

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 went to Kidzania last Friday and they had an amazing time. Some children were asking if they can go back next year!

If you would like to visit Kidzania yourself and have a great family day out, we have some free adult admission tickets that were given to us by Kidzania. If you wish to collect one, please come to the school office. The numbers are limited, tickets will be issued on 'first come first served' bases.



**Red Noses** – we have sold out already!

Thank you to all those 600 who bought one. As it is still two weeks to go to the Red Nose Day, we are ordering **more noses** and we will let you know when they arrive.

**Malaysia class  
assembly  
changed to 23rd  
March 2017**

### NO NUTS

We would like to remind you that no nuts are allowed in the school. We have several children who could have a severe allergic reaction to them. If you wish to bring some 'goodies' to school on your child's birthday, please check the labels to ensure that they don't contain any traces of nuts.



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### **Tag Rugby Competition**

Children from Year 5 & 6 participated, amongst other 32 schools, in the Waltham Forest Tag Rugby competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. They did really well and returned with bronze medals. A BIG CONGRATULATION to: Dionisjo, Joshua, Haroon, Sachin, Na'khi, Olaiton, Dagmara and Jenniffer.



### **Upcoming Science Week at Downsell Primary**

Science Week is starting at Downsell with a bang! Next week all of the children will be taking part in a range of super science activities. Here are some of the things that we will be doing:

Years 5 and 6 are off to The Science Museum and The Natural History Museum

Years 3 and 4 will have visits from The Freshwater Company where they will learn more about forces and magnetism

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be receiving a visit from The Zoolab, company that will be bringing their animals along for a first-hand experience

Finally, we'll be hatching our own chicks! Watch this space and we'll keep you updated.

## Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

The 'Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Service' [www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net) is a web site where parents can quickly and easily check eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, also gain welcome additional funding for their child's school, known as 'Pupil Premium'. If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meals for your child if you wish to make other arrangements, but we do want to encourage applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school.

### What the service does for parents:

After entering essential details into the web site, the online application process links to the Department for Education system for checking eligibility and gives an immediate 'yes' or 'no' response, and will notify the school.

**This system is being provided to encourage parents to apply and take advantage of free school meals while at the same time increasing the benefit to schools from Pupil Premium funding, a substantial amount of which does not reach schools because not all parents who are eligible apply for free meals for their child.**

By way of a 'thank you' to parents for taking part, and regardless of individual outcomes, **The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) would like to provide parents with Sophos Anti-Virus software, free of charge, to protect the computers used by pupils at home.** (To gain access to this software there is a short registration process)

### What the service does for schools:

As the government has now introduced free school meals for all children in Key Stage 1, it is more important than ever for schools to know the number of pupils for whom they can claim Pupil Premium funding. These funds enable schools to take on additional staff and invest in additional equipment, resources and activities to the benefit all children.

Please visit [www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net) enter the necessary details and support this worthwhile initiative.

## Dates for the diary:

### Breakfast club

Every morning from 7:30

### EYFS Stay & Play

Tue & Thu 9:15am

### ESOL course

Thu 1:30 pm

### Science week

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March

### Trips to Science Museum

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> March Year 5

### Red Nose Day

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March **non-uniform**

### BHF Jump Rope Day

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March

### Parents Consultation

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> & Tue 28<sup>th</sup> March

### The Great Egg Race

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> March

**POD's Disco Year 1 – Year 6**  
**24th March 15:30 – 17:30**



**End of term—Friday**  
**31st March @ 1pm**



## Year 6 trip to Moat Mount Open Space Centre

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

If you haven't paid the deposit for the trip but would like your child to take part, please speak to the school office as soon as possible.

**Payments can be made in instalments on our school website in the Pay+ shop, the full amount has to be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.**

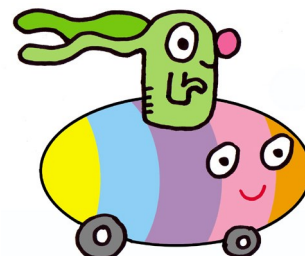
# THE GREAT EGG RACE 2017

As you know we are going to hold a great egg race on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Eggs will be carried on a mobile that your children design and build themselves. The mobile can be of any shape or size and we are encouraging children to be as creative as possible.

