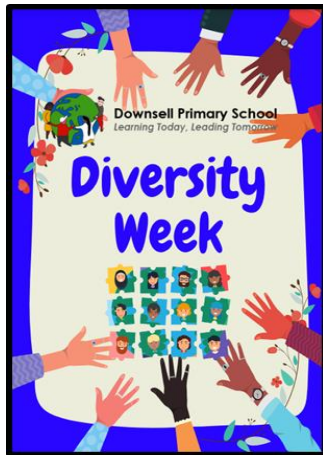


Last week at Downsell

Downsell's Diversity Week

For the past two weeks all year groups have been busy preparing to celebrate how diverse our school community is. It is very important to respect people's differences and to be kind to each other. We can learn so many new things from others that are different from us. Being different is what makes us all special and interesting! On Friday, during the diversity assembly we celebrated our differences and we were able to show British Values in action – respect and tolerance!



SMSC Reps



At Downsell Primary, we recognise that the personal development of our pupils, spiritually, morally, socially and culturally plays a significant part in their ability to learn and achieve. We therefore aim to provide an education that provides children with opportunities to explore and develop their own values and beliefs, spiritual awareness, high standards of personal behaviour, a positive caring attitude towards other people, an understanding of their social and cultural traditions and an appreciation of the diversity and richness of other cultures. Our SMSC Reps for this academic year have been selected. Massive congratulations to the new team!

This Week

PTA



Downsell Primary School

WHY NOT COME ALONG TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND SEE WHAT WE'RE UP TO AND HOW YOU COULD HELP?

The PTA is starting again this week Friday at 9am – please come and join us!

School Disco

Our first school disco of the year will be held on this week – Friday 30th September 5 – 7pm.

Tickets are available from the office at £2.50.

We have discounted tickets for families, with tickets costing £2 each for siblings. So come and join us for some fun and dancing!



Early Help Coffee Morning

Join us on Wednesday 28th September at 9am for coffee morning with Early Help worker – Vikki Ridler.

Vikki will be there to explain what is available in the local community for our families to access. Come and find out what support you can get with a range of things such as housing, finances and adult courses.

Day: Wednesday 28th September

Time: 9am

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning at school!

Day: Friday 30th September

Time: 8- 9am

Having a Coffee Morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause.

One in two of us will face cancer, and the money raised at our Coffee Morning will help everyone with cancer to live life as fully as they can.

If you are able to donate any cakes, then that would be greatly appreciated! Please write the ingredients of your cake and leave with your donation, to ensure that those with allergies are informed. A reminder that we are a NUT FREE school.



Secondary school applications

Is your child in Year 6? Do you need support completing their secondary school application?

If so, come into school on one of the following days and times to get have access to a laptop and get support from Mrs Williams and school staff.

Tuesday 27th – 9am or 2.30pm

Thursday 29th – 9am

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2022.

School meals

The newsletter last week detailed the cost of school dinners increasing. We are pleased to say that this increase will not be passed on to our families, instead school will fund the increase in prices. School meals will remain at £2.30 per meal and £10.80 for the week.

Clubs

We still have lots of spaces available in our clubs – ask at the office for more details.

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 1 and Year 5!

Year 1

In Year 1, children have been learning about Seasonal Change. How the seasons change throughout the year. They were able to make a poster about different seasons. Below you will find pictures of the work they have done in class.



Year 5

As part of our learning about the Victorians, Year 5 went on their first trip this term to the Museum of London.



There were many interactive, interesting and historical galleries/exhibitions that related to our theme for the term. For example; The Victorian walk was the main part of our trip where we spent our time discovering and carrying out activities and learning

about their lifestyles during the Victorian era (1837 – 1901)

I found this trip very informative and helped me to understand the Victorians more.

Class Michael Jordan,

Our teachers prepared worksheets for us to make this trip more exciting. Every part was well planned.

Class Mo Farah,

We were so lucky to go to the Museum of London, it was brilliant to see all the artefacts and find out more about London.

Class Mo Farah

This museum was very interesting. Now I know how the Victorians lived, I was amused by the Victorian walk.

Class Michael Jordan



Attendance

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

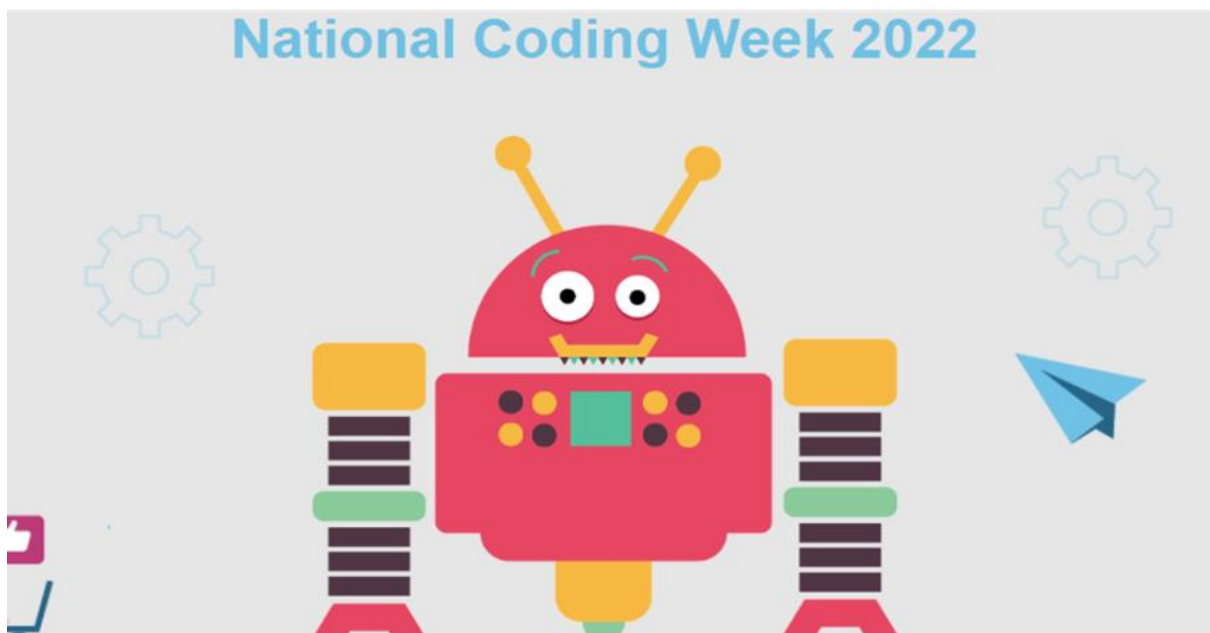
Our attendance overall for last week (19.09.22 – 23.09.22) was 95.5% (Year 1 to Year 6)

Well done to the following classes who have achieved the school target last week!

| Class | Attendance |
|---------------------|------------|
| Y1 Lampard | 98.1% |
| Y4 Johnson-Thompson | 98.2% |
| Y4 Messi | 96.1% |

| Class | Attendance |
|---------|------------|
| Y6 Bolt | 97.7% |
| Y6 Hoy | 98.3% |

National Coding Week



Last week, our pupils took part in National Coding Week. It is an annual event that aims to help adults and children with learning digital skills.

Here are some photos from the week!

