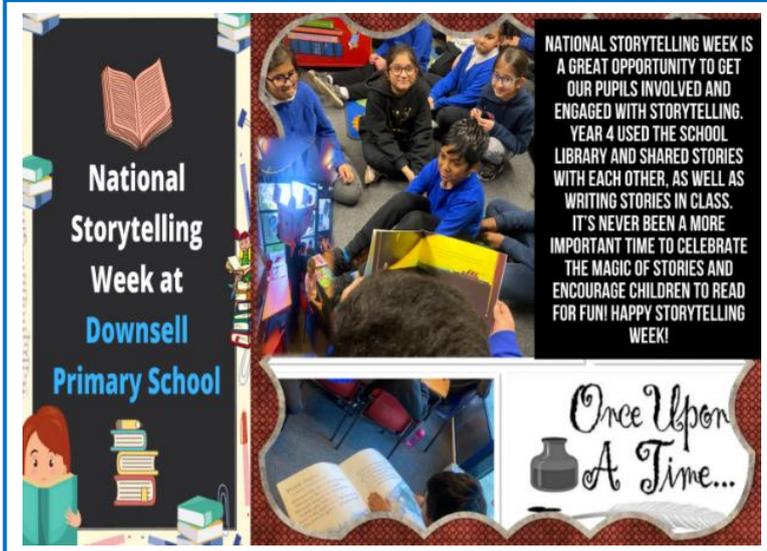


This week at Downsell Primary School



National Storytelling Week at Downsell Primary School

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUR PUPILS INVOLVED AND ENGAGED WITH STORYTELLING. YEAR 4 USED THE SCHOOL LIBRARY AND SHARED STORIES WITH EACH OTHER, AS WELL AS WRITING STORIES IN CLASS. IT'S NEVER BEEN A MORE IMPORTANT TIME TO CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF STORIES AND ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO READ FOR FUN! HAPPY STORYTELLING WEEK!

Once Upon A Time...

This week, classes celebrated Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year, also called Spring Festival (春节 Chūn Jié), in China, marks the beginning of the Spring season.

The Chinese Lantern Festival (元宵节 Yuán Xiāo Jié) marks the final day of these celebrations. The lanterns symbolise people letting go of the past year and welcoming the New Year with good fortune.



NSPCC's Number Day

Number Day 2022



On Friday 4th February, we celebrated all things maths related at Downsell Primary School as well as supporting the NSPCC. Number Day is a fun, nationwide, maths-themed fundraising event that helps raise money to support the NSPCC.

Children and adults wore number related items of clothing, as well as doing fun investigative maths activities.

Adult Learning Courses



Let's get creative with books

Join our **FREE** 5 week workshop every Monday to learn how to support your child's education and help them get excited about reading.

Where: Downsell Primary School
Downsell Road
London E15 2BS

When: Monday 21 February to Monday 21 March
10.00am - 12.00pm

To enrol please contact Samsel Guvercintasi at
Email: school@downsellprimary.waltham.sch.uk



Everyday English for parents

Join our **FREE** 5 week course and improve your confidence in English speaking, reading, writing and listening skills.

Where: Downsell Primary School
Downsell Road
London E15 2BS

When: Wednesday 23 February to Wednesday 23 March
1.15pm - 3.15pm

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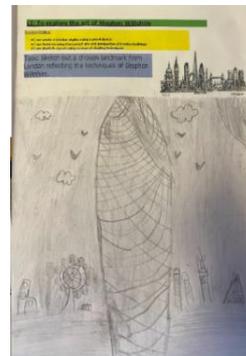
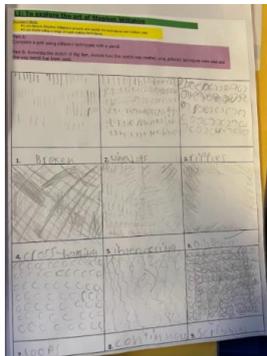
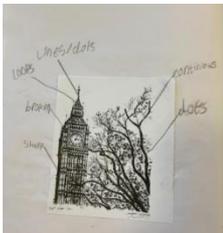
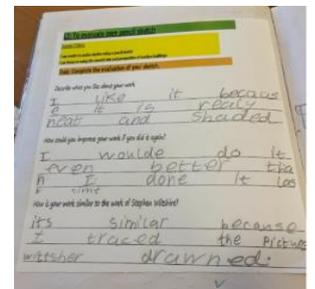
Year Group News

Each week we will be celebrating the learning taking place in different year groups.

