

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Our 'Around the World' theme has seen this week fly by. The children have had a wonderful time and it has created many opportunities for them to extend and develop their global understanding and knowledge. Please let me know what the children have enjoyed about our special week, I'd love to hear. For me, much of this week has been taken up with meetings about the exciting new plans for

Downsend. My views have been considered and plans are now being drawn up to develop the Ashtead site, ahead of the addition of Year Two in September 2020. A monthly parent update, the first of which you received this week, will help to keep you informed of the project across all sites. Exciting times for all of us!

Tessa Roberts

Don't Forget

Tues 6 Feb - First Steps Teddy Bears' Picnic

Thurs 8 Feb - Rising Reception visit Ashtead Library

Thurs 8 Feb - Year One invites a relative to lunch

Fri 9 Feb - Charity Day for 'Stripey Stork'

Half Term

Mon 12 Feb - Fri 16 Feb



Up, Up and Away!



This week we zoomed around the world, visiting different continents and discovering lots of new and interesting things about countries in other parts of the globe. We started with the warmth of the Caribbean. Winston Nzinga arrived with an array of wonderful musical instruments and some colourful stories from his homeland. The children enthusiastically took part with his songs and were glued to every word of his amazing African and Caribbean tales. The classrooms were buzzing throughout the week with exciting global led activities.

Sasha amazed us with his fantastic ability to locate so many countries on the globe and Year One really rose to the challenge when they were placed on a fact finding mission. The highlight of the week came yesterday as the Openbox Theatre Company returned to Ashtead and performed stories for Reception and Year One from as far away as Cambodia.



Rising Reception and First Steps were treated to a Russian story workshop which kept them captivated from the start. The 'Global Explorers Day' today is off to a great start and there will be more about this next week.



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The National Gallery

Year One's visit to the National Gallery was inspiring. Here are two reports from the children about the visit:

I like Whistlejacket, the horse in the painting, because it looks so realistic and it makes me feel like I am riding him. I like the 'Mother and Sons' painting because it looks like someone was taking their children to the beach but just on a cold and rainy day. Holly

I like Whistlejacket because he looked like a real horse and he looked like he was about to jump out of the picture. I like 'The Bathers', because they had just been working in a factory and some are swimming and some are sunbathing. I like the tiger picture because the tiger looked surprised by the thunder. The long grass looked like a good place for hiding. Jake



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

William Zhou

Rising Reception AP

Sasha Wallis

Rising Reception SR

Freddie Watson

Reception CH

William Lovell

Reception MP

Summar Khan

Year One

Dexter Wharton

Arjunan Varathungan

Events Week Commencing Monday 29 January

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	15.30-16.30	Storymakers Club
Tues	09.45-11.15	No Tots in Tune (Rachel Paediatric First Aid training)
Wed	15.30-16.30	Multi Sports
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab Club
Fri		Rising Reception trip to Polka Theatre

Creative Arts Morning

Year One thoroughly enjoyed their Creative Arts morning at Downsend this week. They had art, drama and music sessions and then were able to create snowman biscuits. It was a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and meet the Year 2 teachers. We can't wait for our next trip to Downsend for Forest School in March.



Well Done!

Inspiring young minds