, and without doubt it was one of the most competitive I have seen. The most pleasing part was the ambition and respect that pupils showed one another regardless of the outcome of each relay. This was reflected across all disciplines and on Thursday the evidence was clear from the number of hoarse voices around school.

A huge shoutout must go out all the volunteers, members of staff, Ex-pupils (helping with the day) and PTFA for their fantastic support. It goes without saying that none of this would be possible if it were not for our fantastic PE team of Mr Palmer, Miss Clements and Mr Roberts – a huge thank you!

Earlier on in the week, our enhanced transition for pupils going to THS continued, and the THS roadshow came to the school, with Mr Rutherford giving clear insights into what exciting opportunities wait around the corner for our soon-to-be leavers.

Rehearsals for Matilda have also continued to build up ahead of steam with pupils and staff coming in for a Saturday rehearsal last weekend (with another planned soon), and with just over a week to go, full day rehearsals are in full swing. Please don't forget to get your tickets before it is too late!

So much of what we hope to achieve at Dorchester Middle School is focused around serving our wonderful community, whether that is providing opportunities for our children to perform at Sports Days or Drama Productions; providing much needed help through our local support hub and food bank; or providing advice around SEND and SEMH needs. Ultimately, we are ROARSOME when we come together and support one another. With this in mind, we hope to see as many of you as possible at our DMS Summer Fete tomorrow (12pm-3pm). Our outstanding PTFA team have again organised a fantastic afternoon for all, and we truly hope you can come along and support us.

Mr Murray

Important dates for your diary

20th June

30th June

1st July

7th July

10th July

13th July

14th July

15th July

16th July

Summer Fete

Matilda Performance – Bay Theatre, Weymouth - 7pm

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Transfer Day

Y5 trip to Monkey World

Y6 End of Term Assembly – 2-3pm – THS

Y5 End of Term Assembly – 2-3pm – THS

Y7 end of Term Assembly – 2-3pm – THS

Y8 Leavers Assembly – THS – 7pm – doors open 6:30pm

SEND Information Visit for current Year 7 pupils to the Thomas Hardy School

Who is this for? Young people with SEND and their parents/carers who are considering The Thomas Hardy School for September 2027.

Why should I attend?

- Learn about the SEND support available at THS
- Meet key staff and understand main points of contact
- Ask questions about CCM and PD Bases
- Take part in a short-guided tour of the school site

Important Information: Please be aware that we will not be able to accommodate individual parent-SENDCo meetings in the Autumn term.

Event Details - Date: Wednesday 15th July - **Time:** 2:00pm - **Location:** The Thomas Hardy School

Book Your Place: Scan the QR code (more information attached to this newsletter)



When will be receiving the end of year school reports?

End of year reports are scheduled to be sent home on the final Monday of term (Monday 13th July).

The reports will share up to date data on how your child is performing compared to expected national curriculum standards. These will look like the previous Autumn and Spring Term reports that you received earlier in the year and will also include information about how your child is engaging with their learning. This information will be helpful for the next academic year, and a starting point if you have any questions or queries for your child's teachers in September.

Pupil Question of the Week**I'm in Year 7 and I have been given the opportunity to be Head of House for next year. When will I find out if I have been successful?**

Super question! Candidates for Head of House will find out the outcome of their interviews next week. We will then be reaching the finale of this Year's House Competition with overall winners being revealed before the end of term. Our current Heads of Houses will then officially pass over the baton to the next generation of leaders, where again we have more exciting ideas to build on so that each year, pupils can feel like they are leaving a legacy for those who follow in their footsteps.

We are proud of everyone who have put their name forward, regardless of the outcome. Each and every one of you have shown that you hope to make a positive and lasting impression on our lovely school. We can't wait to help you do that!

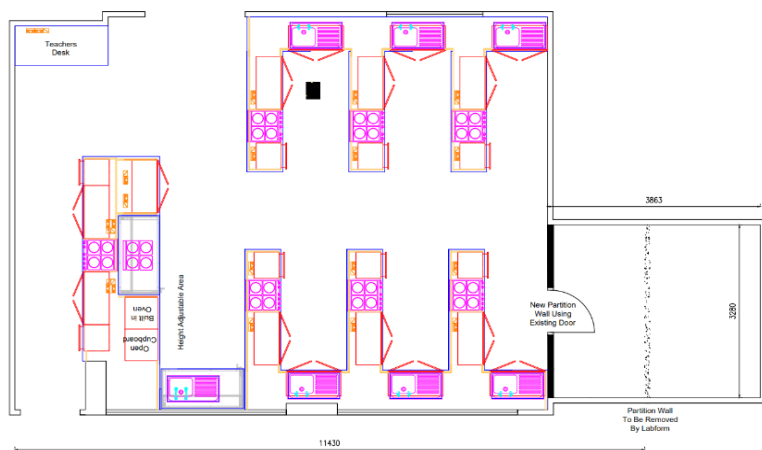
Reading News

In our library lessons over the coming weeks, we will be showing the children all the online resources which are available with a digital library membership. These include e-books, audio books e-magazines, e-newspapers, e-comics and e-reference books – all available for free. You don't even need to go to the library in person to sign up for digital membership. You can apply online for this membership for your child using this link: [Join the Library - LibrariesWest](#)

You will need to select the Dorset Authority and your local library branch and complete your child's details on the form and you will then be given an account number and have immediate access to all the resources. You will always have the option to upgrade to full membership which will let you borrow physical books by visiting the library with a form of ID.

