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Welcome from the Headmaster

It has been something of a landmark week at Downsend. For the first time, we saw girls playing cricket fixtures, with the inaugural match being the U13's against local rivals Danes Hill. Everyone had a wonderful time, with both schools winning at least one of the four fixtures. Other age groups are following suit over the coming days. This, combined with the usual healthy diet of tennis, rounders and athletics matches, makes the school pitches and courts very busy places.

Change was also a key theme yesterday morning, with the Expansion Update Coffee Morning for Year 2 and 3 parents. It was lovely to see so many people in attendance for a coffee and we hope that we were able to provide reassurance and information in equal measure. There were opportunities to ask questions and discuss options with key staff. Now that we have run similar sessions with all Year groups from 2-6 we will revert to more general update (one Coffee Morning, one evening Meeting) per term in order to allow flexibility for parents. The fantastic news is that our change has prompted a very positive response

from the local market. We already have more new Year 7 starters for September than in the last 3 years combined. These families have commented that it is the fresh, holistic approach that has prompted their decision. We look forward to welcoming these new pupils to Downsend in September.

Ian Thorpe

Ranmore's House Competition Prize

All the children in Ranmore came together for a special lunch today for winning the Spring Term house competition. A big thank you to Mr Mitchell and Miss Black for organising, but to our House Captains Katie M and Oscar A for suggesting the treat! Let's see if Ranmore can make it a clean sweep and win the summer term as well!

Jon Albert



Class Captains Summer 2018

Congratulations to the following on being nominated Class Captain by their tutor. I look forward to a Summer Term working with them and am sure they will prove very helpful to their tutors, as well as setting a strong example for others in Year 6 to follow. Well done!

6DV: Isaac N & Damla S

6JT: Marcus H & Amelia B

6ST: Jude G & Elspeth W

6SG: Emily M & Alex K



Pavilion Opening Times



A reminder that the Anniversary Pavilion Cafe is open from 3-5pm on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the Summer Term, serving hot and cold drinks and snacks. Free WiFi is available.

Carole Dickie



Music Exams

Huge congratulations to the following students who passed their recent music exams in the following instruments:

Jerome Grade 2 Violin

Sophia V Grade 1 Piano

A special well done also to Chloe St whose music exam success was reported in last week's Downsend Times but Chloe was omitted from the list of pupils achieving a distinction. Apologies for this and well done to Chloe!



Music Clubs and Ensembles

For a full list of Music Ensembles please download [here](#).

Music Ensembles

April 2018



<u>Monday</u>	
<u>Year 4 & 5 Choir</u>	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
<u>Upper School Choir</u>	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)

<u>Tuesday</u>	
<u>Chamber Choir (Rehearsal 1)</u>	8.00 - 8.30 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
<u>Flute Ensemble</u>	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mrs Hart)
<u>US Mixed Ensemble</u>	10.45-11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
<u>Upper School Rock Band</u>	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mr Bradfield)
<u>Lower School Orchestra</u>	12.45 - 1.15 p.m. (Mrs Allison and Mrs Hart)
<u>Lower & Upper School Rock Band</u>	1.15 - 1.45 p.m. (Mr Bradfield)

<u>Wednesday</u>	
<u>Brass Ensemble</u>	8.00 - 8.30 a.m. (Mr Boote)
<u>Lower School Rock Band</u>	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mr Bradfield)
<u>Upper School Rock Band</u>	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mr Bradfield)
<u>Whole School Orchestra</u>	1.15 - 1.45 p.m. (Mrs Allison and Mrs Hart)

<u>Thursday</u>	
<u>Lower School Percussion Club/ LS Mixed Ensemble</u>	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
<u>Upper School Mixed Ensemble</u>	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
<u>Chamber Choir (Rehearsal 2)</u>	1.15 - 1.45 p.m. (Mrs Allison and Mrs Bayley)

<u>Friday</u>	
<u>Whole School Orchestra</u>	8.00 - 8.45 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
<u>Year 2 & 3 Choir</u>	10.15 - 10.45 a.m.
<u>US Mixed Ensemble</u>	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)



Instrumental Lessons at Downsend School

If your child would like to learn an instrument at Downsend with one of our tutors then please email the Head of Music at nicole.allison@downsend.co.uk. For more information about how the music lessons work, please click [here](#). Currently we have tutors for the following instruments:

Flute, Recorder, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Mandolin, Bass Guitar, Drum Kit, Percussion, Ukulele, Violin, Viola and Piano.