The egg-mobile needs to be able to roll/move, either battery powered or with the help of the force of gravity. Please see below the rules that have to be followed.

## Rules of the Great Egg Race

1. The egg-mobile must carry a chicken's egg.
2. The egg must be hard boiled.
3. The egg-mobile is to be designed and built out of school.
4. As far as possible, the egg-mobile must be made without help from grown ups.
5. You may work on your own, in a pair, group or family, but the egg-mobile may only be entered for one class race.
6. Each egg-mobile will have an independent run on the course.
7. No mains electricity may be used to power or move your egg mobile.
8. Batteries are allowed.
9. No living creature may be used as an egg-mobile.
10. If the egg-mobile uses its own source of power, it will be released from a slope. If it uses another source of power e.g. air, battery, it will start from a flat surface.
11. Once your egg mobile leaves the start, you may not push it, pull it, control it or re-start it.
12. Please do not use any glass in your design.
13. Each class has their own race. There are 3 winning categories for each class :
  - The most beautifully decorated
  - The most original design
  - The greatest distance travelled
14. The judges' decision is final.



If you need advice about your egg-mobile or a piece of equipment that you don't have at home, please ask a teacher.

## **Weekly Attendance**

As you know every week classes with the best attendance receive an Attendance Award. This week winners are:



- Upper KS2 – China – 100%
- Lower KS2 – Pakistan – 98%
- KS1– Morocco & Kosovo – 98%
- Early Years - Greece – 98%

## **Sports Golden award**

goes to Joshua in class China

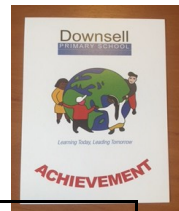
## **Raffle tickets on sale**

POD's members are selling raffle tickets in the playground in the mornings and after school. There are lots of exciting prizes to be won. They will be drawn on 30<sup>th</sup> March after the Great egg race.

## **Late collections**

Recently, on many occasions, children have not been collected on time, with some parents/carers arriving to collect their child/children really late. We would like to remind you that the school finishes at 15:20 and the parents/carers are expected to be at the classroom doors by this time. If your child attends a club, they need to be collected promptly at 16:30.

**Our Bravo, Achievements and Golden Awards winners for this week.**  
**Congratulation to all!**



Class	Child's Name		
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS
Italy	Nur, Selma	Mustafa, Inaya	Vicki
Scotland	Ibrahim	Charlie	Abdul
Greece	Inaay, Ammar, Hifsa	Alexia, Hifza	Stefani, Jahshay
Jamaica	Umaiza, Abdullah, Mateo, Edar, Mia, Cyenne, Doshika, Abdullahi, Ruqayyah	Abdullah, Mia	Hassan
India	Suhayb	Shuraim	Karis
Morocco	Samsor	Shajaniya	Samsor
Brazil	Adriano, Alex	Imane	Ibrahim
Ireland	Lahima, Mursel, Lia, Bushra, Georgiana	Sofiyane	Zirwa
UAE	Maryama, Bradley		
Pakistan	Bianca-Lorena	Yusra	
France	Nathan, Haniya	Arfat	Meerub
Malaysia	Eden		
Egypt	Uzair	Elitsa	
America	Jawad, Muhammad, Praise, Aryan, Rosina, Rohaan, Dhruvik		Wazir
China	Ibrahim, Gracie, Ali, Nisha, Joshua, Isa, Sukaina, Aaliyah, Carlos, Jennifer		
South Africa	Swell	Rene, Fatima	
Spain	Safeena	Haroon	Rehan

On Monday 6th March 2017 **Google Expeditions** Associate Lucas came to our school to help us run Google Expeditions. This is a new app developed by Google to open up the classroom for an immersive learning experience and a new tool to help us demonstrate our teachings.

Children from Years 1 -6 had a fantastic learning experience with the app and were able to go on tours with their teacher. There were different experiences such as ocean safari, solar system and even swimming with dolphins!

We also had Edie from London Live who took snapshots for the media and we were on the news on Tuesday on Sky 117! Edie said she'll be sending us a link of the video to place on the school website. Keep your eyes peeled and have a look at the website for photos from the day.



**New pen licence holders:**

Samia—class Norway  
 Priscilla and Haniya— class France  
 Jahnae and Ayana—class Egypt