Also, if you join Dorchester Library, you can email your new digital account number to our librarian Mrs Jeffery at sjeffery@dms.wessex.ac and she is happy to liaise with the Dorchester Library and arrange to pick up your digital library card with your account number and give it to your child.

Food Technology - Ground Floor



Work on the new Food Tech room commences next week. This will provide pupils with a state-of-the-art facility including new appliances and a reconfigured layout to maximise space and opportunities to work collaboratively. Additionally, there will be a demonstration desk with an overhead camera to enable all pupils to see clearly what the teacher is expecting them to produce. The camera will live feed onto a screen!

We can't wait to see the final product!! We are sure, our pupils and staff will love the new room!!

PTFA News

Thank you DMS community for all the fabulous tombola prizes that were donated last week!! You are all incredibly generous, your contribution makes a big difference for the Summer Fete!



What an amazing day we all had on Wednesday, during Sports Day! It was truly a great team effort, and we want to thank families and staff for being so supportive, we raised the incredible amount of **£809.25!!!!** THANK YOU ❤️

Celebrating our amazing pupils...

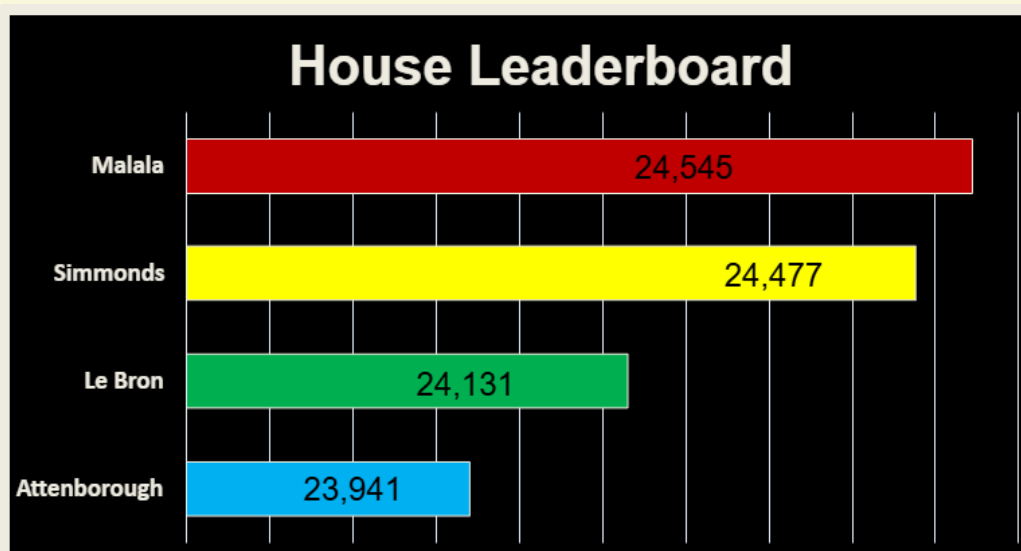
* On Thursday, some of our Anti-bullying ambassadors led the assembly to Year 7 pupils, reminding them of their role, being upstanders, not bystanders, as well as the importance of always speaking out. Mr Kelsall and their tutors were very proud of them! We never want any pupil in our school to suffer in silence, there's always someone who can help.

* Bella in 7A plays football every weekend, her mixed team, the U12 Hawks, were presented with the Dorset Youth Football Division 4 trophy and their individual medals this weekend. Well done Bella!

* Leo and his partner Chloe competed in their very first Junior U14 competition at the Westminster Cup in London, and what an incredible achievement it was!! Over the last five weeks, they have worked exceptionally hard, learning 10 brand-new routines and showing real dedication, determination, and commitment to their dancing. Their hard work certainly paid off, with fantastic results:
 🏆 1st and 2nd places in Ballroom; 🌟 3rd and 4th places in Latin
 To step onto the competition floor for the first time and achieve such amazing results is something to be incredibly proud of. They danced brilliantly and represented themselves with confidence and style. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and can't wait to see what the future holds for them. Congratulations, Leo and Chloe!



Houses Leaderboard

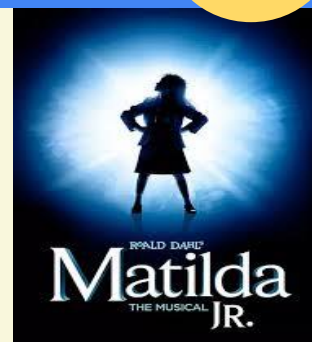


What else has been happening in our Community?

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* DMS pupils are performing 'Matilda' on the 30th June and 1st July at the Bay Theatre, Weymouth! To purchase tickets, click on the link below! We can't wait to show you!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/115258>



* Don't forget that we have our Summer Fete tomorrow from 12 to 3pm!! Our PTFA has been working tirelessly to put together this fantastic event!!

* Clearly nothing can stop our future gardeners, who rocked up to gardening club after a long day of performing and giving it their best at the Sports Day 2026. That is true commitment!! We are grateful for so many green fingers at DMS. Our first harvest of broad beans, although very late in the season, radishes and onions was a success!! Cucumbers, raspberries and sweet peas are next. Thank you to the PTFA who helped us for another year to continue our project. Our neighbours in Queens Avenue regularly stop and enjoy the sea of green and flowers.



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And finally...

If you were expecting more photos of sports day, please don't be disappointed: there are dozens of photos on our Facebook page and highlights will appear on our next edition of the DMS Dozen.

Also, continue to look carefully at our calendar of events as we reach a crescendo of activities in the next few weeks including trips, residentials, transition and transfer days and music concerts (on top of everything else!).

Mr Murray