

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



'OUTSTANDING'
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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

This week has been a very busy week for parents! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Open Swim lesson on Monday as they eagerly demonstrated all they have learned with Miss Seivewright. She is delighted with the progress that the children have made this year and the confident way they approach new swimming skills.

It has also been lovely catching up with so many of you on Tuesday and Thursday at Parents' Evening. This is such a great time for the teachers to

share your child's achievements and also for you to have the opportunity to spend time in the classroom. I hope you found the evening informative but please remember that the teachers are happy to meet with you at other times in the term if you have further queries or questions.

I hope that you are all prepared and ready for this evening's DAPA Quiz. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for all your support during this action-packed week.

Tessa Roberts

British Science Week

Investigating, discovering, testing and experimenting has been the 'order of the week' here at school over the past few days. The teachers have carefully woven many exciting Science activities into this week's curriculum and the children have loved it! The language and vocabulary these activities stimulate from our youngest children in their play and in our older children, through their problem solving discussions, shows a growing confidence to

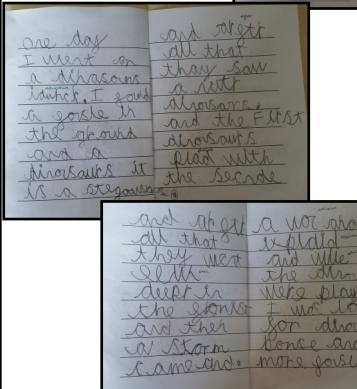


communicate and share opinions. Many of this week's tasks have required perseverance as several attempts have often been required for a desired outcome. It's great to see the children building their resilience, working closely with their friends and thoroughly engaging with STEAM. If you haven't caught up with twitter or facebook this week, do have a look at the posts along with the photos and videos.



Reception's 'Dinosaur' topic has really captured the children's imaginations. This combined with Talk4Writing has inspired the children to become authors this week as they create their own dinosaur adventures.

Here are a couple of pages from Emma's amazing story.



Don't Forget

Last Week of Clubs

25—29 March

Mon 25 March - No swimming this week

Mon 25 March - Rising Reception visit Ashtead Library

Wed 27 March—Year One Pre-Preps Sports Afternoon — Downsend 14.00

Thurs 28 March—Get Messy Day



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Ashtead Library

This week the children were very excited as they immersed themselves in the wonderful world of story telling on a visit to Ashtead Library. On arrival, the children were greeted by two of the librarians, who told them all about joining the library and what an exciting place it is. The children had a wonderful time as they enjoyed a story telling session before eagerly exploring the many books on offer.

Eric - "There are fiction and non-fiction books here!"



Max - "The author ... they write the story and the illustrator does the picture!"

Christeen Hill

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

Imogen Faure Walker

Rising Reception

Federica Plewa Baici
Theo Simmons

Reception CH

Edward Truong

Reception MC

Matilda Wilson

Year One

Robert Pugh,
Isabella Ventris

Events Week Commencing Monday 18 March Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon	15.30-16.30	No Swimming Lego Club
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common Tots in Tune Musical Theatre Club
Wed	15.30-16.30	Multi Sports Club
Thurs	08.30-09.15 15.30-16.30	Second-hand Uniform Sale at Ashtead Pre-Prep You Choose Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Tec Kids Club

Forest School Capers



Year One had fantastic fun at Forest School yesterday morning at Downsend School. The children were given the challenge of finding a natural object and then they had to imagine what else it could be. We had leaves that were treasure maps, sticks which became telescopes and leaves that doubled as fairy blankets. The next challenge was to make a safe place for a bug, to protect it from the seagulls. Finally, we all had hot chocolate and sang songs around the campfire. What a perfect end to a wonderful outdoor learning session. Thank you Jay for giving us a glimpse of what the children can expect in Forest School when they move into Year Two.

Janet Catlow



Golden Star Awards

Problem Solving Golden

Stars were awarded to:

Rory Anderson, Matilda Wilson,
Max Charalambous, Weitong Feng,
Nikolas Buchen

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds