

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

Our first full week back and the classrooms have been a constant hive of activity. The learning has started in earnest and I have already been treated to a number of children showing me their amazing achievements! They have also been busy creating their self-portraits. When you arrive at school on Monday morning, you will see them all on display in the hall and on the stairs. Will you be able to spot who's who?

Last Monday, the Reception children took a very exciting trip up to Downsend Prep School for

their first swimming lesson. There was an enthusiastic buzz of eager chatter as everyone changed independently and met our new swimming teacher, Miss Seivewright. Every child followed the instructions and listened carefully and then confidently kicked their legs to travel across the pool. Their smiles, as they left the pool were as big, if not bigger, than the smiles they had before the lesson started. What a fantastic start Reception! You've made all your teachers so proud. Have a great weekend!

Tessa Roberts

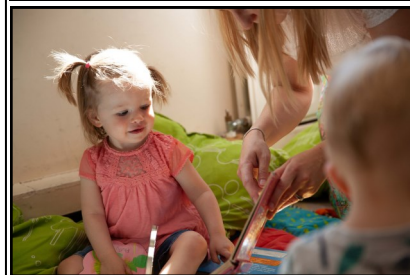
First Steps are Flying High

Mrs James and her team are delighted with the way all the children in First Steps have settled into school as they are really starting to explore their environment with confidence. This half term's topic 'On the Move' has caught the children's imagination as they travel on boats, cars, aeroplanes and even a hot-air balloon in the outdoor learning area. Playing alongside each other is a great way to get to know new friends and as you can see, painting the nose cone of a rocket is a perfect opportunity.



Play is such an important part of a child's early development. Playing helps young children's brains to develop and assists their language and communication skills to mature. It also teaches young children about communication, whilst developing their motor and problem-solving skills. Let's play!

Tots in Tune



Our Toddler Group 'Tots in Tune' was a flurry of activity on Tuesday. It was lovely to see both familiar and new families joining us for a morning of play and musical fun. If you would like to try the group next week, just come along at 9.45am and Rachel will be delighted to see you.



Don't Forget

Tues 25 Sept - Year One Forest School

Wed 26 Sept - Literacy Information Evening - 19.00

Thurs 27 Sept - First Steps - Coffee Morning - 9.00

Thurs 27 Sept - How to Eat Well & Keep Healthy - nutritionist visit



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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

Rory Watson

Rising Reception

Sam Warburton

Reception CH & MC

Congratulations to all the children in Reception for being confident, enthusiastic and great listeners during their first swimming lesson at school

Year One

Matilda Faure Walker
Kamran Haque

Golden Star Awards

Good Listening Stars were awarded to:

Brennan Langley, Ayrton Friend,
Archie Joy, Jennifer Roets,
Sophia Murray

Well Done!



Year One had their first experience of Philosophy for Children (P4C) this week. Firstly we discussed what "philosophy" means and then the children thought about this week's question - What makes me human? After a lot of discussion they agreed it is our brains that make us human because our brain helps us to "think, move, dream and use our imaginations". Everyone joined in the discussion and listened respectfully to others. We are looking forward to thinking about other probing topics in the coming weeks. Further information about P4C can be found at www.sapere.org.uk.



Janet Catlow

Events Week Commencing Monday 17 September Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Let's Dough!
Tues	9.45 - 11.15 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Multi Sports Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Individual Photographs Create and Make Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Tec Kids
Sun	14.00-16.00	DPA Family Fun Day at Downsend School

Saturday Sport and Dance

Well done to all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who attended Sports Club on Saturday morning. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces as they enjoyed the various activities. A big 'thank you' to all the staff for giving up their morning and to all the parents for their support in ensuring a healthy start to the weekend. Our new Head of Sport, Mrs Oliver, enjoyed seeing the little ones and is keen to visit the Pre-Prep schools in due course. We look forward to seeing you all again on Saturday.



Ballet lessons start again this Saturday at Downsend Main Site, 9.10am – 9.55am - First Steps and Rising Reception; 10.10am – 10.55am - Reception and Year 1. Please email jenni@jhballet.co.uk for any enquiries

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