

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful and safe half-term break.

Autumn 2 is filled with lots of exciting things happening across the school!

As always, if you have any questions or would like to speak to someone about your child and school, please contact the school office who will make an appointment for you.

We look forward working with you and your child / children for another successful half term!

Mr. Chetty

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th November

Year 2 and Year 6 Parent Meetings

15th – 19th November

Anti-bullying week

Friday 19th November

Children in Need dress up day

Thursday 25th November

Dental outreach team in school

Black History Month at Downsell

In our celebration of this Black History Month our theme was 'Proud to be...'



We focused on all the achievements of Black British people where children explored significant people and their roles in Britain throughout history, ranging from the past and present to give a sense of pride about the important contributions of Black British people in our society. There were a lot of exciting activities happening in the classrooms alongside the African drumming sessions which the children enjoyed. This year, we also successfully produced our first virtual assembly where children were able to present what they had been learning about to their parents and carers. We had many parents and carers attend on the day and would like to thank you all for your valued and continued support.



Next week is National School Meals Week.

We will be offering new menu options on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday as part of this.

Please have a look at the tasty options available, on our school website!

Remembrance Day

Thursday 11th November 2021



Downsell Primary School is supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Class Prefects have started selling the following items:

- **Zip Pull:** suggested donation 50p
- **Reflector:** Suggested donation 50p
- **Silicon Wristband:** Suggested donation £1.00
- **Snap Band:** Suggested donation £1.50
- **Poppy:** Suggested donation 50p

If parents wish to make a purchase, please come to the main school office.

Year Group News

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

This week we are celebrating the learning from Reception to Year 6!

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights, so we had a go at making our own fireworks paintings.



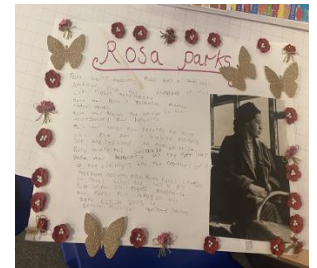
Year 1



This half term in Year 1, the children are learning how to throw and catch a ball.

Year 2

Over the half term, the children were set a project homework to research about Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks. These were the creative pieces the children came back with!



Year 3



YEAR 3 ROMAN WOW DAY

We had a fantastic Roman Wow Day learning all about the Roman invasion and what resources Britain had that appealed to the Romans!

Year 4



Part of our Design and Technology lesson we designed and created our own Bunny slippers using different materials!

First, we meticulously designed our slippers by planning and writing up a method. After that, we created our slippers by using our plans.

When we completed our slippers, we ensured we had met the design brief by checking against success criteria and evaluating our final product.

Year 5

Year 5 have started a new topic in Geography, where we are learning about the local area. We have started by measuring the school grounds with trundle wheels to work out the rough area of each playground.



Year 6



Year 6 children had the opportunity to learn about recycling which a part is also of our topic. They really enjoyed the chance to learn about the positives of recycling.

Our achievements this week

Attendance

As a school we aim for at least 96% attendance. With so much learning in school being missed it is important that our children are at school every day unless they are too ill to attend. Please continue to support your child's daily attendance, as good attendance supports great progress in learning, confidence and self-esteem.

As a school, we achieved 94.6% attendance this week (Reception – Year 6)

Well done to the following classes for achieving our school target or above this week: 02/11/21 – 04/11/21

| Class | Attendance |
|----------|------------|
| Lead | 96.4% |
| Titanium | 97% |
| Iron | 98.6% |
| Carbon | 97.7% |

| Class | Attendance |
|---------|------------|
| Helium | 99.3% |
| Silver | 96.9% |
| Krypton | 98.7% |

Pupil awards

| Class | Child's Name | | |
|-------------|---|--|---------------|
| | BRAVO CARDS | ACHIEVEMENT CARDS | GOLDEN AWARDS |
| Iron | Qiira | Sofyan | Rita |
| Titanium | Nyla | Ayaan B, Malika | Mahnoor |
| Zinc | Mathias, Emanuella | Jayden, Millie, Elizabeth, Zhany, Jona, Zainab | Ilyas |
| Carbon | Javicia, Delia | Anabel, Aaron | Jaylen |
| Silver | Ayaan | Rayyaan | Aminata |
| Helium | Haaris, Sereya | Luna, Batool | Maria |
| Silicon | Jamalluley, Fazra | Kanishka | Ziyaan |
| Platinum | Mahnoor, Urwa, Rayan Y, Darius | Aaliyah, Oliwia, Yasmin, Priteesh, Anaiya, Micheal, Menaal, Fortnesa | Aaliyah |
| Oxygen | Hussain | Tianna, Mia | Aman |
| Promethium | Aaliyah, Abdul, Abbdul Aziz, Aya, Charlie, Kemar, Malak, Maria, Mustufa, Naz, Raaina, Robyn, Usman, Yasmin, Zaara | | Juyegi |
| Cobalt | | | Uday |
| Einsteinium | Samia | Angel | Vlad |
| Krypton | Andrea | Bernardo | Samsor |