If your child would like to play an instrument that is not listed above, please let me know and I will try to source a tutor for you.

We **currently have spaces** for anyone who would like to learn **recorder, clarinet or saxophone**. Please contact Mrs Allison if you would like to find out more.

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2018	9–13 April at Mill Hill School London	30 July–3 August at Yehudi Menuhin School, Surrey	20–24 August at Purcell School Hertfordshire
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Nicole Allison

BBC Radio 2's 500 Word Competition

Congratulations go to Zoe S in 7MS for going through to the second round of BBC Radio 2's 500 Word Competition. This is a national competition with in excess of 100,000 entries and 5000 have gone through to the next round. We wish Zoe good luck for the next round with her story 'The Music Master's Mansion'.

Well done Zoe!

Dee Vanstone



World Children's Day

Damla S in 6DV gave an assembly to Year 6 last Thursday informing us all about World Children's Day which is celebrated by many nations but particularly in Turkey. Damla spoke brilliantly, showing off the fantastic progress she has made with the English language.

Damla has settled really well in the UK since relocating last summer and has been a fantastic addition to Downsend. We also used this as an opportunity to run a small cake sale in Year 6 and the children managed raise an impressive £54.80 for the Royal Marsden. Many thanks to all children and parents that baked over the weekend.

Rob Temlett



Yr 5 Trip to Sutton Life Centre

On Wednesday Year 5 went to the Sutton Life Centre where we learnt safety skills for the future.

To begin with my group spent time in a mock up home where it was fun to spot hazards that had been set up for us to find. Following this we saw some videos which demonstrated how to use public transport safely and what do to in situations you might come across in the street. We went into a special 360 degree cinema to learn about the dangers of nuclear power stations, high voltage electricity stations and many other interesting things. Finally we learnt about social media and how best to use it.

It was a very enjoyable day out and I think we have all learnt a lot that will help us in the future!

Adam V, Yr 5



8S visits to Ashted and Epsom Pre-Preps French Cafés

As part of their ASE programme, members of 8S visited two of our Pre-Preps to assist with their French café, encouraging the children to speak French and handing around food and drink. A great time was had by all and the Year 8s enjoyed maintaining this valuable link with the Pre Preps.

Sarah Gregory




News from the DPA

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You are invited to the
DPA Summer Ball 2018



Friday 15th June
7.00pm – Midnight
The Conservatory at Painshill
Cobham

Fantastic Black Tie Event with a pre dinner drink
Three Course Dinner with Wine
Music, Auction and Silent Auction

Tickets £85.00 per person
To book please email: events@dpaschool.org.uk

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Tickets Selling Fast!

Tickets have now been on sale for just a week and so far 108 of you have sent your booking forms to me and are paying for your tickets as we speak. I will be great if we can get at least two tables from each year as this is an entire Downsend Parents event.

So far Year 8 Parents are in the lead with bookings for 4 tables!

The Ball has always been a great event and this year we hope you can join us. **Tickets are priced at £85pp** and include: welcome drink, three course meal with wine, music, live auction, silent auction and photographer all in the most beautiful walled garden setting at Painshill Park.

Over the past 3 years tickets have sold out quickly and in the interest of fairness we will book places on a first come first served basis. Please complete the attached booking form and return it to us at events@dpaschool.org.uk to confirm your place. ***You do not need to fill a table to book a place and we recommend that you do not hold back on sending your form whilst waiting for a group booking.***

Note: Each round table is for maximum of 10 people. I have just found out that there are 3 round tables for 12 people available (one has just been booked) so if you have a group of 12 of you let me know ASAP

Please have a look at the wonderful venue we have managed to secure this year: <http://painshillevents.co.uk>

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the night.

Kind regards,

Maxine Homewood, DPA Chair

Year 6 Poetry Recital

This week saw the culmination of several weeks of memory work for Year 6 as they reached the final of the Poetry Recital.

Before Easter, all of Year 6 were given a selection of poems and were asked to choose and learn one of them. They were told that credit would be given for accuracy, performance style and clarity. Help was given in Drama and English lessons with how to achieve this.

In the first week of term, they presented their poems to their classes and everyone did very well – not one pupil fell below the required standard, which was very encouraging indeed.

