

## Spring Term 2 Newsletter Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another fantastic week at Downsell Primary School. We celebrated world book week, attended two sport trips and Year 3 and 4 took part in bike training. This week has also seen our children practising for Downsell Got Talent. Next week we will be welcoming Neal Zetter, the Year 6 children will be attending the Natural History Museum and we will be holding a sports fun day.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all at the gates on Monday.

Mr Chetty, Headteacher

### Year 3 & Year 4 Bikeability Training

Many of the children in Year 3 and 4 signed up to take part in bike training on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The children received certificates at the end of the session. It has been great for the children to learn the rules of the road and to learn how to keep safe while riding. Riding a bike is a lifelong skill and can keep you fit and healthy. Well done to all the children involved.

### Coronavirus Advice

At Downsell Primary School we are monitoring the coronavirus situation on a daily basis, seeking frequent advice from the London Borough of Waltham Forest and Public Health England (PHE). Current advice is that schools remain open and promote good hygiene practices. Please note, until advised otherwise by PHE, school attendance remains statutory. We will continue to keep you updated if anything should change.

**What we have improved since Ofsted ...**Since Ofsted there have been changes regarding behaviour. Teachers now collect their classes from the playground after break and lunch and encourage their classes to line up quietly before going inside.

### World Book Week

We had a brilliant week celebrating World Book Week. The children took part in various different activities throughout the week. It was fantastic to see the children expressing their love for reading. On Thursday, we held a World Book Week non-uniform day. The children looked absolutely fantastic.



### Lost Property

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, after school we will be placing stalls in front of the of school office (reception area) if your child has lost any of their belongings please visit the stall. Thank you.

### Downsell's Got Talent

This week is the penultimate week before the Downsell's Got Talent Presentation to the school and Parents/Carers. Ms Byrne has been leading on the organisation of the event and I am sure that it is going to be a fantastic evening. As we have seen from previous years, we have many talented and brilliant children in our school. This year, there will be a variety of acts which include a rubix cube being completed in record time, a dance act, magicians, singers and we even have mini-scientists who will be performing!

The event will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6:00pm. Tickets are on sale from the school office and they are on a first come, first serve basis. If your child is performing at the event, please purchase your tickets when possible. The event will finish at around 8:00pm. There will be an interval halfway through where the school choir will be performing and there will be tuck shop on the night for you to be able to purchase snacks and drinks.

On the night, all children who have participated in Downsell's Got Talent will receive a trophy. There will also be a judging panel who will vote for 4 winners of specific categories.

Please come along and support the amazing children of Downsell Primary School! Thank you.

# Year Group News:

## What your child will learn next week

### Nursery

Reading - Little Red Hen & Eightness of 8  
Cooking - Bread

### Reception

English – Jack and the Bean Stalk  
Maths – Measuring  
ICT – Using beebots (robots)

### Year 1

English – Currently reading 'What the Ladybird Heard'  
Maths- Looking at Subtraction and Regrouping  
Science- Looking at seasons. Describing the seasons against the months.

### Year 2

Maths - Time  
English - The day the crayons quit in English  
Science - Plants

### Year 3

Reading - learning to identify how the author creates atmosphere and making inferences.  
Literacy - learning how to write a character description and a story independently.  
Maths - learning to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks.  
Topic - learning about Mayan inventions and how they affect our lives today.

### Year 4

Maths - Lines of symmetry and revision for NFER assessments  
English - Introduction to information texts  
Science - Lifecycle of plants

### Year 5

Maths – Time word problems  
English – Guardians of the Wild Unicorns (Book narrative)  
Science – Properties of materials

### Year 6

Maths – Geometry shape and Symmetry  
English – Short adventure stories  
Science – Transporting water and nutrients

### Good luck, Ms Thamanna!

Ms Thamanna from Year 5, Class Statue of Liberty has gone on maternity leave this week! I am sure that you will join us in wishing Ms Thamanna well with her new arrival!

### Joke of the Week

Q: How do all the oceans say hello to each other?  
A: They wave!



## Awards:

Class	Child's Name			
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS	PEN LICENSE
O2	Desrtini,Nicola	Derek,Aimee	Anabel,Kaden,Qais	
Buckingham Palace	Paul	Norina	Aarik	
London Eye			Omar,Bismah,Anaya,Joanna	
Big Ben				
The Shard			Greta	
Uluru	Gabriella,Keanu Maria,Moin,Zara	Zara,Raif, Rupti x2, Luna,Theo	Luna	
Angel Falls		Elisha	Mustafa	
Atlantis	Anniyah,Callum David,Valeria,Kevin Kady	Hasib,Sarib	Ela	
Burj Khalifa		Luka,Urwa,Andre	Jeremy	
Atomium	Naz,Maria	Robyn,Aaliyah		
Niagara Falls				
Bosphorus Bridge	Rebecca,Iman	Alexia,Magda Usman		Alexia
Colosseum				
Giza			Tia	
Giant's Causeway	Talal,Suhayb,Zoya, Ehsanullah Ishaaq		Ayaan	
Statue of Liberty	Neo			
Portcullis House	Taseen,Masal Laylah,Precious	Rio,Yusuf	Masal	
Wembley	Nabeel,Merveille, Imani,Alihasir Yusra,Ariana,Matthew	Merveille,Azaan		
White Cliffs of Dover	Abid,Reehan, Mariam	Enoch,Lia	Owais	Mursal,Olivia Patrick,Mariam Ofelia
Stonehenge	Reece,Jathushika		Rayan	Mackela,Shannon
Acropolis				

