

# Spring Term 1 Newsletter

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

This term has been a really brilliant one at Downsell Primary School. We have had auditions for Downsell's Got Talent, we celebrated handwriting day and we hosted a reading breakfast and film club!

I am looking forward to all of the events and activities we have planned for the children during the second half of the spring term.

Have a restful half-term and I look forward to seeing you after the break.

Mr Chetty, Headteacher

### Activity Clubs:

We are pleased to let you know that we will be re-opening our afterschool activity clubs today for the second half of the spring term. The cost will be £5 and all the payments have to be made online on the Pay + Shop. The closing date to sign up for the clubs is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. If your child attends booster class please do not sign them for an activity club on the same day.

### Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

24.02.2020	Children return to school
02.03.2020–06.03.2020	Book Week
04.03.2020	Reading Breakfast
06.03.2020	World Book Day (Dress up day – non uniform)
11.03.2020	National Sing Up Day
12.03.2020	Downsell's Got Talent presentation to school (2pm)
12.03.2020	Downsell's Got Talent presentation to parents (6pm)
13.03.2020	Sport Fun Day (Non-uniform Day)
16.03.2020–20.03.2020	Science Week
20.03.2020	Science Week Fair in the hall (parents invited from 2.15pm)
20.03.2020	Film Club
25.03.2020	Easter Bonnet Competition
26.03.2020	Last day for Stay & Play
27.03.2020	Last day for clubs
27.03.2020	Spring Disco – Children with Cancer UK
30.03.2020	Inset Day – Teacher and Parent/Carer Review Day
31.03.2020–02.04.2020	Shaking up Shakespeare – Year 3
03.04.2020	Non-uniform day – Children with Cancer UK
03.04.2020	School closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays
06.04.2020	Easter Holiday
17.04.2020	
20.04.2020	School re-opens for children

### May Day Holiday

Please note that the May Day Bank holiday has moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. School will be closed to all children and staff on this day.

### Absences

If your child is absent before and after the school holidays, we will need medical proof for the absences. If we have no proof, the absence may be marked as unauthorised. Please also note that it is very important for your child to have good attendance. Attendance under 95% will automatically trigger involvement from the Waltham Forest Educational Welfare Officer.

### P.E Kits

It is advised that your child brings their full P.E kit to school at the start of the term and that it is left at school for the remainder of the term. This will ensure that P.E kits are not forgotten on P.E days. Each class has pegs and a P.E kit basket where they should keep their P.E bags and kits.

### School Council

Our school council is led by Mr Africa. The children from Years 1 to 6 have representatives on the school council. They meet weekly to discuss a range of topics that their class members have raised as issues. So far this year they have impacted positively with suggestions. Keep up the good work children!

### Being safe online

Please ensure your child does not access social media sites which are not age appropriate, eg. WhatsApp, Instagram, etc.

### Joke of the Week

**Q.** Why did the maths book look so sad?

**A.** Because it had so many problems!



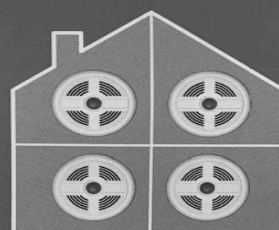
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## Year Group News:

### What your child will learn the week after Half term

#### Nursery

The gingerbread man  
The runaway chapatti  
The sixness of 6  
Cooking: Pancakes

#### Reception

English: Non-fiction texts  
Magnets, electricity push and pull  
Maths: Doubling numbers

#### Year 1

Maths: Place value  
English: Instructional writing  
Science: Plants and seasonal change  
R.E: Islam  
Cooking: Pancakes

#### Year 2

English: Poems  
Maths: Shapes  
Science: Materials

#### Year 4

English: Charlie and the chocolate factory  
Maths: decimals  
Science: introduction to plants

#### Year 3

Literacy and Reading: Charlie and the Chocolate factory  
Maths: Division  
Science: Rocks

#### Year 6

English: Short stories (500 word competition)  
Maths: Shape (properties), symmetry, translation and reflection  
Science: Microorganisms investigation

#### Year 5

English: Cosmic (Narrative)  
Maths: Angles and triangles  
Science: Properties and charging of materials

**Food Themed Day: 25<sup>th</sup> February – Pancake Day**



## Awards:

	Child's Name			
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS	PEN LICENSE
<b>O2</b>	Nicola,Maison Javicia	Rayyan	Ahmad,Safaa	
<b>Buckingham Palace</b>	Michael	Zaynad	Brayan	
<b>London Eye</b>	Elizabeth	Tudor,Ilyas	Amina	
<b>Big Ben</b>			Mazin,Ahmed	
<b>The Shard</b>			Erica	
<b>Uluru</b>	Luna,Moin Prenodu		Abdul	
<b>Angel Falls</b>	Aisha,Mason, Mia,Valeria		Fortessa	
<b>Atlantis</b>	Ela,Kevin, Callum	Kayden,Urwa	Pritheesh	
<b>Burj Khalifa</b>		Kieanne	Anthony	
<b>Atomium</b>	Manha,Charlie	Uday,Ana- Maria,Abigail	Marcel	
<b>Niagara Falls</b>	Vicki,Maria,Kemar Aashir	Aashir,Basma,Hajar Raaina,Maria	Hajar	
<b>Bosphorus Bridge</b>	Aya,Salina,Usman	Stefani,Alexia	Preston	
<b>Colosseum</b>	Asad,Eda,Tolulope			
<b>Giza</b>	Mykolas	Oberon	Patrick	
<b>Giant's Causeway</b>	Andrea	Talal,Andrea Janelle,Haajra	Xavier	
<b>Statue of Liberty</b>	Ritica,Thanusiya	Patrik,Constantinel		
<b>Portcullis House</b>				
<b>Wembley</b>	Maryam,Neha Alina,Ibrahim Neha, Raimond x2,Mihaela Salar,Erion,Alhasir Halima	Neha,Diana, Mihaela		
<b>White Cliffs of Dover</b>	Abid,Kyran	Sofiyane	Ofelia	
<b>Stonehenge</b>		Adaam,Falak Ben,Zac,Reiss	Sayo	
<b>Acropolis</b>	Miruna	Jahmara		