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Message from the Head Teacher

This week has been filled to the brim with wonderful learning opportunities. This newsletter contains a snapshot of some of our special events which help to bring the term's curriculum to life. If you are able to come along to school on Saturday afternoon for our Celebration of the Year and Open Afternoon there will be so much more on display for you all to see.

Those parents who have been popping up to the classrooms or dropping off at Early-Birds will have noticed the wonderful new displays that are in the hall and on the stairs. The children have

been inspired by Kandinsky, Miro and Monet to produce some beautiful art work of their own. If you have a minute, please take time to look at their creative interpretations.

Are you feeling energetic? I hope so, as next week is 'Get Active' week. An email that was sent out yesterday is full of information about the week ahead. We would love you to get involved and join your children with the 'Get Active' challenge. Good luck!

I hope to see many of you tomorrow for some STEAM fun in the afternoon. Have a super weekend.
Tessa Roberts

We love our chicks!



As part of Reception's life cycle topic, we all agreed that we could count ourselves very 'clucky', as watching the chicks grow really is a very egg-straordinary experience! There has been much egg-citement in our school as the children helped to feed, care and even bath the chicks!



Don't Forget

Tues 21 May - Reception Forest School trip to Ashtead Common

Tues 21 May - Year One Assembly at Downsend

Thurs 23 May - Year One Seaside Workshop with Chertsey Museum

Wonderful Wisley

Sun, showers, slow worms and sequoias - what a day Year One had at Wisley! We learnt all about different types of trees by looking at the leaves, bark and seeds. Who knew that the enormous sequoia tree was still just a baby at 80 years old? When the rain came we took shelter under the conifers and rebuilt the fairy homes that the trolls and elves had destroyed! We discovered some wonderful smells in the herb garden and saw some of our favourite vegetables growing in the vegetable patch. In the Glasshouse, we collected petals of all shapes and sizes. To cap it all, we also saw goslings and ducklings and shared our lunch with a very friendly pair of ducks. The children were all extremely well behaved and everyone had a great time.

Janet Catlow





News from Downsend

Y4 returned from the recent High Ashurst residential trip with a spring in their step to find work on the Wellbeing Garden underway. With all of the classroom activities making use of the new HD whiteboards, and the various sporting and musical events that take place, it is great to have an oasis of calm at the heart of our busy, innovative school.

Ian Thorpe

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

Phoebe Wood

Rising Reception

Henry Butchers

Reception CH

Edward Truong

Reception MC

Matilda Wilson

Year One

Astrid Reilly

Frankie Lovell

Golden Star Awards

Problem Solving Golden

Stars were awarded to:

Amelia Howey, Emily Buchanan,

Harrison Gay, Harry Gillott,

Lily Jackson

Well Done!



Brazil



The continuing 'Around the World' adventures of Rising Reception have lead us this week, to Brazil. The children have learnt several Portuguese words such as Oi – Hi, Tchau – Goodbye and Obrigado - Thank you. They used this knowledge when welcoming a very special visitor into class on Wednesday -



Matheus' Mum, Mrs Macieira who is from Brazil. It was very kind of her to come to talk to us all about the language, the fruit and the animals in the rain forest. The children went on to taste fruits such as pineapple, papaya, star fruit and passion fruit, all served up in a wafer cone. To finish our special morning, the children were each given a Brazilian flag which they flew with vigour as we all said Tchau and Obrigado to Mrs.Macieira. **Sally Rose**

Events Week Commencing Monday 13 May

Lunch Menu Week 1

Get Active Week—Golden Boot Challenge

Mon	15.30-16.30	Forest School Club
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Skipping Day Tots in Tune Woodwork and Construction Club begins
Wed	15.30-16.30	Genie Lab Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Scoot-a-thon for Stripey Stork Football & Ball Skills Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Let's Create Club

Superb Singing

This week, the children in Reception dazzled everyone as they sang their spring rendition to the Evergreen Group at St George's Church. It was hard to decide who enjoyed themselves more, as beaming smiles could be seen



all around. Many of the ladies and gentlemen commented on how well behaved and beautifully they sang. Well done Reception!

Christeen Hill

Inspiring young minds