

A message from the Head Teacher

As we approach the end of Spring Term, I would like to say a massive well done to all of our children for their continued commitment to working hard in school. Our Spring Term has been very busy but our children have risen to the challenge of continuing to work hard – thank you. Summer Term is another busy term for us – including a range of assessments taking place for our children – Y2 and Y6 SATs, Y4 Multiplication Check and the Y1 Phonics Screening. We will write to you later with more details about these assessments.

Events in the world, this term, has highlighted the need to, more than ever, continue to support our children's social and emotional needs as well as their academic needs. We may not have all the answers for them but it is important that they know we are here to support them through any worries they may have.

This week you will receive attendance statement letters. Please do continue to support us as we aim for our target of 96% and above for all of our children. The children return to school on Wednesday 20th April.

We wish you a very enjoyable and restful Easter break!

Mr D Chetty

This Week

As many of you will already know, we have members of staff leaving us to pursue new and exciting ventures!

Please join us to wish them well as they begin their new journey.

Mrs Ailsa Betts (SENDCo)

Miss Sabah Hakeem (Y2)



A welcome to back to Mr Crawford!

Many of you already know Mr Crawford. He will be returning to Downsell as our Inclusion Manager. Mr Crawford has been working a few days with us recently but he will be officially here with us full time from the start of Summer Term.

Last week

Voice In A Million

Wow! I'm not sure any other word describes the experience we had taking our children from Downsell Primary to Voice In A Million 2022 at the Wembley Arena. Voice In A Million is an annual event bringing young people together around music. The project was founded in 2009 to raise awareness for children who have been orphaned, abandoned or separated from their parents.

It was a massive vocal extravaganza, where about 3000 young people came together to sing, dance and have a fantastic time in the process. From the beginning to the end of the show, we were all mesmerised and enthralled by the music, lights, glow sticks, going on stage to take part in the banner parade and the sight of everyone wearing a signature VIAM t-shirt.



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, Year 4 and a very special interview carried out by our History detectives!

Year 2

Class Carbon have been playing the roles of King Charles II and an interviewer who was asking him about his response to the Great Fire of London. As you can see, the King was not best pleased about being questioned!



The History Detectives interviews a former Deputy Head from Downsell Primary!

As part of our project 'The origins of Downsell Primary', Ms Lowe, a former deputy head came to visit the Detective's club today, March 18th 2022. We were delighted to have been able to speak with and interview an important person who was related to the history of the original school. Ms Lowe answered many of our questions and gave us an insight into how Downsell Primary school was before the modern school building, we have today. Ms Lowe worked here 22 years ago and described the old school as been a three story red brick, Victorian style building, very different to our school. We are very grateful to Ms Lowe for taking the time out of her schedule to come and speak with us.

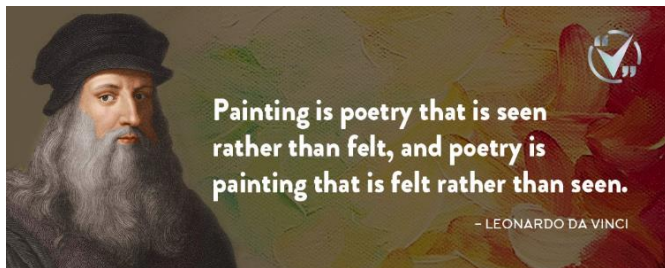


WORLD POETRY DAY



WE CELEBRATED
WORLD POETRY
DAY BY READING
A POEM
EVERYDAY.

Storytelling using the
storytelling dice.
IN TURNS WE BECAME THE
NARRATOR. WE ROLLED THE DICE,
and created a story
starting with "Once
UPON A TIME..." USING
the nine symbols on the
faces of the dice. Then,
FOLLOWED OUR IMAGINATION!



Our achievements this week

Attendance

Our school target for all of our pupils is 96%.

Last Week

As a school, we achieved 93% attendance last week (Reception – Year 6). Let's keep working towards our target!

Well done to the following classes for achieving our school target (96%) or above last week: 21.03.22 – 25.03.22

A really big well done to Year 3 Silicon for achieving 100% last week!



Class	Attendance
Reception Lead	97.8%
Year 2 Carbon	98.6%
Year 3 Silicon	100%

Class	Attendance
Year 4 Platinum	99.3%
Year 6 Krypton	96%

This term (21st February – 25th March 2022)

Your child's half term attendance statement for this period is being sent out this week, for children in Reception – Year 6. We sent out 245 Head Teacher Recognition letters for those who achieved 100% for this period – well done to those children!

Pupil awards

Class	Child's Name			
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS	READER OF THE WEEK
Neon				
Lead				
Iron	Is'haaq	Akira	Alisha	Andreeas
Titanium	Ayaan H	Zayn, Tia, Aisha	Andrei	Jamila
Zinc				
Carbon	Sara	Anabel, Haya, Qais	Sara	Haya
Silver				
Helium	Prenodu and Aisha	Erica, Moinuddin and Mazin	Kyiera	Bilal
Silicon	Gabriela, Zara	Eman	Keanu	Adam
Platinum			Aaliyah	Micheal
Oxygen		Ana	David	Valeria
Promethium	Miran, Abdul Aziz, Inaaya, Rebecca, Dayse and Jahshay	Charlie	Aaliyah	
Cobalt				
Einsteinium				
Krypton				

Information

Safeguarding

It has been brought to our attention that children coming to school alone before 8.30am, have been visiting the shop on the corner of Crownfield Road. This of course is a safeguarding risk for our children. If children are on the school grounds before 8.30am without an adult, they will be taken to breakfast club so that they are supervised by school staff. You will then incur a charge for this at £3 per session. If you want to avoid this, please ensure that your child arrives at 8.30am and goes straight to their classroom. If they arrive before this they will be booked for breakfast club.

End of Day Collection

A reminder for all parents that if you are sending someone else to collect your child at the end of the school day, then please ensure that you have called the school office and informed them prior to the collection of your child.

Community nursery nurse drop-ins, in school:

20th April 2022
18th May 2022
15th June 2022
13th July 2022

Fun Kids Club!

We have spaces at our after school club!

£6.50 per day until 5pm / £10 per day until 7pm

Fun activities each day including – outside play, craft, physical activities, table-top games and much more!

Snacks provided with fresh fruit.

Ask at the school reception for a registration form.



Breakfast Club

If you are interested in booking your child in for breakfast club please speak to the school office for a registration form.

Time: 7.30 – 9am

Price: £3 per session

We have a range of breakfast items for all – cereals, toast, fruit, yoghurts and porridge.

Children have access to games in the morning – board games, basketball, arts and crafts and Lego.



The first major exhibition on the Caribbean textile designer who transformed British design

Althea McNish
2 April – 11 September 2022 Free entry
Colour is Mine

William Morris Gallery, Forest Road, London E17 4PP
Tube/rail: Walthamstow Central (Victoria Line)
Buses: 34, 97, 123, 215, 275, 357

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