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Message from the Head Teacher

It was full STEAM ahead this week as you will see from the various articles in this newsletter. The children became totally engrossed in their exploring and investigating of different materials and enjoyed being detectives for their problem solving challenges. Each visitor was excellent and our teachers have been inspirational and creative, seeking out the children's curiosity and inventiveness, through their tasks. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a really memorable week.

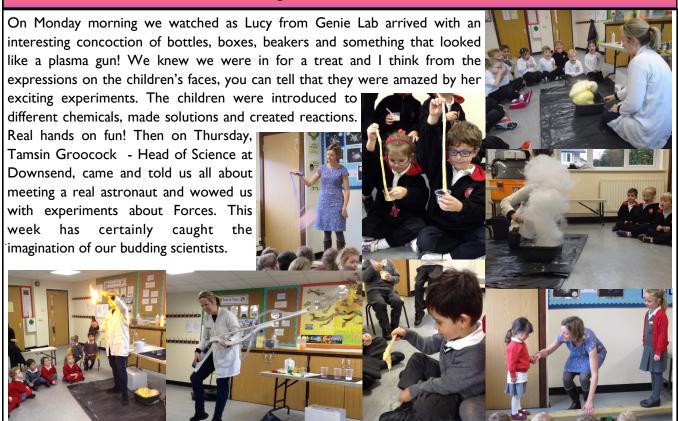
Next week, Year One are continuing these areas of learning by visiting the Science Lab, the Design Technology Room and the IT suite at Downsend. A carousel of activities has been arranged for them to enjoy and experience a taste of what will be in store for them in Year Two and beyond. Just before half term, there will be a planned event for the Parents of Year One children to visit Year Two. During the evening, there will be an opportunity to meet the teachers and discover a little

more about the next stage of learning for their children.

Our spring term curriculum evening is also planned for next week and we are hoping that you will be able to join us. Invitations went out this week outlining the details. We are delighted that Jay Bristow and some of the Sports staff from Downsend are also able to join us and share their expertise. Hope to see you there. Have a great weekend!

Tessa Roberts

Super Science





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Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special Assembly every week.

We congratulated the following children today:

First StepsMatilda Wilson

Rising Reception AP

The whole class this week for being fantastic scientists and engineers

Rising Reception SR

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Reception CH

George Murray

Reception MP

Grace Ayling

Year One Sam Hunt

Damos Pemberton

Well Done!

Engineering Day

Today the school was a hive of industry as the children set forth on their day of designing and engineering. In different parts of the school you could

find bridges being built, protective suits being created for the egg drop challenge and volcanoes being prepared ready for an eruption! We loved the way that the children worked together to develop the best designs for each task.













Events Week Commencing Monday 23 January Lunch Menu week I

Mon	15.30 - 16.30	Football Club
Tues	9.45 14.00 15.40-16.10	Tots in Tune Nurse Jennings visits Reception Spanish Club
Wed	15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Technology Morning for Year One at Downsend Rising Stars Club Science Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30 19.00	Storyworld Club Curriculum Information Evening for Parents
Fri	15.30-16.30	Chinese New Year Yoganory Club

Parking in Oakfield Road

This term we have noticed that on certain days in Oakfield Road the amount of traffic has become higher than normal and the grass verges are bearing the brunt of this congestion. Please could I ask, that when parking or passing other vehicles in the road that you take care not to drive over the verges. Our support of this issue would be greatly appreciated by our neighbours. Thank you.

Don't Forget

- Wed I Feb Year One Invites a Relative to Lunch
- Thurs 2 Feb Rising Reception visit Polka Theatre 'How to Hide a Lion'
- Fri 3 Feb Reception visit Leatherhead Fire Station
- Mon 6 Feb Rising Reception SR visit Ashtead Library
- Wed 8 Feb Year One Pre-Prep Parents' Evening at Downsend

Inspiring young minds