

Newsletter



Giggles

The month started with the lovely Lizzie Bean coming into school. Lizzie spent time in each class exploring self-love, coping with change and looking for good in others. The giggles could be heard throughout the day!

Term 4 Clubs and Wraparound Care

Our wraparound care is available from 7:45am to 5pm daily and is run by Mrs Paterson and Mrs Woodruffe. In addition to this we have an exciting after school programme.

Monday	– KS2 sports club and Class 1 maths club.
Tuesday	– Netball club by invitation.
Wednesday	– Dance club.
Thursday	– Class 2 and 3 maths club.



Library Launch

Everyone welcome
Wednesday 1st
March at 2.30pm

Life Education Day



Parent Session
Thursday 2nd
March at 2.20pm.

P.E.



P.E, Lessons held in school on Fridays, pupils may wear P.E. kit on these days. Collection at 3.15pm.

Maths Club Fun

Children throughout the school have continued to enjoy maths club this term. Each class has an after school maths club each term where they get to play games to embed their mathematical knowledge and increase their fluency and recall. Class 1s favourite is 'race to 50' where they roll dice and add place value counters exchanging ones for tens as they go. Some are so quick now that they can race to 100! Class 2s favourite is zero'd where they find the difference between numbers until it is zero. Class 3 enjoy Connect 4 Factors and Multiples! Do not forget to sign up to maths club again next term.



The children compared them to more modern toys that they might play with and identified the similarities and differences between them. Mrs Sage also played some traditional playground games with the children and sung the rhymes to go with them.

Swimming Success

Our 18 months of weekly swimming sessions have come to an end but will re-start in September. All of the children have made huge progress with water confidence, swimming and lifesaving skills. It was a complete pleasure to take the whole of class 3 to the small school swimming gala where they competed in all races and were a total credit to the school.

In the news – Dans les nouvelles

Class 2 enjoy reading children's newspapers in French. They really enjoyed finding words we had learnt this year and working out what the articles were about. We were really excited to find an article about some children who had been litter picking like us!

Toy Story in Class 1

Class 1 have been learning all about the history of toys this term and looking at how they have changed. They were lucky enough to have toys from some of



the teachers' childhood brought in, as well as some from the 'Air Raid Shelter Museum' in Cirencester.

Eco Ambassadors

This term we appointed 4 eco-ambassadors who have shown great commitment to looking after the Earth. They have spent time during break and lunch improving the school environment and keeping all our plants alive and at the weekends they have been litter picking near their homes. Eco club will return in term 5 but activities will continue at break and lunch looking after all of the bulbs, saplings and indoor plants as well as the weekly recycling. Do not forget that we have battery and ink recycling in the porch which also raises money for the school.



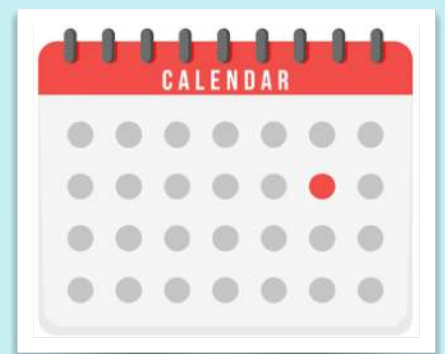
To Infinity and Beyond!

We celebrated International Women in Science Day by joining a worldwide webinar with Helen Sharman, the first British person in Space. She told us how she never expected to be chosen to go into Space and that 300,000 people applied for her spot! The whole school was inspired by her perseverance and drive. Afterwards, Reception did some writing about Space as they have been learning about the Earth and Space this year.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 1st March - Library opening, all welcome at 2.30pm
- Thursday 2nd March - Life Education Day, parent session at 2.20pm
- Friday 3rd March - PTA meeting 6.30pm at the football club.
- Monday 6th March - Non-uniform day.
- Friday 10th March - Cluster Oracy Competition.
- Tuesday 14th March - Netball match.
- Tuesday 21st March - Bee Netball tournament.
- Tuesday 28th March - Tag Rugby.
- Friday 31st March - End of Term Easter Egg Hunt.



From The Chair of Governors

As we reach the halfway point of the school year I believe I should share with you my views on how the school is doing and I am delighted to say that things are positive despite the many challenges we all face currently.

We have had numerous reference points that support my current perspective from external support on INSET days to the very valuable feedback we get from things such as Parent View and Pupil Voice.

These are crucial as part of our understanding of how we are doing but they are clear that we are getting most things right. We of course welcome your engagement in making sure that we are meeting your expectations.

I know that Mrs Gray and her team continue to work hard across every aspect of school life to keep on improving. As a Governing Body we are clearly committed to supporting that as best we can. So, as we look forward to the Spring and Summer on behalf of us all I would wish to thank all the staff for their continuing commitment and effort for the benefit of our pupils.

Geoff Booth
Chair of Governors

Parent View Results

Thank you very much to all those who completed the Parent View Questionnaire. We're delighted that 100% of the respondents said they'd recommend Down Ampney Primary School to another parent.

We have taken notice of other areas of feedback and hope that the recent Parents' evening gave the chance for the teachers to share details of your child's progress.

We have added a section to our school website to provide you with information about current topics at school. These can be found in the termly overview tab within the curriculum section.



(example only, visit
www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/term-overview/ to view properly)