

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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Message from Mrs Conlan

It has been wonderful to be able to spend some more time at Epsom this week. As expected with the changes to my role, the time needed at Leatherhead to ensure I know the staff, children and parents well enough has meant I have spent a little more time there this month than I usually would plan to. Today has been a particularly special day to be here with Cognita Global Be Well day (GBWD) taking place. The children have had a great day making their own healthy lunch, taking part in dance and yoga activities, making calm bottles, learning about the importance of sleep and welcoming 2 new animals to our school! We had a visit from

Stuart Rolland the Cognita CEO this morning who wanted to share in celebrating GBWD with us. He was impressed to hear that children's wellbeing was central to our ethos and curriculum at Pre-Prep Epsom and that we take our role in supporting children's wellbeing now and in preparing them for the future very seriously. A huge thank you to Ms Clayton, our pastoral lead, for organising the activities today and our staff for delivering such a great day for our children and each other.

I hope everyone has a restful weekend. May you be well and stay well.

DEPA news

Spook-tacular Plans ...

With the weather taking an Autumnal turn, DEPA has been busy planning a spook-tacular day for the children.

Thursday 17th October will be Spooky Dress Up Day. Children can come to school in a Halloween costume, or non-uniform if preferred. In return we ask for a £2 donation, which can be given to Mrs Tucker or your class teacher on the day.

Children will receive a Halloween treat bag. Most of the contents will be non-edible, but will include a small confectionary treat.

Learning Beyond The Classroom



As the heavens opened on Tuesday, the Reception children had fun at Pizza Express in Dorking with Ashtead Pre-Prep. The children explored their sense of touch through making dough balls and used words such as, soft, squidgy and sticky to describe how the dough felt. They learnt about the ingredients that go into the pizza base and the story of how the Margarita Pizza was given its name. The children were very well behaved and made the adults proud!

Meanwhile, Year 1 headed off to explore Epsom town centre as part of their History and Geography topic about the local area and its role within the United Kingdom. Eager eyes spotted the cinema, library, car parks, shops and restaurants, while landmarks including the Assembly Rooms and the clocktower prompted discussion about the past and some on the spot observational drawing. We are looking forward to our next trip to Epsom Downs to learn about The Derby and to investigate the landscape and its use.



Calling all Creative Wizards ...

As part of the Halloween fun, DEPA is transforming the Reception area into a spooky den. We'll be decorating on **Friday 11th October from 3.45pm** and would welcome any creative wizards who can give us a hand.

You can book your child into extended day (no charge) whilst you decorate. Please email: epsomdepa@gmail.com if you can help out.

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

Hugo

Hedgehogs

Ted

Reception

Amaya

Year 1

Isabel



World Food Thursday

This week we had lunch from Ireland



Epsom Pre-Prep Global Be Well Day



News from main site

We are fortunate to have such supportive and energetic parents at Downsend! On Sunday, around 400 people attended the first DPA event of the year, the Circus Skills Fun Day, and great fun it was too. At this week's DPA AGM, the year ahead was planned and we are all excited about the fun evenings ahead: there is a Quiz Nights, Summer Ball and Christmas Fayre to look forward to, amongst many other activities. It promises to be a fantastic year for the DPA.

Mr I Thorpe

Mathletics news

Well done to Darcey, Lauren, Elodie, Keira and Sonia for achieving bronze Mathletics certificates last week. It's great to see and hear positive responses from our Reception children.

Events week commencing 30th September Lunch menu week 2

Mon	All day 9.10- 9.45 3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Conlan in school First Steps Autumn walk and Breakfast Spanish & music theatre clubs
Tues	Morning 3.30 – 4.30	Individual and sibling photographs Sports & fitness club
Weds	Morning 3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Conlan in school Grow, Cook, Eat & Forest clubs
Thur	All Day 9.10-9.45 3.30 – 4.30	National Poetry Day Rising Reception Harvest Breakfast Science and acro dance club
Fri	All day 3.30-4.15	World Smile Day Yoganory club

Inspiring Young Minds