

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

On Monday this week we welcomed two visitors who spent the day looking at how effectively we manage safeguarding and the health and safety of the children. They thoroughly examined documents, questioned teachers, checked the site and asked children about keeping safe. After a day of close scrutiny, I am delighted to say that they were incredibly complimentary about every aspect of each of our safeguarding procedures and the rigorous way we monitor health and safety. However, the thing that impressed them the most was the children. Our visitors, who

have spent many years working in schools, found the children they spoke to, were all delightful. They were amazed by the way the children confidently articulated their knowledge about how to keep themselves safe and the purpose of school drills. What great ambassadors we have for our school! It was a team effort to achieve this excellent result and I would especially like to thank Janet Catlow, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, for ensuring that a strong Safeguarding ethos is maintained at Ashtead Pre-Prep.

Tessa Roberts

Who's the smartest?



Julia Donaldson has been voted Rising Reception's favourite author. The class have been reading and sharing her stories using the rhyming patterns and vocabulary to support their developing phonological awareness. This week the children became engrossed with the story, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. In the picture you can see that the children loved taking on the role of each character and helping Mrs Rose to tell the story. At the end, the children thought that even though the giant was the smartest in town, they were even smarter in their school uniforms!

Activity morning @ Downsend

Year One had a very exciting STEAM themed visit to Downsend on Tuesday. The morning began with an engineering challenge, followed by an opportunity to develop our technology skills in the ICT suite. After a brief play, it was back into the classroom for an art lesson and the visit was rounded off with an interactive music activity. All the sessions were led by the specialist teachers from Downsend and this was an excellent opportunity for the children to have a brief taste of life in Year 2.



"I liked doing computers because I liked pressing the buttons"- Frankie

"I liked getting my hands messy in art" - Harriet

"I like doing technology and working out how to make my kite" - Arlo



"The classrooms were really inspiring and interesting" - Matilda

"I am looking forward to learning about Tutankhamun" - Summar

Janet Catlow

Don't Forget

Tues 5 Feb - Safer Internet Day

Tues 5 Feb - Chinese New Year Celebrations

Thurs 7 Feb - Year One visit National Gallery

Fri 8 Feb - Reception visit Leatherhead Fire Station



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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

Charlie Hall

Rising Reception

Matty Auer

Reception

All of Reception for their enthusiastic and thoughtful participation during Dr Bell's visit.

Year One

Isla Smith

Arlo Hunt

Golden Star Awards

Good Manners Golden Stars were awarded to:

Arlo Hunt, Edward Truong,
Harrison Gay, Henry Butchers,
Aurora Concanon

Well Done!

Doctor on call!



Reception had a visit from Dr Bell this week for our 'People who help us' topic. Dr Bell chatted to the children all about the process of going to the doctor's, from sitting in the waiting room to leaving with a prescription for medicine. She showed the children how to listen to their pulse using a stethoscope. The children also had an opportunity to take each other's temperature with a thermometer. Dr Bell brought along some bandages and the children had great fun bandaging arms, legs and heads. Reception really enjoyed Dr Bell's visit. Well done reception for asking such interesting and thoughtful questions.



Melanie Chipperton

Events Week Commencing Monday 28 January

Lunch Menu Week 1

STEAM Week

Mon	15.30-16.30 16.30	Genie Lab—STEAM Workshops Lego Club Sir Kevan Collins—Motivating Children to Improve at Downsend
Tues	9.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Reception & Year 1 STEAM activities with the Downsend STEAM team Tots in Tune Musical Theatre Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Multi Sports Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30 19.00	STEAM activity day with 'Hands On STEM' You Choose Club Parents STEAM Information Evening
Fri	15.30-16.30	Engineering Day Tec Kids Club

Charity Thank You's

This week we have received two lovely letters thanking us for our Christmas charity donations. The collection at the church after the Nativity raised £187.39 for 'Stripey Stork'. The sum of £67.05 was also raised for 'Save the Children' when we all dressed in our Christmas jumpers on the last day of term. Thank you very much for all your contributions.

Inspiring young minds