

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Well! What an interesting week! The flurries of snowfall have kept us on our toes and the children's excitement has ebbed and flowed with each downfall. Playtimes have been brilliant as icy potions, tiny snowmen and much brushing of snow has taken place as you can see from the photos opposite. The promised thick layer of snow never arrived but this didn't seem to matter!

We have been so looking forward to World Book Day and were concerned that the weather would dampen our fun. However, all our events went according to plan.

This week has certainly brought out the best in all of us. We've seen each child's character shine through. Their resilience to adapt to the environment and their flexibility to cope with the unexpected has been pretty impressive. Next week we are all looking forward to meeting you at Parents Evening to share and discuss your child's progress. Please check the online booking system for the time and date of your appointment.

Have fun enjoying the snow this weekend, before it disappears.

Tessa Roberts

World Book Day

What a memorable World Book Day! Stories came to life as their characters arrived at Ashtead Pre-Prep yesterday. Snow White with her apple ripe for eating, Willy Wonka with one of his famous chocolate bars and a pterodactyl ready for flight were just a few of the amazing costumes that were on parade. Thank you so much to all parents for entering into the spirit of the day and giving the children a very special Ashtead Pre-Prep memory.



It's Snowing!



Don't Forget

Mon 12 March - Open Swim lessons

Tues 13 March - Get Messy Day!

Thurs 15 March - Year One - Forest School - Main Site

Fri 16 March - DAPA Quiz



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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
Fraser Ross

Rising Reception AP
Mary Malcomson

Rising Reception SR
Max Charalambous

Reception CH
Sam Dolan

Reception MP
Rupert Purrington

Year One
Lottie Driscoll
Sofia Fineren

Well Done!

World Book Day Events

Yesterday, a wonderful storyteller called Xanthe enthused us with her repertoire of tales from around the world. She travels the globe collecting and telling stories and then brings them back to England to share with us all. Xanthe includes the children in her storytelling and they loved the interactive elements of her stories. This was just perfect for our special day.



Earlier in the week Mrs Burns, a Year Two teacher from the Main Site, visited Year One. She fired up their imagination with a tantalising tale. The children were then challenged to create characters and a setting for a fable to be written by the Year Two children. We can't wait to read the final collaborative story.



We also had some Year Eight visitors this week who spent time reading and creating stories with the children right across the school. Both age groups thoroughly enjoyed their time together and the youngest children didn't want them to leave!



Our World Book Day events have inspired stories, excited imaginations and fired us up ready for learning.

Events Week Commencing Monday 5 March

Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Storymakers Club
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30 18.30	Tots in Tune Engineering Club Parents Evening
Wed	15.30-16.30	Multi Sports Club
Thurs	10.30 15.30-16.30 18.30	Reception visit the Library Genie Lab Club Parents Evening
Fri		

Inspiring young minds