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DOWNSEND SCHOOL

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Welcome from the Headmaster

Last Friday, almost 200 parents and teachers gathered at the beautiful Painshill Park for the annual DPA Ball. As always, the event was enjoyed by all and raised valuable funds for the DPA. I am indebted to the Committee for all their hard work in organising the Ball, and to those people who kindly donated prizes for the auction.

Parental support has been the theme of the week, with the third Engagement Group taking place on Wednesday evening. The latest plans for the Expansion Project were shared and discussed and I am delighted with the feedback received. We are scheduling an Update Meeting for parents early in the Autumn Term and look forward to confirming the latest plans with you then.

The school has certainly felt quieter this week, with the Upper School pupils enjoying their residential trips in glorious weather. The Twitter feed and VLE blogs have kept us all posted as to their progress. In the meantime the Lower School took over the whole site with their fantastic Charity Afternoon. Good fun was had by all in raising valuable funds for the Royal Marsden. We have now broken the £15K barrier for the year!

Ian Thorpe

Year 8 Two Day Play

As part of their ACE programme, Year 8 participated in the Two Day Play. On Thursday morning, they had nothing; on Friday afternoon, they performed three plays to an audience of Years 5-7 plus staff!

The year group were divided into three theatre companies and, although they were given support by staff, the ideas and the execution were all their own. I think they did really well and produced about an hour of fantastic entertainment.

The first company were called Academy of Children's Entertainment (ACE) and produced a murder mystery with a twist called Tiffany Is Dead. This may be most memorable for Ollie C's dance routine.

The second company were known as Team 15 and their play was called On The Jolly. It imagined Ollie G and Joe R as hosts of a daytime talk show with something sinister going on behind the scenes. Felipe G stole the show here with his maracas.

Finally, the company Your Name presented A Day In The Life Of A Year 8 Student. The audience greatly appreciated this play, although I'm not sure all the teachers who were impersonated enjoyed it quite as much!

The overall winners for the week were Team 15, but it was a close-fought contest and everyone did well. Thank you to all of Year 8 for their hard work and entertainment value.

Chris Bryant



Year 3 Summer Concerts

Year 3 demonstrated their creative and musical flair this week in their Summer concerts. Parents and carers were entertained by a range of humorous songs and poems based around our theme 'Delightful Downsend' which the children performed with confidence and enthusiasm! The children also performed three pieces in the inaugural Year 3 orchestra, showcasing the instruments which they have been learning throughout the year in our new Year 3 Music Scheme.

Well done year 3!

Marian Bayley

Year 6 Project

While most of Year 6 have spent the last week in the Wye Valley, seven school-loving individuals remained behind to take charge of an intriguing project.

On Monday, they were told that the school library was going to be transformed into a Downsend Museum (don't worry, it isn't). They had to make decisions about what should be in the museum and use a notice board in the Tregenna Hall to display their findings.

The seven pupils worked hard all week to produce their display. They interviewed the Headmaster, several teachers, pupils and even parents. They produced a couple of short films. It's amazing what they can produce when they don't have to go to all those pesky lessons!

Along the way, they took part in a variety of other activities, including spending time reading with members of the Lower School and assisting with Forest School on Thursday. I have had nothing but positive feedback about the seven of them and they can be proud of their week's work.

Well done to Hailey C, Kelly N, Amelie M, Emily M, Millie M, Michele M and Alex W.

Chris Bryant



Lower School Charity Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who took part in the fun activities of the Lower School charity afternoon on Wednesday. The weather was glorious and the Lower School pupils had a great time sliding, swimming, playing with a parachute and other games. It was a fantastic afternoon and we raised over £800 for the Royal Marsden.

Natasha Ludlam



Year 6 Balloon Debate

Since half-term, Year 6 have been preparing speeches to prevent themselves from being thrown out of a hot air balloon!

Each member of the year was asked to adopt a character from fiction, history or current affairs. They chose an eclectic mix of personalities from Martin Luther King and Thomas Edison to Serena Williams and a host of superheroes.

Many of the speeches were very impressive. The finalists were Will K, Michelle M, Thomas U, Daisy W, Brandon G, Geraldine H, Mia H, Bronwen R and the eventual winner, Amelia B, who chose to portray

Emmeline Pankhurst - a very fitting winner in this centenary year!

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Chris Bryant



Public Speaking Club

Public Speaking Club's final club of the year is a "**Celebration of Public Speaking**" on **Thursday 28 June**. This will take place in the Dining Hall from 4.30 – 6.30pm and refreshments will be served. Many of the children have worked hard on their speeches and are looking forward to delivering them to an audience. All parents of club members, including those not making speeches, are welcome to come and see what we have been up to this year.

Sue Dinnage



Music Update



Year 3 Musical Instrument Scheme

All pupils need to bring their instruments in for both Music lessons until after the Summer Concert.

3PM Wednesdays
3MB Mondays and Wednesdays
3NL Tuesdays and Wednesdays
3EF Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Please remind your children that there will be awards at the end of the year for *Overall Progress* and *Effort During Lessons*.

