

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from Mrs Burns

The Autumn term is now well underway and we have settled into the rhythm of school life. On a personal note, I would like to thank parents, children and colleagues for welcoming me so warmly into the Epsom Pre-Prep family.

Good home and school links are vital to the well-being and achievement of children and it is exciting to have received the news that last year 91% of Epsom PP children achieved a 'Good Level of Development' at the end of Reception. This compares to 75% nationally and 85% of Cognita schools.

These results are not only testament to our rich curriculum, but also to the strong support provided to our children from home. A key feature of the Epsom offering is the varied programme of enrichment on offer to the children through trips, clubs and themed days. This term is no different and we look forward to welcoming parents to a number of events in the weeks ahead.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful fun-filled weekend.

DEPA news

Drinks on DEPA

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our first DEPA social event of the year last night. It was great to see so many faces and catch up with people away from the rush of the school run. Hope you all enjoyed it and thanks to Mrs Conlan and Mrs Burns for joining us. If you weren't able to make it this time, don't worry, we'll be planning another event for the Spring term.

The Downsend Festival @ Main Site

The first ever Downsend Festival is coming to Main site this Sunday (22nd Sept) from 11.00 - 15.00. The event is open to everyone and entry is free. With a Circus Show (12.00-13.00) circus workshops (before and after the Show), a Dog Show (13.45), Forest School demonstrations, food and drink stalls and more, it promises to be a day full of fun for all ages.

For more information, please contact Louise and Leanne from the Downsend Parents Association on: downsendPA@gmail.com

Learning In School This Week



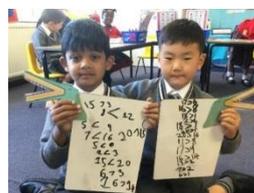
First Steps went on a natural material hunt in the woodland garden. The children collected leaves, twigs and stones to make a collaborative face on white paper and practised naming the body parts they have been learning about.

Rising Reception had their first phonics lesson this week. The children brought in a fantastic array of items beginning with the letter sound 's' and enjoyed listening to the Phonic Fairy reading 'My Pet Snake'.



Reception have been developing their blending skills through a teacher directed activity and then the children practised applying their new-found skills independently in an outdoors setting.

Year 1 have been comparing groups of objects and numbers. They have extended their Maths vocabulary and had fun using 'hungry crocodiles' to learn how to show inequalities of number.



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 10th Oct:
DEPA Ideas evening
Weds 20th Nov:
DEPA Ideas evening

Useful contacts



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Celebrating Achievement

Achievements in learning, working with others and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special assembly every week.

We congratulated the following children this week:

First Steps

Elijah

Hedgehogs

Noemie

Reception

Ethan

Year 1

Aiden



World Food Thursday

This week we had lunch from Honduras!



Cognita Global Be Well Day

Next Friday (27th September) Cognita will hold a global 'Be Well Day' focussing on the well-being of pupils in all its schools. Epsom Pre-Prep has an exciting programme of activities planned for the children and a coffee morning and adult yoga session on offer to parents. Please see the attachment to today's newsletter for further details.

News from main site

This week it was the turn of the Upper School parents to attend their Curriculum Information evenings and all appeared to love being in the new facilities to hear about the plans for the year ahead for their pupils. For Year 8, this meant focusing on GCSE preparation and options as parents were informed about board choices and specifications. Many have informed me that they were impressed, but not surprised, about the level of detail and preparation involved and that their children are looking forward to moving into Year 9 with enthusiasm and confidence in equal measure.

Mr I Thorpe

Mathletics news

Well done to Keira for achieving a Bronze certificate last week and to Sonia for achieving a Bronze and Silver certificate. Fantastic Mathletics! Reception – we look forward to seeing your Mathletics achievements. Please let us know if you are having any problems with getting started.

Events week commencing 23rd September

Lunch menu week 1

Mon	morning 3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Conlan in school Spanish & music theatre clubs
Tues	morning 3.30 – 4.30 7.30 – 8.30	Reception trip to Pizza Express Sports & fitness club Discovery evening at mainsite
Weds	3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Conlan in school Grow, Cook, Eat & Forest clubs
Thur	All day 3.30 – 4.30	European Day of Languages Science and acro dance club
Fri	All day All day 3.30 – 4.15	Mrs Conlan in school Cognita Global Be Well day Yoganory club

Inspiring Young Minds