

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has been an exciting one at Downsell Primary School. Over 100 children auditioned to take part in Downsell's Got Talent. We have some amazing talent amongst us. We saw some brilliant magicians, dancers and singers. I look forward to learning about who has made the final!

Next week promises to be another busy one with our reading breakfast, film club and two sports trips!

Following an extensive external assessment, we have been awarded the prestigious NAACE ICT Mark. This award recognises the school's success in developing the strategic use of technology across the curriculum and administration

I am really pleased that this award recognises the excellent work that is taking place at our school and applying for the award really brought into focus the ICT work that we are doing each and every day. All the children and staff deserve credit for this achievement.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mr Chetty, Headteacher

Downsell's Got Talent Auditions!

Thank you very much to all of the children who auditioned to take part in Downsell's Got Talent. We are so proud of our fantastic children, they are so talented! If your child has been successful in their audition, parents/carers will be informed via a letter. 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.

Birthday Treats

As a healthy school, we would like to encourage the children to eat healthily and therefore would discourage parents from bringing in sweets to celebrate their child's birthdays. Children are welcome to bring in one educational material to share with the class such as a book in order to celebrate their birthday.

Film Club

On **Friday 7th February** we will be holding our termly Film Club. We hope that your child will be able to join us for a film, popcorn and a drink. Tickets are on sale now from the school office. All money raised will go to Children with cancer UK.



Reading Breakfast

Reminder: The next date for our reading breakfast will be on **Wednesday 5th February**. We hope that you will join us to read in class with your child and enjoy breakfast in the library with Mr Rasem, the reading lead thereafter.



Sports News

On Tuesday some of our Year 5 & 6 children took part in Netball Rally at Redbridge Sport Centre. Our boys and girls played really well and came third out of many teams. Congratulations!!!



Attendance

We would like to remind parents/carers that if your child is absent for any reason, you need to inform the school in the morning. Can you please call the school number and press option 1 to leave a message, clearly saying your child's name, class and reason for absence. To improve your child's attendance can you please make all non-emergency appointments out of school hours. Where possible, you need to bring evidence why your child missed school. Thank you.

Reading Records & Homework

There is an expectation that every child in the school should read for 10 minutes per day at home. Your child has been given a reading record. There is an expectation for a parent/carer to date, sign and comment inside the reading record every day. This will then be checked by the class teacher. The aim of this is to improve reading skills.

To add to this, there will now be a greater focus on homework. There is an expectation for all children to complete and return homework on the days given by the class teacher. If there is a problem with the homework, please let your child's class teacher know.

Joke of the Week

Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: Because it wasn't peeling well.



Year Group News:

What your child will learn next week

Nursery

The 3 Billy Goats Gruff – events in story, acting out and characters.

Exploring sounds – c for cat, caterpillar.

The fourness of 4 – can you find and make 4?

Cooking – Eggless cupcakes!

Reception

English - Re-telling and writing the 3 Billy Goats Gruff story - beginning, middle and end.

Maths - Telling the time using O'clock. Using language of before, next, after to order and sequence events

EAD - Painting the troll character from the story, with a focus on description for the features.

Year 1

Religious Education: Look at Mali prayer beads and understand their use

Science: To name wild life plants

Maths: Place value and Addition

English: Lost and Found (Complete setting, leading to character description)

Foundation: Planning and designing a shield

Year 2

Maths: Learning about division

English: Writing an instructional text

Science: Plant life cycle

Year 4

Maths: Rounding decimals to the nearest whole number. Converting fractions and decimals

English: Looking at the features of a diary entry

Science: Looking at various electrical circuits

Year 3

English - learning about key features of information texts

Maths - learning about parallel and perpendicular lines

Science - learning about soundproofing

Year 6

English: Explanation text about a Recycling Plant

Grammar – Subordinate and Relative Clauses

Maths: Measurement and Shape

Science: Micro organisms

Year 5

Maths - Converting Fractions to Decimals and vice versa

English - beginning a narrative - focusing on dialogue and character description

Science - Rotation of the Earth

Topic - Finding position on an atlas using coordinates

Awards:

	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS	PEN LICENSE
O2	Safaa, Aimee, Eva	Kevon, Yishika	Rayyan, David	
Buckingham Palace	Norina	Scarlet	Emanuella, Jayden	
London Eye	Omar	Kevin, Delia, Darin	Millie, Amina	
Big Ben			Nicola, Riyaan	
The Shard		Erica, Luis	Khiara	
Uluru		Tyson	Aiza	
Angel Falls		Leonardo, Anja, Unik, Riyaaq, Ayden, Mahnoor	Unik	
Atlantis	Hasib, Victor, David	Raif, Callum, Anaya, Anniyah, Hasib, Kevin, Valeria	Raif	
Burj Khalifa		Maria, Vasil, Isra, Mohamed	Maria	
Atomium	Ana-Maria, Mirijam	Uday, Maria	Asiya	Mirijam
Niagara Falls			Yassin	
Bosphorus Bridge	Alexia, Aya, Jan Edward, Usman	Magda, Aya	Jahshay	
Colosseum	Goncalo	Muzzammil	Muzzamill	
Giza	Ahana	Shajaniya	Damian	
Giant's Causeway	Zoya		Ana-Cristina	
Statue of Liberty		Alex, Constantinel Isabella, Amelija	Chelsea	
Portcullis House			Ilyas	
Wembley	Halima, Merveille Neha, Ariana	Salar	Maryam	
White Cliffs of Dover	Mehmet, Bushra Abid, Reehan, Alisha	Ayub	Umamah	Lahima
Stonehenge			Riley	
Acropolis	Attal		Mariya	

Well done everyone!!!