



Let's Dance!

Well done to the 40 dancers from Year 2 who performed at the Dome last week. You were confident, musical and looked amazing! Thank you to all the parents, carers and staff who helped make this such a great experience. Look out for details of Downs Fest, where other dancers from Year 2 will perform.

Playground Buddies

Miss Cornish has been training our new Playground Buddies from Year 2. They have learned some games, as well as skills to help solve common playground problems, and they have learned how to help other children ask adults for help when needed. They 'graduated' last week in a special assembly, and start their work out on the playground this week.

Reception

Reception have been continuing with their Space topic: making 'Wanted' posters for their aliens, making models of spaceships and planets, painting starry skies as well as practicing the phonemes they have already learned to help them read and write. In PE they have been practising ball skills, and finding how hard it is to control when you are passing a ball to someone else!



Dates for your diary:

(New/changed dates will be in red)

- Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April: Big Pedal Challenge!
- Friday 29 March, Alien Day (Reception)
- Tuesday 2 April, Parent/carer vision workshop
- Monday 8 April to Monday 22 April Easter Vacation
- Tuesday 23 April Class Photos
- Thursday 2nd May, Local Elections – School Closed for Polling
- Monday 27th May – Friday 31 May, Spring Half Term followed by Monday 3rd June INSET – School closed to pupils
- Friday 26th July – Last day of Summer Term

INSET dates for next year:

- 4th September 2019
- 5th September 2019
- 4th November 2019
- 6th January 2020
- 22nd May 2020

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about traditional tales from around the world. To bring the stories and the cultures to life, they have begun cooking food from around the world and making recipe books. What wonderful writing, and wonderful smells are emerging from their classrooms!

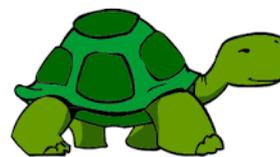


Red Nose Day Danceathon!

Thank you for all your support for Red Nose Day. The children danced all day and brought so much fun and energy to the school that we are looking for ways to do more dancing! We hope you agreed with our efforts to reduce plastic by painting noses. This was in response to a suggestion from a parent – we are always willing to listen.

Year 2

Year 2 have been demonstrating their history subject knowledge, in particular on how castles were designed with defensive features. Some children have drawn/written about these and some have made models to show how this works. They have also been working on 'time', using their knowledge of the 5 times table to start describing minutes in blocks of 5 minutes.



Bench of Brilliance!

These children have been recognised for their achievements in school and so have all the Let's Dance Crew last week!



Squirrels: Bethany, Jack, Cara, James

Badgers: Ravi, Tianyi

Fox: Ayla, Woody, Jemima, Artair

Hedgehogs: Stanley, Delphine



Dolphins: Henry, Kitty, Evie, Elsie and the whole class for knife and fork skills!

Starfish: Finn, Lenny, Akbar, Evie B

Seahorse: Sadia, Zane, Melissa, Ivy, Mia

Turtles: Milla, Isabel



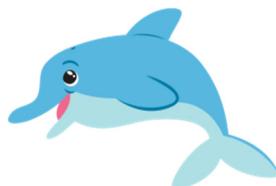
Owls: Marnie, Albert, Alfred, Eva, and the whole class!

Swallows: Levi, Josie, Evelyn and Lara



Puffins: Samuel, Kyra-Rose, Alice, Timea

Kingfishers: Marlow, Leena



Parent and Carer Vision Workshop

You will be receiving an invitation to join Dr Mitchell for a parent/carers vision workshop next week. We need approximately 12-15 parents/carers to help us review and clarify our vision for Downs Infants. If more parents are interested than we can accommodate for this event, we will draw names randomly, and you will be contacted on Friday after school if you are needed.

Health and Safety Spot!

There have been a number of incidents in the bottom playground after school. School staff cannot be available to supervise after school as they have work to do. Please ensure you supervise your child(ren) at close range, and this includes their behaviour to other children. If there are further incidents we will sadly have to review whether it can be open after school.

Maths workshop

Thank you to Mr Hughes and the team, including the pupils who demonstrated how they practise their fluency skills in maths to parents at the workshop last week. It was good to see so many parents there and to feel the 'buzz' about maths.

If you would like any more information about how to support your child with maths, please ask at parents evening, and remember that we have information on our website.

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