

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



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**Weekly outdoor learning  
with Woodland Forest  
School**

Friday 13th March

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### Message from Miss Hodges

What a way to start a Friday morning! The children and staff all took part in a short exercise video this morning as a nod to Sport Relief which is happening across the country today. The children (and staff) took part enthusiastically and were certainly warmed up by the end, ready to start the day!

This week has been British Science Week and the children have all proved to be 'Super Scientists' by carrying out experiments, making predictions and giving some excellent explanations about why the Earth is curved,

why carbon dioxide escapes from a bottle of fizzy drink when it is opened and why an unpeeled orange will float but a peeled one will sink! Well done children.

Next week First Steps and Year One are looking forward to celebrating Mother's Day with their Mummies and have some exciting activities planned for them to take part in. Rising Reception and Reception will be doing the same the week after.

I hope you all have a happy, healthy weekend.  
Miss Hodges

### Fizzing Fountains

Our science focus in Year 1 got off to an explosive start this week with an



impressive fizzing fountain. After arranging themselves as solids, liquids and gases and talking about the effects of a chemical reaction, the children marvelled at the sight of a bottle of fizzy cola being transformed by adding some peppermint sweets. Some children talked about the carbon dioxide being trapped in the bottle and then 'pushing up to get out just like when you shake the bottle'!

### Colour Mixing

Rising Reception have done some great investigation work during Science Week. They looked at colour mixing using coloured water and paper towels and by mixing ice cubes made with coloured water. The highlight was making a bubbling magic potion where they discovered that mixing an alkali and an acid creates a chemical reaction, which was made all the more interesting with the addition of glitter, sequins and food colouring!



## Star of the Week

Well done to the following children who were awarded 'Star of the Week'.

Ladybirds - Gabi  
 Butterflies - Marceau  
 Owls - Oscar  
 Squirrels - Czarek



## Dissolving Skittles

First Steps have loved learning about 'Shopping' this week and they had to think about what type of shop you would buy skittles from ready for their science experiment. They had to carefully place skittles in a circle and then gently pour water over them. They then had to wait patiently to see what happened. They were so excited to see a rainbow start to form in the middle of the plate and watch the skittles turn white. They learnt a new word from the experiment, which was 'dissolve', and then they even managed to tell Mrs Conlan all about their experiment.



## Celebration Board

Each week we celebrate a special piece of work in our celebrations assembly.  
 Congratulations to the following children...

Owls - Ally  
 Squirrels - Czarek



## Floating and Sinking

This week in Reception, the children have been Scientists, focusing on Floating and Sinking. They have been investigating which items float and which sink and the reasons why. They discovered that small, heavy items sink but sometimes large, heavy objects float. How strange!



## Welly Walk

Don't Forget!

On Friday 20th

March we

will be taking part in a sponsored walk in our wellies down on the field. We will be raising money for The Friends and Cardiomyopathy UK.



## Useful contacts



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## Events Week Commencing 16th March

### Lunch Menu Week 1

<b>Mon</b>	PM	Genie Science Club
<b>Tues</b>	9AM	Mrs Conlan in school
	PM	FS Mother's Day Event Forest School & Yoganory Club
<b>Wed</b>	AM	Mrs Conlan in school
	9AM PM	Year One Mother's Day Event Poptastic Club
<b>Thurs</b>	PM	Multi Sports Club
<b>Fri</b>		Mrs Conlan in school
	PM	World Story telling day Sponsored Welly Walk Football & Ballet Club

*Inspiring young minds*