

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

The spring term is now in full flow and the children are loving their learning. New displays are popping up everywhere, with a wide variety of proud children's work, so please have a quick look if you have time.

We were delighted to see so many parents at our Curriculum Evening last night. The relaxed atmosphere and opportunity to find out a little more about a wide range of non-core curriculum subjects was really well received. Thank you very

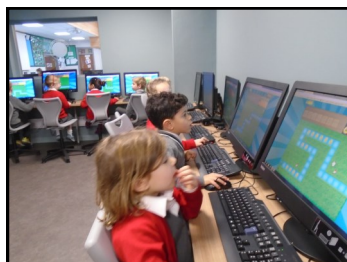
much to all the staff who led each area and to Janet Catlow for her E-Safety overview and update.

Next week, Year One will be hosting one of our special events of the year when a lucky relative will be joining each of our children for one of Mrs McCluskey's delicious lunches. The preparations are already underway and I can see that our visitors are in for a treat.

Tessa Roberts

What a Memorable Morning!

Year One had a fantastic Technology Morning at Downsend on Wednesday. The day began with the children looking at pictures of buildings in the Art Room with Ms Aylen and then they had a go at drawing a skyline without taking the pencil off the page – quite tricky but lots of fun. Then came the excitement of playing in the playground with the huge climbing frame, followed by a quick snack before heading off to the ICT suite. Mr Turvey demonstrated how to use a coding program and then everyone had a go. Clearly there are some budding computer programmers in the class! Finally it was along to the Design Technology Room where Mrs Day had another challenge lined up. Which team could build a shelter that everyone could fit into and that would also keep out the rain? All four teams approached the problem in a different way but everyone was warm and cosy in their shelters by the end of the session. The children loved learning a little more about life at Downsend and they cannot wait until they are in Year Two! A huge thank you to all the staff at Downsend who made the morning such a great learning experience.



Janet Catlow

Chinese New Year



Today an ex-pupil joined us for assembly. Shihong told the children the story about the order of animals for each year. He explained that this year is the year of Rooster and is the year for not being late! Shihong showed us some wonderful decorations and his sister also let us see her traditional Chinese costume. Thank you Shihong for a wonderful start to our Chinese New Year celebrations.

Don't Forget

- **Mon 6 Feb** - Rising Reception SR visit Ashtead Library
- **Wed 8 Feb** - Year One Pre-Prep Parents' Evening at Downsend
- **Thurs 9 Feb** - Year One Forest School - Downsend
- **Thurs 9 Feb** - Rising Reception AP visit Ashtead Library
- **Fri 10 Feb** - Charity Day
- Mon 13 - Fri 17 Feb** - Half Term



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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 Steps

Mary Malcomson

Rising Reception AP

Arlo Hunt

Rising Reception SR

Matilda Faure-Walker

Reception CH

Millie Ling

Reception MP

Emily Elliott

Year One

All of Year One for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour during the Technology morning at the Main Site.

Well Done!

Anyone need a bandage?

Oh goodness! How did Reception all end up in bandages! Now, please don't worry mums and dads. It was only pretend and part of the great fun we had welcoming our visitor, Nurse Jennings.

Doctors and Nurses has been the focus this week of the 'People who help us' topic. Nurse Jennings very kindly came and talked to us all about how she and other medical professionals care for those who are unwell. She even



gave us a few tips on how to look after ourselves a little better and also taught us how to apply a bandage. What a great Day! Thank you Nurse Jennings.

Christeen Hill and Melanie Piper



Events Week Commencing Monday 30 January

Lunch Menu week 2

Mon	15.30 - 16.30	Football Club
Tues	9.45 15.40-16.10	Tots in Tune Spanish Club
Wed	15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Year One invites a Relative to Lunch Rising Stars Club Science Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Rising Reception visit the Polka Theatre - How to Hide a Lion Storyworld Club
Fri	14.00 15.30-16.30	Reception visit Leatherhead Fire Station Yoganory Club

DAPA Dates for the Diary

Friday 3rd February - DAPA Coffee morning at Ashtead Park Garden Centre from 9am.

Thursday 23rd February - Phil the Bag at morning Drop Off!

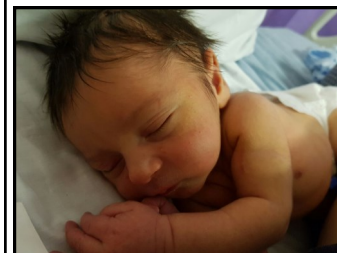


Friday 17th March - DAPA St Patrick's Day Quiz Night - Ashtead Cricket Club

Friday 16th June - Main Site Summer Ball (all Pre-Preps welcome) to be held at the RAC - details to follow.

New Baby

Baby Jonathan James Michael-Stratton arrived to greet the world last Sunday 22 January. Congratulations to Stephanie and Jamie from everyone here at Pre-Prep Ashtead. Fantastic news!



Inspiring young minds