

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

This week as part of Anti-Bullying week we have been focusing on strategies that children can use to build positive relationships. Teaching our children to negotiate relationships, to socialise well and to find non-bullying strategies to deal with conflict helps us to create an environment where the children can feel confident and happy when expressing their thoughts and feelings.

Through our assemblies the Reception and Year One children helped me to find five different things they could do if they felt someone was being unkind or unfair. We called it our 'High Five'.

See if they can remember? We also talked about 'What is kindness? They decided that being friendly, looking after other people, helping people and being nice to others was the way that we could be kind to each other. I love our children's positivity as during the assembly they were unanimous in their assurance that everyone at Ashtead Pre-Prep was kind.

It was great to see so many of you at our Parents Evenings this week. I know that the teachers enjoyed sharing with you all that the children have achieved so far this year.

Tessa Roberts

Multi Sports Club



Statistics show that being active makes children feel happier, confident and more sociable. This is what Multi Sports club, for Reception and Year 1 children, aims to do! The focus changes each week, giving the children the opportunity to play a number of different sports and games over the term. The children's verdict is, 'We love it!'

Melanie Chipperton

Toys from the Past

The children in Year One thoroughly enjoyed their Toys workshop with Chertsey Museum this week. They learnt that toys used to be made out of wood and metal and that some dolls were even made from china! Everyone loved playing with the spinning tops, Jacobs ladders and skittles and it was great to be able to make a thaumatrope, similar to the ones that were popular in the 19th century. This was a fantastic way to start our history topic and we are keen to find out more over the coming weeks about old toys.

Janet Catlow



Don't Forget

Tues 27 Nov - Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common

Thurs 29 Nov - Maths Day

Fri 30 Nov - St Andrew's Day Celebrations



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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

Louisa Cluysenaer
William Zhou

Reception CH

Max Charalambous

Reception MC

Emma Sweeney

Year One

Rupert Purrington

Golden Star Awards

Thoughtful Golden Stars were awarded to:

Isabella Ventris, Emily Buchanan,
Freddie Watson, Josh Hanlon,
Benjamin Elliott

Well Done!

Afternoon Activities

During the afternoons, the children in First Steps and Rising Reception continue their learning through a wide range of exciting and inspiring activities. This week they used all their senses and discovered new smells and textures. Using thyme, parsley, spring onions and basil the children snipped and rolled the herbs into dough and the smells were sensational. The children also had the opportunity to paint poppy fields, make autumn leaf wreaths and to make splatter foil pictures using bubble wrap! All of this happens alongside our visiting afternoon teachers. The afternoon sessions are planned, to enhance and embed the seven areas of learning across the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Sharing new experiences, playing and learning with friends is brilliant!



Ella Hodgkinson & Cindy Lockyer

Events Week Commencing Monday 19 November

Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon	15.30-16.30	Let's Dough!
Tues	9.45 - 11.15 15.30-16.30	Year One Forest School trip to Ashtead Common Tots in Tune Multi Sports Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Create and Make Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Tec Kids

Animals in Winter

The Rising Reception children are thoroughly enjoying their Autumn topic. This week they have been investigating some of the animals that hibernate during the winter months and how they prepare themselves for this time of year. As a class we decided it would best to



pretend to be the animals and find out for ourselves. We all went outside and gathered tarpaulins, camouflage nets, pegs and string and got to work!

The children all worked as a team to create a fabulous den, all set with leaves to snuggle under, to get cosy. **Sally Rose**

Inspiring young minds