

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from the Head Teacher

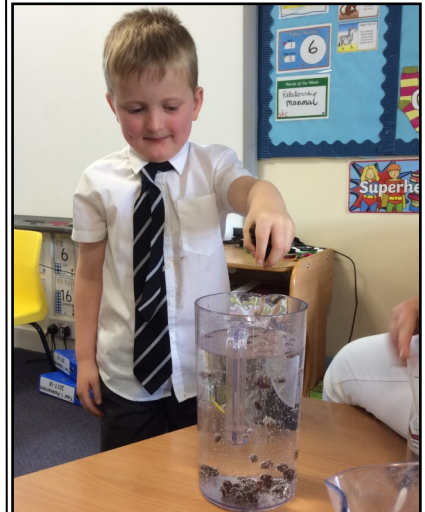
If you popped into the classrooms yesterday or today you will have spotted our brand new Smart Boards. The resolution and interactivity are fantastic and soon they will be WiFi linked to the new tablets of the staff. This means that each teacher can use their tablet wherever they are teaching in the classroom to relay information, explain a teaching point or view excellent examples of children's work for everyone to see. The new technology also lends itself to a wide range of teaching tools and 3D imaging. The teachers have already started

experimenting with these exciting features so watch this space! Once the children start exploring these new features, our STEAM programme will take on a new perspective. This upgrade, is part of the Cognita programme to ensure all their schools are able to offer the best education possible for the children in their care.

Next week, make sure that your go-faster trainers are out and 'ready to go' for the Sports Day action next week. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tessa Roberts

Dancing Raisins



Who knew that raisins can dance? Well, Year One did and proved it! This STEAM challenge really made the children think as they tested what happened to raisins in tap water and carbonated water. Rupert and William NB were spot on when they explained how the bubbles played a crucial role.

Down on the Farm.....



On Tuesday Rising Reception went to Godstone Farm. It was their first full day out and luckily the sun shone the whole time! On arriving, the children were met by Farmer Katie who took them on an amazing tractor ride to see many different animals. We even spotted some gigantic dinosaurs! After that, we looked around a creepy cave that was full of insects and reptiles, including locusts, two bearded dragons and some snakes! Following this, we were able to hold a beautiful bunny called Florence. There were also sheep, llamas, goats, pigs, cows and an 85 year old tortoise to visit before lunch. Lunchtime was brilliant as we played in an ENORMOUS sandpit. Before it was time to go home, the children watched the 'Hogstacle Race'. Four piglets, Twirl, Galaxy, Caramel and Wispa, raced around an obstacle course which was really exciting. The children had a fantastic day and returning home, were ready for a snooze on the bus!



Ella Hodgkinson

Don't Forget

Tue 25 June - Reception and Year One Forest School Trip to Ashtead Common

Wed 26 June - Year One Activity Afternoon at Leatherhead Pre-Prep 14.00-15.00

Thurs 27 June - Moving up Day—Children visit new classrooms

Thurs 27 June - Sept 2019 Parents' Information Evening at Ashtead Pre-Prep

Sat 29 June - DAPA Summer Fair 10.30-12.30





News from Downsend

Tuesday night's 'Downsend Rocks' was definitely the highlight of the week, with almost 50 pupils, aged 8 to 13, forming our 4 Rock Bands and performing a range of songs to a Dining Hall full of proud parents and staff. Seeing such confidence and teamwork was heartening. With Years 6-8 heading off on Residential Trips Week on Monday, our Summer Refurbishment of Downsend begins. By September, we will have a new Junior Library, Food Tech Room, STEAM spaces and Senior Learning Resource Centre. It's all very exciting!

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

Daisy Palmer
Aurora Concannon

Rising Reception

All of Rising Reception for their enthusiasm and great behaviour during the Godstone Farm visit.

Reception CH

Chessie Ling

Reception MC

Blake Wright

Year One

Arlo Hunt
Rupert Purrington

Golden Star Awards

Independent Golden Stars were awarded to:

Summar Khan, Ayrton Friend,
Vincent Hopson, Josh Hanlon,
George Harriman

Well Done!

Healthy Eating Week

Mrs McCluskey has been on the case this week as we have been thinking about healthy eating. Her menus offer the children a wide range of tastes and textures as she tries to introduce them to new foods. We often have tasters during the term and if the children enjoy the flavours, they appear in the next term's menu. Thomas Franks, our catering company, has given her the accreditation of 'Food Superhero', as her stand-out menus are shared with other Cognita schools. They love, as do we, the 95% sugar free meals. Thank you Mrs McCluskey for taking such great care of us and helping to keep us fit and well.



Events Week Commencing Monday 24 June

Lunch Menu Week 3

Mon	15.30-16.30	Forest School Club
Tues	09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Woodwork and Construction Club
Wed	11.00 15.30-16.30	First Steps Sports Morning Genie Lab Club
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Football & Ball Skills Club
Fri	11.00 14.00 15.30-16.30	Sports Morning for Rising Reception, Reception & Year One at Downsend School. Picnic lunch afterwards at Ashtead Pre-Prep September Class Lists issued Year One 'Meet their new Year Two teacher' at Downsend School Let's Create Club
Sat	10.45	Year One Summer Fun Day at Downsend School

Reminder

Please let Sarah Hegarty know if you are able to attend Sports Day next week. The contact email is:

ashteadprep@downsend.co.uk

Many thanks

Tessa Roberts



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