Eight pupils were chosen from across all five English sets and they all performed in front of Upper School

Assembly on Monday. The finalists were Gracie N, Geraldine H, Ryan T, Noah B, Edward G, Thomas U, Alex K and Brandon G. The judges had positive feedback for all the finalists, but the eventual winner was Edward G with his dramatic and energetic interpretation of "The King's Breakfast" by A.A.Milne.

Congratulations to the whole year group.



Chris Bryant

Ski Trip 2019



Following on from a very enjoyable and successful trip to Prato Nevoso in Italy this year, we have decided to change venues and head higher to Les Trois Vallees; basing ourselves in the popular village of Les Menuires in the French Alps. This a wonderful opportunity for the children to stay away from home with their friends for a week, enjoy a great sport and take part in a wide programme of suitable après-ski activities under careful staff supervision.

For the first time having combined with other Cognita Schools with children of the same age, we will have sole occupancy of the hotel, providing us with an incredibly safe and exciting experience. If you have any questions about our plans or about your child's suitability for this venture, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In order to secure our preferred accommodation on the piste, we need to book early. We hope to be able to take whoever wishes to come but places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please send your completed slip to me by **Friday 25 May** to secure your child's place on DownsendSki 2019.

Helen Black

South Downs Trekathon For Royal Marsden



On Saturday 26 May, Helen Black and Sally Temlett will be taking part in the South Downs Trekathon to raise money for the school charity, The Royal Marsden. This is a tough event over rolling downs and cliffs and at 26 miles, it forms an enormous challenge! Helen and Sally have set up a page on Just Giving for any donations, the links are below.

Many thanks,

Helen Black and Sally Temlett

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Helen-Black15>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sally-temlett1>

Year 8 Sports Leadership Day

This academic year, all Year 8 pupils have worked hard to complete every element of The Young Leader Award which has been written and developed by Sports Leaders UK.

This award develops understanding and gives pupils the opportunity and encouragement to lead their peers in simple activities. The Young Leaders Award helps pupils to further develop important life skills such as organising, communicating and working with others, whilst increasing their personal self-confidence and self-esteem.

As the final part of their award, last Friday, a small group of Year 8's took part in the first Downsend Leadership Day. The challenge was to plan, organise and deliver an activity afternoon for all the Year 2 pupils.

First task was to decide what type of activity would be undertaken taking into account the following factors: 77 Year 2 pupils, 1 astro and 10 Leaders. They set about discussing the possibilities and democratically decided on a carousel of stations which would stretch skill and speed whilst maintaining a high level of fun!

The less exciting paper work aspect of the organisation was the next challenge. With the group splitting into sub teams responsible for different aspects and access to the IT suite, team lists were drawn up, station instructions tabulated and individual certificates printed in a hive of activity with the tension of their first experience of real deadlines!

Final task, to organise all the equipment on the astro as planned and ensure any technical and scoring issues were ironed out.

The Year 2 arrived with sun hats and water bottles and were thoroughly challenged and entertained all afternoon. The well planned event ran smoothly with no hiccups and plenty of smiling children.

Many congratulations to all the Year 8 who took part. They were absolutely superb with many suggesting it was the hardest afternoon they had spent in school ever!

Claire Cooper-James



Inter House Writing Competition - Wondrous Wordsmiths

Well done to all the children who entered the World Book Week Story and Poem Writing Competition at the end of last term. The English Department was impressed with the number of wonderful, imaginative entries and had a difficult task choosing two winners from each House. Wisley proved to be the most prolific writers with the most entries, followed closely by Ranmore. All entrants were awarded ten house points and the following children were presented with book vouchers during Assembly today:

Wisley

Freya vdH: The Story of Moonlight

Megan R: The Russian Dolls

Ranmore

Alex M: My Lego Ninjago Dragon

Olivia B: Under Attack

Norbury

Horatio M: The Castle

Jasmine R: The Singing Siren

Headley

Eleanor M: Yee Hah!

Elliot M: The Power

Lisa Burns



RAISE Writers

Congratulations to these RAISE Writers who have had their Toy Stories published! Their challenge was to write a story using under 100 words. It is a huge achievement to have their work in print and we are extremely proud of them.

Emily Friend



Year 4 Trip to Marwell Zoo

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! And giraffes, lemurs, cockroaches, snakes, fish, sloths.....the list of creatures Year 4 spotted at Marwell Zoo seems endless! On a beautiful April day, Year 4 were lucky enough to travel to Marwell Zoo as part of their Science topic on Habitats. They had a fantastic day exploring a variety of habitats and finding out about the creatures that live there. Most of the animals were enjoying the sunny weather and were easily spotted in their outdoor enclosures. Each class also enjoyed a workshop to find out more about animal adaptations and got chance to meet Cynthia the giant stick insect and Mirt the rat!

