

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'

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Message from the Head Teacher

Brrrrr! There has been a marked change in the weather but our Spring Term is just starting to warm up. Our hall and stairs display boards have burst into life with some fabulous artwork which has been inspired by our 'Around the World' theme. The next time you come into school, see if you can identify the countries that the children have chosen.

This week the children have been thinking about ways in which they

can include others in their play. Strategies required to strengthen friendships and create new buddies is an important life skill and through this half term's star award, we hope to give the children the chance to try out some different approaches. The Golden Star that the children will be working towards is an 'All Join in!' star. The first stars were given today. Fantastic!

Tessa Roberts

Don't Forget

Mon 22 - Fri 26 Jan - 'Around the World' Week

Mon 22 Jan - Winston Nzinga-Caribbean musician and storyteller

Tues 23 Jan - Year One 'Creative Arts' day at Downsend

Thurs 25 Jan - Open Box 'Around the World' Theatre Workshops

Fri 26 Jan - Global Explorers Day

Amazing Afternoons in First Steps and Rising Reception

Afternoons at Pre-Prep Ashtead are a great place to be for First Steps and Rising Reception. Mrs Michael-Stratton organises a wide range of activities both in and outside the classroom to compliment the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The children have access to all these activities throughout the session. In addition to this, specialists join the children each afternoon to further enrich the curriculum.



Monday - Ball Skills with Martin Firmo - Martin's games with the children challenge their coordination and control. Our photo shows the rope-ladder in action. Good spatial awareness and balance is a must for this activity.

Tuesday - Tuesday Tunes with Rachel Shaw - Rachel uses songs, actions and musical instruments to develop a love of music. It certainly looks like they were having fun!

Wednesday - Forest School with Jay Bristow - Jay brings a love of the natural environment to his Wednesday sessions. The children can't wait to get outside to explore and create.

Thursday - Dramarama with Rachel Shaw - During these sessions, Rachel captures the children's imagination and whisks them off on a role play adventure. In this photo the children became 'The Big Bad Wolf!' Watch out!

Friday - Cooking with Mrs Michael-Stratton is always a treat - All we can say is 'Mmmmmm!'



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A f-f-f-f-freezing start for First Steps



First Steps are off to a very chilly start this term with their winter theme. This week's story about Hiku the penguin has inspired their sensory play, along with their mark making, cutting and creative skills. Brrrrrrrilliant!



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

Louisa Cluysenaer
 Federica Plewa Baici
 Jennifer Roets
 Lily Woodbridge

Rising Reception AP

Chessie Ling

Rising Reception SR

Emma Sweeney

Reception CH

Matilda Faure Walker

Reception MP

Frankie Lovell

Year One

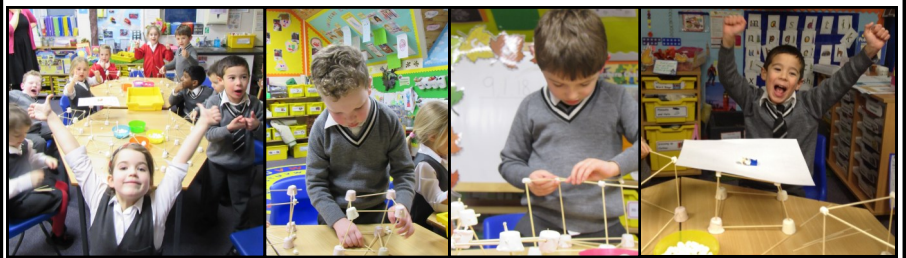
Grace Ayling
 Holly Sweeney

Events Week Commencing Monday 15 January Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Storymakers' Club
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune begins Engineering Club
Wed	14.00 15.30-16.30	Nurse Jennings visits Reception Multi Sports
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab Club
Fri		Year One visit The National Gallery

Alert! Engineers in Ashtead!

This week saw the start of our Spring Term clubs programme. Engineering Club was off to a great start when Miss Hill produced marshmallows! Our budding engineers used these sweet treats to design and create a house. The finished buildings were then challenged to an earthquake test. I think you can see from these pictures that the club was a great hit.



Well Done!

Inspiring young minds