DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING' SIS Inspection 2014-2015 Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

Friday 11 May 2018

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Message from the Head Teacher

surprise! A phone call from an ISI (Independent School Inspectorate) been checking that the school inspector, informed us that they meets all the required regulations would be joining us this week to conduct a compliance inspection. the standards have been met, by My amazing team sprang into letter, in a couple of weeks. action to ensure that the school Tomorrow, was at its best. As Thursday morning approached, the staff back to school for one of our were all ready to greet the favourite events - our Celebration inspection team with everything in of the Year and Open Afternoon. place and a welcoming smile.

I'd like to thank all those parents do come along and get into the who completed the inspection carnival mood with a groovy survey and everyone who has samba beat.

This week started with a big been so supportive over the past few days. This inspection has and you will be informed whether

> we are looking forward to inviting many of you It promises to be full of fun. So, **Tessa Roberts**

We love Wisley!

Year One had a wonderful day at Wisley in the sunshine this week. Our focus was on trees and the children were able to see some amazing conifers. We looked at a Giant Seguoia which reached right up to the clouds but it is still only a baby at 100 years old. After collecting leaves, branches, pine needles and pine cones, the children set about building houses for the fairies as theirs had been destroyed

by the wicked dragon - 'Billy'! We had our picnic lunches in the shade of some more enormous pine trees and then rounded off the afternoon with a bear hunt! The children all behaved beautifully and we were very proud of them all. Well done Year One! **Janet Catlow**







Don't Forget



Stripey Stork Donation Station **Next Thursday** 9.30-11.30 **School Hall**

Tues 22 May - Reception visit Sea Life Centre Brighton

Tues 22 May - Year One Assembly at Downsend School 9.30am

Tues 22 May - First Steps Sports Morning 11.15am

Thurs 24 May - Uniform Sale Ashtead Pre-Prep 8.30-9.30

Fri 25 May - Sports Morning Rising Reception, Reception & Year One at Downsend School 11.00

Picnic afterwards at Pre-Prep Ashtead. - The Pavilion at Downsend School will be open for coffee between 10.00 and 11.00, before the Sports Morning commences. Please look out in your inbox next week for Sports Morning details.



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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

Matheus Macieira Cabral

Rising Reception AP Blake Wright

Rising Reception SR Vincent Hopson

> **Reception CH** Kamran Haque

> **Reception MP** Rory Anderson

> > Year One

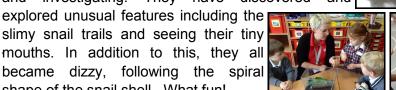
The whole class for their thoughtful questions and answers during their visit to Wisley.

Well Done!

Busy Bugs!

We're going on a bug hunt. We're going to find a big one. We're not scared! This half term the children in Rising Reception have immersed themselves in everything creepy and crawly with their Minibeast topic. They've had such a wonderful time getting upclose and personal with real mini beasts. The children have even been taking great care of some snails in the classroom, creating a beautiful 'minibeast hotel' for them to stay in and watching the complex tunnels form in an ant farm! The Minibeast topic has been a real hit with the children experiencing a variety of learning opportunities such as role play, puzzle solving, fact finding, observing and investigating. They have discovered

shape of the snail shell. What fun!











Events Week Commencing Monday 14 May Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon	15.30-16.30	Art around the World
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune STEAM Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Multi-Sports Club
Thurs	9.30-11.30 15.30-16.30	Stripey Stork Donation Station Musical Theatre Club
Fri		Royal Wedding Celebrations

Superb Singing

Last Wednesday, the children in Reception and Year One put on a show-stopping performance when invited perform Evergreens at St George's Church. Evergreens is a social club for

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local ladies and gentlemen over the age of 75 where they can socialise, enjoy entertainment and take afternoon tea, all of course with a warm welcome. The children sang their rendition of spring songs beautifully and were very keen to chat to some of the Evergreens members. Well done children! We couldn't be more proud and the reaction from the ladies and gentleman was wonderful. It was hard to see who was enjoying it the most - the children or the audience!





Inspiring young minds