



Year 2

We have been using art to transport ourselves back to 1666 and the outbreak of the Great Fire of London. Looking carefully at paintings we have chosen adjectives and adverbs to describe the fire, the boats and the actions of the people at the time. We used these to create poems about the fire.



Year 1

We have been drawing 'super me!' – learning to label our pictures accurately with the names of body parts as well as thinking about the super powers our bodies have and the super-powers we wish we had. Next week when we start our visits to Preston Manor we will be comparing our lives now with lives of children in the past.

Wow, what a turn out for our Bike Breakfast this week! Lucy's panniers were laden with croissants and brioche for the hungry cyclists and scooter-riders. We know that riding to school might not suit everyone especially because of the hills and roads around school but we hope we are encouraging children to think about learning to ride bikes – great for balance, control and of course fitness. **Thank you to everyone who helped and a special mention to Leon and Ben who volunteered last minute.**

Dates for your diary:

(New/changed dates will be in red)

- 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



Reception News

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers at our Reading / Phonics meetings this week. The sound books will be coming home this week and we hope you will enjoy playing games and learning them together. We hope you enjoyed our singing at the Teddy Bear's picnic on Friday!

Word of the Week:

Democracy

Key Stage 1 learned about 'democracy' in assembly, ready to vote for our school council next week. We practised voting for our favourite cake: chocolate won!



**Please remember we are a NUT FREE school and this includes sesame products.
No Nutella and please check your hummus ingredients. THANK YOU.**

Please remember 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 9am and then at 3.15pm for the safety of children at clubs and for school staff.

Don't forget our #bemoresnail day on Tuesday 2 October. Dress up with a garden theme, or make a hat, prop or accessory.

If you feel you can make a donation to the Martlets, please drop it into the bowl at the door of the classroom or make it anonymously online at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/downsinfantschool>

Or text DINF99 followed by £1, £2 or your chosen amount to 70070

A HUGE thank you to FODIS (Friends of Downs Infant School) for their support of the Teddy Bear's picnic as well as for funding *already* this year:

- New reading books
- The start of our new library (watch this space!)
- Improvements to the wall in lower playground
- Additional teaching resources for staff



This Week's

Bench of Brilliance!

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



Puffins: Caitlyn and Alice
Kingfishers: Albi and Maya

Owls: Albert and Leo
Swallows: Alfie S and Levi



Squirrels: Teddy and Cara
Badgers: Stanley and Alexa

Fox: Djoumana and George
Hedgehogs: Kaspar and Alice



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