

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are well and that you had a good week.

This week was a brilliant one at Downsell Primary School as the children got back into the school routine.

We hope that you found the year group curriculum meetings and the ofsted informative meetings beneficial. It is always brilliant to have so many parents/carers that are interested in their childrens learning and future plans for our school.

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mr Chetty

Downsell's Got Talent Auditions!

During the next two weeks at Downsell Primary School we are be holding auditions for Downsell's Got Talent! If your child has signed up to take part in the audition process, you would have been notified via a text message. If your child is successful in the audition rounds, you will also be notified. We have some very talented and skilled children at Downsell Primary School and so I am looking forward to seeing the auditions!

The final presentation to parents/show will take place on **Thursday 12th March at 6pm**. Tickets for adults will cost **£2**. We hope that you will be able to attend to support our fantastic children.

Handwriting Day

On **Thursday 23rd January** we will be celebrating National Handwriting Day. This day will involve the children focusing on their handwriting and focusing on getting it to the neatest it can be! Hopefully we will see many of the children gaining pen licenses on this day!

Joke of the Week

Q: Why don't elephants use computers?

A: Because they're afraid of the mouse!



School Dinners

Reminder: The amount for school dinners per day is £2.16. Weekly it is £10.80. The dinner money should be paid at the start of the week.

If your child is entitled to free school meals please bring the letter to the school office so that we are able to update our records.

Sports News

As always, Downsell has a jam packed half term of sports events. In the coming week, we are sending; 2 teams to a borough Year 3 and 4 Netball competition; 13 children across Year 4-6 to a Long Distance running race; a Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Team to a borough competition; and a group of children to a Boccia event. We wish all those competing the best of luck and we are sure they will all strive to do their best. Our School Sports Clubs have also started this week and it is really good to see lots of children working hard to improve their physical ability.



School Nurse Drop In

On **Tuesday 21st January** we have a local school nurse doing a drop in at Downsell Primary School. If you would like to have a chat with the nurse or if you would like any advice, please come to the school office at **9:30am**. Melody will be able to see you and help you with and concerns or queries you may have!

Welcome, Trainees!

At Downsell Primary School we are pleased to welcome 5 new trainees that will be with us for the Spring Term! The trainees will work in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 alongside the class teachers. We hope that the trainees will have a brilliant time with us gaining vital experience for their careers.

Activity Clubs

Activity Clubs began this week. The children seem to be really enjoying the clubs – it is great to see.

There are limited places still available for a variety of the activity clubs. Please check online on the school shop to see for any spaces. The closing date for signing up will be on Sunday 18th January.

Year Group News:

What your child will learn next week

Nursery

Monkey puzzle – describing the animals.
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Chinese New Year – Marking fans and dragons, cooking noodles.

Reception

English – Chinese New Year Story – describing characters.
Maths – Counting with a number line.
Chinese New Year – making dragons, lanterns and spring rolls.

Year 1

Literacy – Writing a story about the snowman.
Science – Planets.
R.E – Draw a puja tray and describe what is on it.
ICT – Researching castles.
DT – Design my own coat of arms.

Year 2

Maths – Multiplication.
English – Recounting the Great Fire of London.
Science – Plant investigation.

Year 4

Maths - Fractions – Looking at equivalent fractions and mixed numbers. Comparing fractions.
English - Writing a balanced argument.
Science - Investigating different types of electrical circuits.

Year 3

English - Writing a narrative using a range of story features.
Maths - Learning about bar graphs and representing data.
Science - Learning about sound and how sound travels.

Year 6

Maths – Percentages.
English – Writing an independent narrative 'broken'.
Grammar – Pronouns and passive pronouns.
Science – The Linnaean System.

Year 5

Maths – Adding fractions
English – Exploitation text
Science – Earth, sun and moon

Awards:

Class	Child's Name			
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS	PEN LICENSE
O2	Moyo,Zahra,Derek	Ayaan,Qais,Sara	Ayaan,Destini,Zahra	
Buckingham Palace			Ayub A	
London Eye			Jana,Eason	
Big Ben		Haaris,Haaris	Noora	
The Shard			Eman	
Uluru	Maria,Theo,Aiza Garriela,Moin,Aisha	Ali,Abdul	Rupti	
Angel Falls			Lily	
Atlantis	Kayden,Kevin,Sara,Raif David,Sarib,Pritheesh Aleena,Eshal,Kayden	David,Raif,Sarib	Kevin	
Burj Khalifa	Yasmin,Chloe,Aaliyah, Isra	Luka,Rayan,Rayaan,Luka Hannah,Viktoria Mohamed,Maria,Mohamed Andre,Kieanne,Maria Viktoria,Tianna,Mohamud	Teasia	
Atomium	Zariah,Michael,	Heena,Miran	Charlie	
Niagara Falls	Nicholas		Selma	
Bosphorus Bridge	Ehan,Magda	Magda,Magda,Ehan	Dayse	
Colosseum			Kene	
Giza	Oberon	Muhammed	Mateo	
Giant's Causeway	Eshanulla	Talal		
Statue of Liberty	Neo,Jaliyah	Greta		
Portcullis House	Safa,Fatima	Masal,Laylah	Safa	
Wembley	Maryam,Alina,Azaan, Neha,Kacey	Matthew,Maryam Alexandru,Elina Costi	Imani,Reece,Alex	
White Cliffs of Dover			Lahima	
Stonehenge	Jathusika,Falak,Fatima		Fatima	
Acropolis	Sophie,Miruna,Mariya Isabelle,Aayan,Gabriella		Cem	