

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been British Science Week this week and everyone has enjoyed an additional focus on Science investigations across the week. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) is an area of our curriculum that we have identified as a key objective in next years School Improvement plan to further strengthen. STEAM is a focus area, as storytelling is for us, at Pre-Prep Ashted and at Dowensend Main so we look forward to working with them next year to utilise their expertise and experience.

Our menu for next term is developing well. Mrs T has been on a training course and has come back with some fantastic ideas. So far, we have changed our rice, pasta and bread to wholemeal only, have introduced salmon to the menu once every 3 weeks and Miss Julie has been experimenting with sugar free puddings. We have maintained the 3 week menu cycle for next term while we introduce these other changes but we will revisit this for the Autumn term.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week has brought us Slippery Slopes, Be Safe Be Seen, Make it Fly, The Hungry Caterpillar and Sneeze Zone! We have been predicting, observing, recording, analysing and drawing conclusions based on our initial predictions.



DEPA news

Bags 2 School Clothes Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who donated clothes for this. We collected 220kg which raised £88 for the school.

Easter Event – 3rd April 2019

Happy Glaze Ceramics came and worked with some of the younger children this week and will be working with the rest of the children next week to get their plant pots prepared. The children's creations are being taken away, glazed, fired and returned in time for our Easter Event on the 3rd April when the children will plant an Easter flower to bring home The Easter Bunny will also be visiting that day!

DEPA Dads

Thanks to everyone who came to the drinks last night. We hope to organise another evening after the Easter Holidays.

DEPA ideas meeting— Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm

Apologies, we have had to cancel this event next week.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mandy and Terri Jensen for all their hard work in their role as DEPA Chairs.



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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

Eric
Freddie

Hedgehogs

Anisha

Squirrels

Aaron
Elodie

Badgers

Joshua

Owls

Emily

Well Done!

FOREST SCHOOL

On Thursday, Year 1 went to Downsend main for a Forest School session as part of the Year 1 to Year 2 transition programme. They made shelters for insects, boats for frogs and found helmets for fairies; some children even held worms! They finished their morning off with some of Mr Bristow's famous hot chocolate!



Mathletics news

Well done to Rebecca, Sonia, Tahira and Joshua for achieving a Bronze certificate and to Rebecca and Sonia for also achieving a Silver certificate last week. Fantastic Mathletics!

Events Week Commencing 18th March 2019

Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon	9.30	Mrs Conlan at Pre-Prep Leatherhead
	3.30—4.30	Spanish and dance and music theatre clubs
Tues	All day	Road Safety Day
	3.30—4.30	RSGK club
	4.30	Mrs Conlan at Downsend Heads meeting
Wed	All day	Mrs Conlan at budget meeting in Milton Keynes
	All day	World Storytelling Day
	3.30—4.30	Forest and Grow, Cook, Eat clubs
Thurs	All day	Elli Woollard, school Patron of Reading, visiting
	3.30—4.30	Science club
Fri	3.30—4.15	Yoganory club

Inspiring young minds