Upcoming Events

Monday 25 June - Informal Piano and Guitar Concert (pupils of Miss Rob and Mr Keer)
Miss Robb's pupils 5.30pm
Mr Keer's pupils 6.30pm
Wednesday 27 June - Informal Guitar Concert (Mr Smith) 6.00pm



Music Clubs and Ensembles

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

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.

Nicole Allison

Artist Of The Week

Well done to this week's Artist Of The Week, Teddy in 4AS.

Year 4 have developed their observational drawings of peppers into designs for polyblock prints. Here is a bold final print by Teddy in 4AS. Well done!

Julia Ayles



News from the DPA

Downsend
Parents'
Association



Registered Charity No. 1116557

What a Night we all had!



Well it was a week ago today that we held the Annual DPA Downsend Summer Ball with over 196 people there it was one of the largest and the venue was outstanding. We had some amazing auction prizes kindly donated by parents, a great photographer that took some really good group pictures and the silent auction people, and we drank the bar dry!!

Thank you to everyone that donated, helped and attended, what is my last Downsend Summer Ball, myself and my DPA Team couldn't have made it the success it was without you all.

Sports Day refreshments

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Every year we set up a drinks station offering tea, coffee, water, juice and Pimm's for a donation at the Pavilion for all Downsend sports days. We need some volunteers to help our small committee to serve drinks.

Dates we need volunteers are: **(UPDATED)**

- 27th June from 1.30pm - 5pm UPPER SCHOOL SPORTS DAY (3 Extra Helpers)
- 28th June from 1.30pm - 5pm Yrs 4 & 5 SCHOOL SPORTS DAY (3 Extra Helpers)
- 29th June from 1.30pm - 5pm Yrs 2 & 3 SCHOOL SPORTS DAY (1 Extra Helpers)

If you can help on any of these days just for a few hrs please email me at admin@dpaschool.org.uk. This will be to help serve Tea/Coffee, make up Pimms and soft drinks.

Senior School ties will be available to purchase at the Yr 4 & 5 Sports Day next week and from the Uniform Shop. They are also available from the School Office and cost £4.00. Please note - they are not available from Stevensons.

We Urgently Need New Committee Members for Sept 2018 Onwards

A few of you have kindly come forward and I will be replying to you in the next few weeks, but we really do need more of you to put your hands up to joining the committee of the DPA.

There are currently 6 of us on the committee which really is just too small, 3 of us are leaving the school so we need:

ROLES WE NEED TO FILL:

- **(1) CHAIRPERSON**
- **(1) CHRISTMAS FAIR ADVERTISING / STALL COORDINATOR** (This is mainly an at home role)
- **(4- 6) COMMITTEE MEMBERS** - To help at events throughout the year and to support the rest of the team and attend a DPA meet once every 2 months or so.

If you are interested please email us at admin@dpaschool.org.co.uk also if you have a certain skill we'd love to hear from you.

Many thanks for reading.

Maxine Homewood, DPA Chair

Second Hand Uniform Shop



The next **UNIFORM INTAKE** is **THURSDAY 5 JULY**.

We will be at the Turret entrance from 8.00am. Please ensure all items are: cleaned, labelled and in a bag.

If you have not given in a SAE before, please can you make sure this is also in the bag so we know where to send the cheque.

Senior School ties will be available to purchase at the Yr 4 & 5 Sports Day next week and from the Uniform Shop. They are also available from the School Office and cost £4.00. Please note - they are not available from Stevensons.

Thank you.

Lynne Godwin

Lost Property

We have a new lost property box located through the turret doors and down the stairs to the left. Everything found around school except snack boxes will be placed into this new trunk. Any named items will be distributed within a few days of being found but please have a look in this trunk if your child has lost something in the first instance.

Clare Kirkham

Next Week @ Downsend

School Events



| Date | Time | Event |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 25 June | All Day All Day pm 5.30pm | ACE Trip to the Houses of Parliament Yr9 Induction Day @ St John's & Epsom College Lower & Upper School House Assemblies Informal Piano & Guitar Concert, Dining Hall |
| Tuesday 26 June | All Day pm | Drumming Workshop for Yrs 6, 7 & 8 2YdV & 2CW Summer Concerts |
| Wednesday 27 June | am 2.00pm | ACE Dragon's Den Planning Upper School Sports Day |
| Thursday 28 June | All Day pm 2.00pm | ACE Careers Workshop 2LB & 2ST Summer Concerts Yrs 4 & 5 Sports Day |
| Friday 29 June | Assembly All Day 2.00pm | Upper School Sports Awards Assembly ACE Dragon's Den Presentations Yrs 2 & 3 Sports Day |

Clubs

Please note that all clubs finish next week with the exception of Forest School which has already finished.

Downsend+

With just 2 weeks to go to the summer holidays, don't delay in getting your booking forms in. We kick off the holidays with trips to Legoland, Harry Potter Studio Tours, Tennis, Cricket and Hockey Camps, Golf, Swimming and much much more! Please remember booking forms must be received at least 10 working days in advance to receive our pre booked rate.

For all enquires please email downsendplus@downsend.co.uk or call 07909 861 280.

[Contact Form 2017-2018](#)

[Summer 2018 Description](#)

[Summer 2018 Booking Form](#)

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.

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Downsend Sports Bulletin

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