

Downs Infant School Newsletter

Week ending 21st September 2018



Our reception children are now staying for lunch and enjoying playtime afterwards. From next week some of the year 1 and 2 children will be joining them on the top playground. We have a range of games for them to play: Poddley is on the top playground, along with climbing frames, and we have the trim trail, hoops, hoppers, skipping ropes as well as a quiet area on the bottom playground.

Year 1

This week year 1 have been exploring repeating patterns in their learning environments, both inside and outside the classrooms. Badger class covered their whole floor with patterns made from classroom objects, AND tidied up afterwards! Fox and Squirrel class were creative with making gears, marble runs and origami animals.



Dates for your diary:

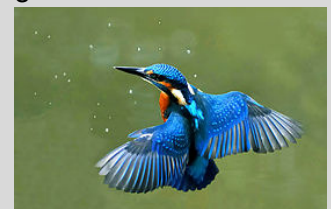
(New/changed dates will be in red)

- Tuesday 25th September 8.30am Bike Breakfast
- Thurs September 27th 9.15am and 7pm Reception parents' reading and phonics meeting
- Fri September 28th Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Tuesday 2nd October #bemoresnail bug dress-up day and voluntary donation for the Martlets Hospice
- 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
- Tuesday 9 October Rainbow Theatre Great Fire of London day (Y2)
- **FODIS Halloween film night Friday 19th October**
- **Half Term 22 Oct – 2 Nov inclusive**
- Tuesday 13 November individual school photos
- **FODIS AGM 6th December**
- **FODIS Christmas Fair Saturday 8th December**



Year 2

Kingfisher class taught everyone a new word last week: iridescent. They learned it when they were learning about kingfishers for their information texts. Can you guess which section they might have used it in?



Please take care parking and driving around the school. Cars double-parked or parked on corners create a danger for pedestrians. Don't be the one who causes an accident. It could be your child!

Bottom Playground

The bottom playground has been closed before and after school as we had concerns raised about the safety of children who were playing on the equipment and climbing wall without supervision from their parents/carers.

However we would much rather have it open from 8.45am when the gates open and until 3.15pm when the gates close. We will need your help to make this work: please supervise children and younger siblings carefully!

Please be aware that school staff cannot supervise children on the school site once they have been passed into your care and parents/carers are responsible for children playing in the playgrounds.

Please also assist our busy premises team by leaving promptly when asked, as we do need to secure the site at 9 and then at 3.15 for the safety of children at clubs and for school staff.



Reception

Reception children have really settled into school now. They have learned the routines and are making new friends. We will shortly be introducing the children to phonics more formally, and parents and carers are invited to a meeting to explain our approach to teaching reading and phonics on Thursday 27th September – please see the letter from Reception.



This Week's

Bench of Brilliance!

These Y1 and Y2 children have been recognised for their achievements in school this week.



Puffins: George and Ramona
Kingfishers: Lara and Ayham

Owls: Anya and Hektor
Swallows: Lara and Amy



Squirrels: Josephine and Elijah
Badgers: Saffiyah and Grace

Fox: Ella and Artair
Hedgehogs:
Monim and Delphine



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