

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Epsom



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### Message from the Head Teacher

Firstly this week, a huge thank you to DEPA for such a successful quiz and auction night on Wednesday. I really enjoyed myself and am not cross or frustrated at all that my team 'One Correction' only finished 2nd!

We have been back to a busy week with curriculum enrichment this week with a trip to Haslemere museum for Y1, World Book Day, Cognita Calling and International Women's Day. Additional enrichment activities such as these support our curriculum delivery but also enable us to broaden the children's awareness of the World around them and their understanding of their place within it.

We were delighted to link up with St Andrews School Sathorn in Bangkok as part of Cognita Calling on Wednesday. Cognita Calling is an initiative to link up classrooms across the Cognita World, enabling us to feel the benefit of being part of a larger

schools group. The children at St Andrews gave us a tour of their school and shared their favourite books. In return, our Y1 class made and sent a short film about how they celebrated World Book Day. At the next Cognita Calling event we are hoping to speak to another school via a live Skype link to ask them questions about their school and country.

At Downsend, we want our children to know that with hard work and determination, they will be able to achieve anything they put their minds to and Miss McIntyre as part of this work, Year 1 enjoyed celebrating International Women's Day today and sharing stories and quotes to empower them to go on and change the World! I particularly love the quote, 'Never be afraid to be a Poppy in a field of Daffodils' that the class spent time unpicking today.

Have a great weekend.

**Mrs Vanessa Conlan**

### DEPA news

#### **Bags 2 School Clothes Collection – 11<sup>th</sup> March (morning drop-off)**

Just a reminder that the 11<sup>th</sup> March sees our clothes collection pickup. If you have misplaced the bag that was in your child's book bag or have more than one bag to donate Bags 2 School will happily take donations in black bin liners. The more bags we collect the more money we raise for our school gazebo. DEPA thank you in advance for your raising support.

#### **Easter Event – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

Planning is in full swing for the Easter Event for your children. The DEPA Team have arranged for Happy Glaze to come into school and run a pottery painting session with all the children on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. The children's creations will be taken away, glazed, fired and returned in time for our Easter Event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April when the children will plant an Easter flower into their creations to bring home with them for the Easter holidays. The Easter Bunny will also be visiting so it's sure to be an exciting day for all our children.

#### **Y1 structures workshop**

Year 1 had a great time on their trip to Haslemere Museum on Tuesday. They started their morning by exploring structures in nature.

They then looked at the structure of shapes and which shapes have the strongest structure. They finished their morning by becoming engineers and building a bridge! They

even got to have a look around the museum and saw lots of taxidermy animals and even an Egyptian mummy!



#### **Quiz and Auction Night**

The DEPA Team would like to thank all the parents and staff that supported the Quiz and Auction Night on the 6<sup>th</sup> March and helping make the night such a great success. We hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did. The DEPA Team will be in touch with the successful bidders in the next couple of days.

#### **DEPA Dads Drinks – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 8pm**

All Dads are welcome for drinks at the Rifleman in Epsom on 14<sup>th</sup> March from 8pm.



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## World Book Day 2019

It was fantastic having a focus book for each class and the children dressing up as a character from that book during WBD this year. The children were really able to immerse themselves in the book and get stuck into book related activities. Great fun for all!



## Celebration Board

**Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special assembly every week.**

**We congratulated the following children this week:**

### First Steps

Noemie  
Sophie

### Hedgehogs

Jack W

### Squirrels

Diana

### Badgers

Tahira

### Owls

Honey

## Mathletics news

Well done to Keira, Jessica, Rebecca, Sonia and Zaria for achieving a Bronze certificate last week. Fantastic Mathletics!

## Events Week Commencing 11th March

### British Science Week

### Lunch Menu Week 3

<b>Mon</b>	am	Happy Glaze ceramics working with FS and some RR children
	am	Reception and Year 1 taking part in the Great British Spring Clean event
<b>Tues</b>	3.30—4.30	RSGK club
<b>Wed</b>	3.30—4.30	Forest and Grow, Cook, Eat clubs
	4.15	Mrs Conlan and Mrs Carruthers at a cross pre-prep assessment leaders meeting
<b>Thurs</b>	All day	James Carroll, our Cognita Director of Education, in school all day reviewing assessment practice
	am	Y1 at Forest School at mainsite
<b>Fri</b>	All day	Mrs Conlan at Leatherhead Pre-Prep
	3.30—4.15	Yoganory club

## Well Done!

**Inspiring young minds**