

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Ashtead



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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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Message from the Head Teacher

The summer term is now in full swing and the children are enjoying even more learning outside. Reception have been on a treasure hunt this week looking for shapes and also writing shape clues to quiz their friends. First Steps and Rising Reception have been exploring new concepts in the sand and water trays whilst Year One have had multiplication on their mind! These STEAM challenges have really made the children work together and put their problem solving skills to the test.

Next Saturday afternoon, we are

really looking forward to our 'Celebration of the Year'. I do hope that you will be able to join us for this very special Ashtead Pre-Prep event. You will be free to wander through the classrooms, to look at the learning and to view photos of the year's events. The children will have a special treat as they will be able to take part in our STEAM themed activities and have some fun with Genie Lab.

Fingers crossed for sunshine so that we can enjoy our bank holiday weekend. Have a great time.

Tessa Roberts

Afternoon Forest School



Jay arrived at school this week with armfuls of flowers for the children to investigate, dissect and then to create potions for their story adventures. The children were captivated by this activity. The rich array of sensory and creative language that was exchanged, demonstrated the outstanding learning that can be gained from these enrichment activities.

Fabuleuse Journée Française!

Bonjour! Pre-Prep Ashtead was an array of 'bleu, blanc et rouge' on Tuesday as we celebrated French Day.

We started our day with an assembly to get everyone in the French mood. Year 1 sang one of their favourite French songs and impressed us with their spoken French.



The children were glad that 'les escargots' and 'les cuisses de grenouilles' were off the lunch menu, but gladly tucked into croissants and pain au chocolats in our alfresco French café, in beautiful sunshine. The children tried out asking for food and drink items in French and remembered their manners with lots of 'S'il vous plait' and 'Merci'. Bravo!

We ended the morning with some games, including; boules, and the French version of Duck, Duck, Goose. The children made flags and

some even attempted their own Eiffel

Towers. Ooh la la! What fun we had!

Madame Murray



Don't Forget

Get Active Week
Golden Boot Challenge
Mon 13—Fri 17 May



Tues 14 May - Lee Collinson-Skipping Day
Thurs 16 May - Scoot-a-thon for Stripey Stork



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Our chicks have hatched!

There has been a mixture of squeaky noises coming from the Reception classrooms this week. One was from the excited children. The other is from our fluffy visitors....the 'living eggs' that have quickly hatched into chicks! Children and teachers have greatly enjoyed guessing



which number egg would hatch first. There is a good deal more learning to come next week as the children will have the opportunity to hold and stroke a chick. How exciting!

Melanie Piper

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

Aurora Concanon
Lawrence Austin

Rising Reception

Matthew Auer

Reception CH

Archie Joy

Reception MC

Blake Wright

Year One

Samuel Dolan
William Lovell

Events Week Commencing Monday 6 May

Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon		School Closed: Bank Holiday
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Woodwork and Construction Club begins
Wed	15.30-16.30	Reception singing to Evergreen at St George's Church Genie Lab Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Year One trip to Wisley Football & Ball Skills Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Let's Create Club
Sat	09.15-12.00 14.00-16.00	Open Morning at Downsend School Celebration of the Year & Open Afternoon at

Africa

First Steps and Rising Reception are combining forces and visiting different continents and countries from around the World for their topic this term. This week they have all been off to Africa to explore the differences and similarities between our different cultures. The children have also had fun learning about many of the different animals and traditions of this continent.



Julie James & Sally Rose

Golden Star Awards

Problem Solving Golden Stars were awarded to:

Kamran Haque, Vincent Hopson,
Eric Welton, Rory Watson,
Matheus Cabel Macieira

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds