

Downs Infant School Newsletter

Week ending 7th September 2018



Welcome back to our Year 1 and Year 2 children, and welcome to our new Reception families who had their first meetings with their teachers this week. It has been lovely to have the school full of children again. We introduced our new 'expectations' (printed here for you) and the children have been earning tokens some classes have marbles, some have lego, some have bears) towards class rewards for trying to keep to these expectations.

We have also welcomed three new lunch supervisors: Mrs Colman, Miss Groundsell and Miss Guirey, and a new teaching assistant, Mrs Smith.

Dr Mitchell

| <i>At Downs Infants we...</i> | |
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| Listen to and act on what a grown up says. | |
| Move in ways which keep everyone safe and calm. | |
| Keep the school and the things in it working, clean and tidy. | |
| Speak kindly to and about everyone. | |

Thank you so much to Dan from SeaCreatures who donated a fabulous mural to our bottom playground! The mural shows animals in a huge race and is next to our race-track. We hope the children will be inspired to think about ways of moving and different races and challenges they can set themselves at playtimes and in PE lessons. We love how some of the smaller and slower animals are 'winning'!

In our celebration assembly on Friday we heard about:

Children collaborating on a fashion challenge, year 2's showing they can be systematic in maths, year 1 writing their digits accurately, children helping each other, classes taking care of equipment, children keeping the school tidy... and much more!

Who will be on the Bench of Brilliance next week?

Dates for your diary:

(New/changed dates will be in red)

- Thurs September 27th 9.15am and 7pm Reception parents' reading and phonics meeting
- Fri September 28th Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Tues 2nd October Reception parents' drinks at the Open House pub 8pm
- Thurs 4th October Year 1 parents' drinks at the Open House pub 8pm
- tbc FODIS Film Night, Christmas Fair and AGM – watch this space!



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