

Tuesday 29th November 2022

Last week at Downsell

A message from the Headteacher

Last week was such a busy week! As well as the curriculum learning that took place in all classes, we had our second reading breakfast, our NSPCC workshop, a sports trip and a very special visit for two of members of our school council! All of these experiences are not only enjoyable for our children but are also beneficial in supporting them in developing their cultural capital.

Y5 and 6 Sports Trip

Well done to the selected Year 5 and 6 children who attended the multi-sports festival!



Youth Parliament

Mr Africa took two pupils to represent Downsell Primary at the Town hall – Walthamstow, where they joined over 60 other schools to form the youth parliament.

The purpose of the Youth Parliament is to:

- Enable the youth voice to influence the Council's work
- Encourage the speaking and listening skills of students
- Build on the work of the Big Youth Conversation

They had an opportunity to meet with councillors and hear of the Council's work; determining the priorities for youth in the borough; contributing to the debate; experiencing the democratic setting of the Town Hall.

They both came back eager and excited to share their wonderful experience. They have started to talk with the school council children and once the school council share this information with the rest of the school everyone can start talking about the opportunities for the youth in Walthamstow forest and in our local area.

Massive well done to both pupils! They represented Downsell confidently and fully engaged in all activities and conversations.



Reminders

Events coming up

Wednesday 30th November

9.15am Whole school panto – Sleeping Beauty

Friday 2nd December

4.30pm Movie Night

Saturday 10th December

Winter Wonderland

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.

Wednesday 14th December 2022

CHRISTMAS MENU

Roast Turkey & Chipolata Sausage
Spicy Chicken & Chipolata Sausage
Roasted Vegetable Loaf (ve)
Served with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy

Rosemary Roast Potatoes
Brussel Sprouts

Seasonal Organic Carrots
Garden Peas & Sweetcorn

Santa's Christmas Sleigh
Dessert Selection



Attendance

If your child is absent you need to ensure that you have spoken to us, to explain the reason for their absence.

We do make phone calls to check, if you have not called us, so please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details.

Movie Night



Downsell Primary School
WINTER WONDERLAND
Saturday 10th December
11-4pm
Tickets - 50p children, £1 adults
Stalls, games, food, entertainment and much more!
Parentkind Member Association

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 3 and Year 4!

Year 3

In Music, we have been learning to explore different notes on the glockenspiels such as C, B and F.



Year 4

Year 4 followed a sequence of lessons about ANTI-BULLYING WEEK.

Anti-Bullying Week is a way of raising awareness about bullying and how to deal with it.

This year's theme is



We talked about what bullying is:

- Bullying is:**
- hurting someone else, on purpose;
 - something that happens repeatedly (over and over again);
 - not the same as something that happens once;
 - hurtful in lots of different ways (not just physically).

We wore and drew odd socks:



We practised different scenarios about what we would do to stop people bullying and who could help us stop bullying.

We learnt a cool rap song about anti-bullying.



We enjoyed performing to our parents / carers in the whole school assembly.

Attendance Celebration

Our school target for all of our pupils is 96%.
Our attendance overall for last week (21.11.22 – 25.11.22) was 93.7% (Year 1 to Year 6).

Well done to the following classes for achieving our school target or above!

Class	Attendance
Y1 Lampard	98.1%
Y3 Ali	99.6%
Y5 Farah	97.3%

NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe.

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in our Speak Out. Stay Safe Week. We received a certificate from the NSPCC for taking part in this important week.



Our Year 5 and Year 6 children also had the opportunity to attend a workshop delivered by the NSPCC. This workshop helped them think in more detail about staying safe and speaking out about things that worry or bother them.

