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Ashtead



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Message from the Head Teacher

Wow! What a brilliant week. There has been something for everyone to share, enjoy and learn. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our European Languages Day celebrations. We received many greetings from our school community sharing languages from all around the world. The children were intrigued to learn about their friends' home languages and enjoyed learning how to say Hello in Russian, Chinese, German, Danish and

Spanish. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Literacy Information evening on Wednesday. The feedback I have received was really positive. Building a strong home-school partnership has a great impact on every child's understanding of newly acquired skills and we really value the time and support you give us.

It looks as if the sun is set to keep shining this weekend. Have fun!
Tessa Roberts

Dinosaur Discovery



Beware! Archaeologists at work! In afternoon school for First Steps and Rising Reception this week, a batch of icy dinosaur eggs were discovered. Warm water with pipettes and hammers were quickly found and our explorers were hard at work to discover which dinosaurs they could find hiding in the ice.

Don't Forget

**Downsend School
Open Morning
Sat 6 Oct
9.15-12.00**

Tues 9 Oct - Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common

Thurs 11 Oct - DPA Uniform Sale at Ashtead Pre-Prep 08.30-09.15

Fri 12 Oct - Open Morning at Downsend School for parents with children in Rising Reception



Delicious!

Tasty treats came to school yesterday with nutritionist Julia Hayes. Platters of interesting fruits and vegetables were shared with the children as they learned all about different foods that keep us fit and healthy. The colourful array tempted the children to try pineapple, papaya, figs, pomegranate, beetroot, radish and many more besides. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged with Julia's activities and willing to try new foods. Our healthy school ethos is promoted through PSHE, PE and class cooking sessions, fostering an understanding in the children about how to live a healthy life. Mrs McCluskey's school lunches and snacks offer the children a wide variety of tastes, textures and foods from different cultures. She does an amazing job tantalising young taste buds and certainly helps



our children become adventurous in their food choices. All this and 95% sugar free, what a talent!

Some of you may have read an interesting article in the Times last Saturday about nutrition expert Lucinda Miller. Her studies have revealed that by broadening a child's diet, their health, mood and even IQ can be boosted. The article is certainly worth reading and if you are keen to find out more about what she says, she has a book based on her findings called 'The Good Stuff'.



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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

Lily Jackson

Rising Reception

Theo Simmons

Reception CH & MC

Congratulations to all the children in Reception for their brilliant questions and great use of senses vocabulary at Pizza Express

Year One

Robert Pugh
Isabella Ventris

Golden Star Awards

Good Listening Stars were awarded to:

★ Astrid Reilly, Edward Truong,
 ★ Harrison Gay, Weitong Feng,
 ★ Lawrence Austin

Well Done!

Pizzaiolos

Reception turned into pizzaiolos when they visited Pizza Express this week. Luckily, learning about our 5 senses meant we were all experts! Everyone used their sense of smell, touch, sight, hearing and of course...taste! We all got the chance to kneed the stretchy dough. Then everyone spread the juicy tomato sauce all around the pizza base with the back of a spoon. Finally, we sprinkled on blobs of mozzarella cheese. Later on, the



children chose what toppings they wanted to add to their pizza, from sweetcorn, pepperoni, olives, pineapple and rocket. I hope everyone enjoyed eating their delicious pizzas!

Christeen Hill

Events Week Commencing Monday 1 October

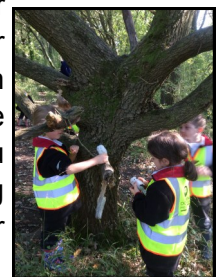
Lunch Menu Week 2

Open Week at Ashtead Pre-Prep

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| 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 | 9.00 15.30-16.30 | Come and See Reception - Rising Reception Parents & Prospective Parents Create and Make Club |
| Fri | 15.30-16.30 | Creative Arts Day Tec Kids |

Ashtead Common - Here we come!

Year One had a fabulous time on Ashtead Common this week as they had their first Forest School outing of the year. We were able to make the most of the glorious September sunshine as we looked for signs of Autumn. The children found many different coloured leaves, acorns, conkers, berries and even some apples! After collecting items for their Autumn bracelets, the children put their engineering skills to the test by building homes for the woodland creatures and the fairies. An impromptu game of Pooh Sticks also challenged the children to explore floating and sinking. Thank you Jay for providing so many fantastic learning opportunities in one morning. We can't wait for our next visit after half term.



Janet Catlow

Inspiring young minds