

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with
Woodland Forest School

Friday, 27 January

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Message from the Head Teacher

What a huge improvement we have seen at morning drop off this week, thank you all for supporting us in trying to make our school as safe as it can possible be.

Year I have had such a busy week with their annual trip to the National Gallery, famous artists are being talked about at great length, some budding art critics in the making! Downsend Prep School hosted a Technology morning for Year I children from all three Pre-Preps on Wednesday which was enjoyed by everyone, thank you Downsend staff for making the morning so special.

We say goodbye to Mrs Begley today, we will miss you! Miss Bazlindon, who has been with us a few weeks already, will now be TA in IAH.

The season of Class Assemblies begins next week; I really love watching the children grow in confidence as they perform in front of an audience. RAG will take assembly on Wednesday to which their parents are invited.

Gill Brooks

Don't forget...

- To have a named hat, scarf and gloves in school each day.
- On Tuesday Reception are attending a Chinese Dance workshop which will take place in our Hall.
- On Wednesday parents of RAG are invited to assembly at 9 a.m.
- On Wednesday Mrs Smart will cook us a special meal to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Year I

On a bright Tuesday morning, the children in Year I set off to the National Gallery in London. En route they spotted many famous London landmarks including Big Ben and the London Eye. Our guide at the National Gallery was very impressed by the children's knowledge as she questioned them about several different paintings. After lunch we spent time looking at paintings by famous artists such as Van Gogh, Monet, Seurat and Turner. There were gasps of astonishment at the painting of a horse called 'Whistlejacket' by George Stubbs and Rousseau's 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm - Surprise'. Suitably inspired by what they saw, the children can't wait to get painting so expect to see more masterpieces appearing in their classrooms very soon!



Save the date...

The Friends' Spring Ball will be on Saturday, 22 April at Tyrell's Wood Golf Club.



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Golden Board

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

IVL – Jake Dolphin

ISB – Harry Coles

IAH – Elliot Moore

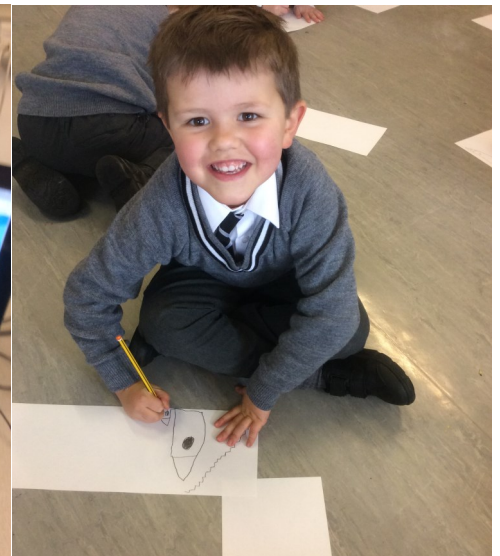
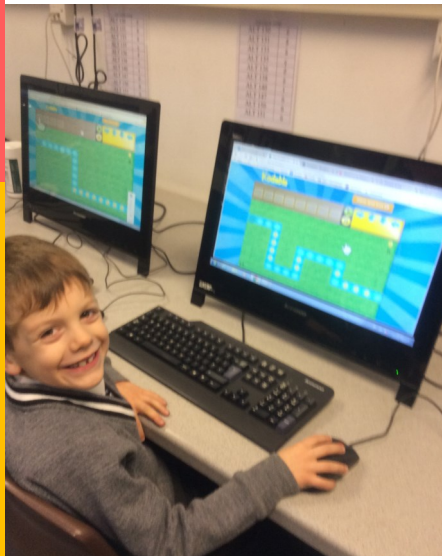
RAG – Daniella McGregor

RJE – Haidyn Janicke

RCM – Alexander Fitch

Year 1 Technology Morning

On Wednesday, the children in Year 1 spent a very busy and interesting technology morning at the Prep School site. Activities ranged from constructing a shelter using plastic rods and plastic balls – this encouraged teamwork to create a robust, freestanding design. Needless to say the children more than rose to the challenge. After playtime, it was off to the Art Room to make a pencil drawing of a city-scape complete with skyscrapers and other structures. The final activity took place in the impressive ITC suite where the children were able to follow a simple coding program, impressing Mr Turvey with their confidence and competence on the computer. Many thanks to the teachers at the Main site for such a memorable morning.



Events for week commencing 30 January

Tues 31 Jan	Chinese Dance Workshop for Year 1
Wed 01 Feb	09.00 RAG Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

Inspiring young minds