

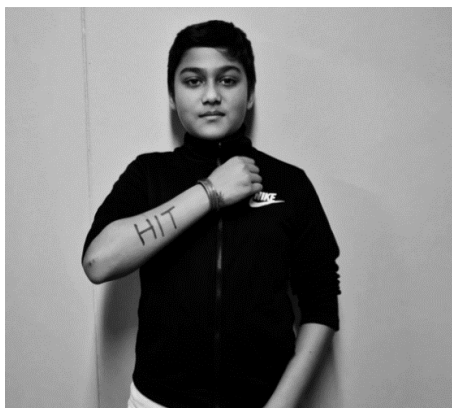
Monday 21st November 2022

Last week at Downsell

Although last week was Anti-Bullying Week, as a school we keep the principles of anti-bullying at the forefront of everything we do. We continually strive to create a school environment built on respect and tolerance of others (British Values) and this in turns works towards our anti-bullying focus.

Thank you to those parents / carers and our Chair of Governors who attended our Anti-Bullying Assembly last week. The assembly was a chance for the children to showcase all the work they had done in class and they all did such a fantastic job – well done!

Have a look at some of the stills from the Year 6 short film that was shown at the end of the assembly. It contained a powerful message that we hope will stick with all.



Next week

Open Classrooms at Downsell

Next week, we will be having our first 'open classroom' event on:

Monday 28th November 2022: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

This is an opportunity for all parents / carers to visit their child's classroom to look at the learning that has taken place. With your child, you can have a look through their books as well as the classroom environment. You can ask your child questions about what they have been learning and see the work they produce.

The purpose of the event is for you and your child to discuss their learning. Although the class teacher will be in the classroom, they will not be there to discuss your child's learning with you, instead you can discuss this with the class teacher at the next parents' consultation.

Reminders

Events coming up

Tuesday 22nd November:

NSPCC workshop for Years 5 and 6 (in school)

Wednesday 23rd November

9 – 10am Coffee Morning – Speech and Language Therapist

Thursday 24th November:

9 – 9.30am Reading Breakfast (EYFS and Key Stage 1)

Friday 25th November

9 – 9.30am Reading Breakfast (Key Stage 2)

Safeguarding

Please ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for you in and a second contact number, in case we need to make contact with you regarding your child.

Friday 25th November 2022

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP MENU

FISH 'WINGERS'

'CORNER KICK' PIZZA (V)

'KICK OFF' KATSU CURRY (VE)

'BACK OF THE NET' FRIED POTATOES

'MANAGERS' MIXED RICE

'PENALTY' PEAS

'YELLOW CARD' SWEETCORN

'GRASSROOTS' SALAD SELECTION

LEMON 'DRIBBLE' CAKE & CUSTARD

'HALF TIME' FRESH FRUIT PLATTER



Reading at Downsell Primary School

We place a great emphasis on the ability to read and the enjoyment of reading for all of our pupils. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we recognise that reading is at the heart of ensuring our pupils are ready for the future.

This week we will be holding our second Reading breakfast for this term. Our first one was huge success and we are always grateful to those parents /carers that are able to join us. If you were not able to join us last time, then please do come and join us this week. The children love seeing their parents, carers and other adults joining in activities with them.

Join us:

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Thursday 24th November – 9am

Years 3 – 6: Friday 25th November – 9am

The session in class will be followed by a 'reading breakfast' session at 9.15am with Mr Rasem in the school library.

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 Year 2 and Year 5!

Year 2

This week, Year 2s have been really busy with Anti-Bully week activities and their assembly performance. We also visited London Zoo and the children had an amazing time. For many children, it was their first time visiting a zoo and they had a lot of fun. They learnt about the different animals and got to see them up close. They saw: lions, zebras, tigers, tarantulas and many other amazing animals.



Year 5



At Downsell Primary School we take great pride in ensuring children feel safe and happy. To enable this to happen we have lots of policies and procedures in place. One of the ways we keep children safe is through teaching children about bullying and the effects it can have. Year 5 did a presentation showing what bullying looks like and how we all can reach out.

Attendance Celebration

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

Our attendance overall for last week (14.11.22 – 18.11.22) was 90.3% (Year 1 to Year 6).

This is another week of very low attendance, with only one class achieving the whole school target.

Class	Attendance
Y5 Mo Farah	96.9%

Reminder

Last week's attendance was our lowest attendance to date for Years 1 – 6. We relaunched attendance again with the children in assembly today and we are reminding parents / carers of our expectations again in this newsletter and the attached leaflet.

This is the season where children get colds, coughs and runny noses. Whilst we do understand that it is difficult for parents / carers to see their child unwell with coughs and colds and that this may result in you wanting to keep your child at home, we do ask that you consider this decision very carefully. We take our advice directly from the NHS website in which it states that – “it's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.” If your child does become unwell or has a fever (38 degrees or above), then we will of course make contact with you to collect your child.

Please remember that:

1. Keeping your child off school for many periods, of what could be considered minor illness, may result in school not authorising any further absences.
2. If your child's attendance is already **significantly below** our school target of 96%, we may not authorise any further period of absences.
3. If it is noted on your child's attendance record that they have had many periods of vomiting and diarrhoea within short periods of time, we will be asking you for evidence of having visited the doctor for advice in case there are any medical problems we need to be aware of.
4. You should provide evidence of absence wherever possible.

Scan the QR code to go to the NHS website for more information – Is my child too ill for school?



Today we have also sent out a summary leaflet for parents / carers with common questions that we get asked at school. Please have a look to see if it answers any of your own questions.