

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'

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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

What a perfect week for a challenge! The children have thoroughly enjoyed trying to have a greener outlook on life as they have thought carefully about their journey to school each day. There has been a little inter-class rivalry going on but the class that came out as the greenest this week was Rising Reception SR. The children were presented with their Golden Boot in Assembly and are now proudly wearing their Golden Boot badges. Congratulations!

The results are as follows:

Year One - 52%

Reception CH- 43%

Reception MP - 38%

Rising Reception AP - 49%

Rising Reception SR - 58%

First Steps also entered the challenge with tremendous enthusiasm. Working together we made a great commitment to going green this week. Well done everyone!

Next week, every child will be visiting their new classes for September which will be very exciting. It also means that we are very quickly approaching the end of another wonderful school year.

Tessa Roberts

Zumba



The children experienced a very special treat this week. Mrs Lockyer, who is a trained Zumba instructor, spent a morning teaching all the children a new way of 'rocking' with the rhythm. Here you can see First Steps being put through their paces. They loved it!

Don't Forget

Sat 24 June - DAPA Summer Fair 10.00-12.00

Tues 27 June - Reception visit Red House Care Home

Fri 30 June - Year One Leavers Assembly - 14.45

Last Club Sessions

Thurs 29 June - Science Club

Fri 30 June - Yoganory Club

Mon 3 July - Football Club

Tues 4 July - Craft Club

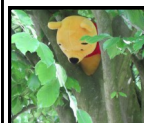
Wed 5 July - Forest School Club

Minibeast Mayhem!

Painshill Park was bathed in glorious sunshine as Rising Reception arrived for their first whole day school outing. The children wowed our guide with their knowledge of minibeasts as they played games, became a millipede and tried not to get eaten by an owl! Being a minibeast detective was also a must as the children shook branches and hunted in the bushes, looked under logs in the woods and swept the long grasses. You would have been amazed at all the little creatures that came out to see us. After a scrumptious lunch, we followed some tricky clues to try and find Winnie



the Pooh. You will never guess where we found him....up a tree looking for honey. **Andrea Powney and Sally Rose**





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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
Weitong Feng

Rising Reception AP & SR
All of the children for a fantastic trip to Painshill Park

Reception CH
Martha Lee

Reception MP
Arjunan Varathungan

Year One
Aanya Ansari
Minky Suh
Adeline Truong

Well Done!

Underwater Marvels

In keeping with Reception's new topic 'Under the Sea', we went on an exciting adventure to Brighton Aquarium last Friday. First of all, the children discovered which sea creatures are predators or prey during our workshop lead by one of the aquariums marine experts. After a restful lunch, watching the giant sting-rays and turtles in the auditorium, Reception had a chance to explore the rest of the aquarium. Everyone was rather curious when the teachers said we were going under the water but luckily there was a glass tunnel to walk through and nobody got wet! The children also had the opportunity to stroke a starfish or feel the sucking sensation of a sea anemone. After saying 'Goodbye' to all the fish, Reception headed back to school with some noisy snoring coming from the back of the coaches!

Melanie Piper and Christeen Hill



Events Week Commencing Monday 19 June

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	New Year Two Pupil Afternoon Football Club
Tues	9.45 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Craft Club
Wed	9.15-10.15 15.30-16.30	Children visit new classrooms Forest School Club
	Please see letter for times	Sept 2017 Parents' Information Evening at Downsend School Pre-Prep Ashtead
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Science Club
Fri	14.00-15.00 15.30-16.30	Afternoon Tea for all children & parents in First Steps in Sept 2017 Yoganory Club
Sat	10.00-12.00	DAPA Summer Fair

**Reminder - DAPA Summer Fair
Next Saturday**

Inspiring young minds