This week we are celebrating the learning that took place in Year 2 and Year 4!

Year 2

In Year 2, we have been focusing on a British Artist called Stephen Wiltshire who draws detailed cityscapes. He has a particular talent for drawing lifelike, accurate impressions of cities, skylines and street scenes after having only observed them briefly. We first annotated Stephen's drawing of Big Ben and practised different line and linear techniques.



We then sketched out our chosen landmark reflecting the techniques of Stephen Wiltshire and evaluated our artwork. Have a look at our fantastic artwork!

Year 4

Science in Year 4

I was right with my prediction!

Results prove my hypothesis

Our results show that insulation in clothing works by trapping tiny pockets of warm air close to the skin. Air is a poor conductor of heat, and therefore ideal as an insulating element. The air contained in an insulated clothing item will block heat from escaping from the body, and the more trapped air there is, the higher the insulating factor.



Our achievements this week

Attendance

As a school, we achieved 95.1% attendance this week (Reception – Year 6)

Well done to the following classes for achieving our school target (96%) or above this week: 28.01.22 – 03.02.22

Class	Attendance
Reception Lead	97.2%
Year 1 Iron	97%
Year 3 Helium	99.1%

Class	Attendance
Year 3 Silver	98.8%
Year 4 Oxygen	96.5%
Year 5 Cobalt	97.9%
Year 5 Promethium	96.1%

Pupil awards

Class	Child's Name			
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS	READER OF THE WEEK
Neon	Amelia	Theon	Faizan	Inaayah
Lead	Kevin Tanisha	Bianca Ady-luca	Aileen Maria	Aisha
Iron	Khatira	Kacper	Inaya	Andreeas
Titanium	Jamila	Ryana	Naomi	Zayn
Zinc	Huda	Scarlett	Andrei	Jayden
Carbon	Sara, Anabel, Malak	Kareena	Ayaan	Iustina
Silver				
Helium	Erica and Artiola	Rumaysa and Rutpi	Amelia	Abdul-Hakeem
Silicon				
Platinum	Riyaaq, Aaliyah	Leonardo	Mahnoor	Anaiya
Oxygen	Victor	Angelos, Aissatu	Hussain	Rafia
Promethium				
Cobalt	Stefani		Ayhem	Mirjam
Einsteinium	Jessica	Asad	Talal	Zoya
Krypton	Mia	Muzzamil	Abdullah	Andrea

Information

Voice in a Million

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in a very exciting music project taking place on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at the SSE Area, Wembley. The event is 'Voice in a Million' and Downsell Primary School will attend amongst other schools nationwide. This is an opportunity not to be missed!

Children have been given a permission slip, can this please be completed as soon as possible and handed back to their class teacher. Any queries please come and see Miss Hakeem.



Diary Dates

Monday 7th – Friday 11th February

- Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8th February

- Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February

- Non-uniform day – Express Yourself!
(part of Children's Mental Health week)

Thursday 10th March

- Attendance drop in surgery (please book an appointment at the school office)

Wednesday 23rd March

- Voice in a Million

SEND

Important Dates

The community nursery nurse will be holding drop-ins at the school on the following dates:

9th February
9th March
20th April

If you would like to see her for advice about your child's health, eating, toilet training, sleeping etc, please let Mrs Betts or someone in the office know.

Coming Soon!

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. As a school, we will be raising awareness of mental health and supporting the charity Place2Be. The theme for the week is Growing Together. We will be encouraging the children to think about their own emotional growth and how we can support others growing emotionally. We will end the week with a non-uniform day in which children are encouraged to wear something that expresses their individuality!