The children's behaviour was exemplary and they represented Downsend fantastically. Thank you to all staff and parents who helped make the trip so enjoyable.

Jodie Newberry



Artist of The Week

Well done to this week's Artist of The Week Freyja in 3PM.

Year 3 have been designing patterns for a painting they will be creating later this term... watch this space! Here is a great example by Freyja.

Julia Ayles




Yr 8 Spanish Presentations


8S were asked to research a Spanish speaking country and present this to the class. The children chose the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Peru, Colombia and Costa Rica. Marks were awarded for presentation, content (including delivery in Spanish) and general enjoyment of the presentation. The children marked each other and Lauren D inched ahead of Hannah M by 2 points, with her presentation on Colombia. Well done Lauren!

Judy Houlden



What Parents need to know about Snapchat


Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images for a limited number of seconds, chat with users before messages disappear, and share images with their friends list through a 'story'.



What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT

SNAP MAP
 In 2017, Snapchat introduced a new feature called Snap Map, which allows users to see the location of their friends and friends of friends. This feature can be turned on or off in the app's settings. Parents should discuss with their child the risks of sharing their location and the potential for strangers to track their movements.

'SNAP STREAKS'
 'Snap Streaks' are a feature that allows users to see how many days in a row they have sent snaps to a friend. This feature can be turned on or off in the app's settings. Parents should discuss with their child the risks of sharing their location and the potential for strangers to track their movements.

SCREENSHOTS
 While Snapchat's premise is that all photos and videos disappear, users can take screenshots of snaps. Parents should discuss with their child the risks of sharing their location and the potential for strangers to track their movements.

SEXTING
 Due to the app's disappearing nature, sexting (sending explicit images or videos) is common. Parents should discuss with their child the risks of sharing their location and the potential for strangers to track their movements.

National Online Safety Top Tips for Parents

THINK BEFORE YOU SNAP
 Consider that your child knows that Snapchat has screen filters and that they can use them to post anything publicly or privately to their friends or to the public.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'
 Quick Add is a feature that allows users to add people to their friends list. Parents should discuss with their child the risks of sharing their location and the potential for strangers to track their movements.

REPORTING INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
 If your child is not happy with inappropriate content, it's important that you report it. Parents should discuss with their child the risks of sharing their location and the potential for strangers to track their movements.

THINK BEFORE YOU SNAP
 Ensure that your child knows that 'Snap' can be reversed and that they can see their snaps if they post anything publicly or privately to their friends or to the public.

HOW TO DEACTIVATE SNAPCHAT
 If your child wants to delete their Snapchat account, they should go to the app from their phone and go to the account settings page. Parents should discuss with their child the risks of sharing their location and the potential for strangers to track their movements.

ENTER 'GHOST' MODE ON SNAP MAPS
 'Ghost Mode' is a feature that allows users to turn off their location on Snap Map. Parents should discuss with their child the risks of sharing their location and the potential for strangers to track their movements.

DISAPPEARING ILLEGAL CONTENT
 Snapchat has a 'disappearing' feature, but it does not delete content from its servers. Parents should discuss with their child the risks of sharing their location and the potential for strangers to track their movements.

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Next Week @ Downsend

School Events



Date	Time	Event
Monday 30 April	All Day pm	Yr 6 Trip to Nower Wood Lower & Upper School House Assemblies
Tuesday 01 May	All Day All Day	8S Trip to Dover Castle Yr 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm Park
Wednesday 02 May	All Day	Yr 2 Trip to Bay Pond – 2YdV & 2ST
Thursday 03 May	All Day All Day All Day	Yr 2 Trip to Bay Pond – 2LB & 2CW Yr 3 Forest School Visit @ Downsend Yr 7 Trip to the Tower of London
Friday 04 May	Assembly 8.45am	Mr M Reader, Headmaster, Cranleigh Swimming Team Photos (Boys & Girls Squads)

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Rebecca Peek

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Contact Details

Please email office@downsend.co.uk if any of your contact details change. Most communication regarding school matches, meetings and other general school information is sent via email or text message.

Medical Details

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Downsend Times

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Downsend Sports Bulletin

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