



30th June 2017 News

At Downs View altogether we learn, love, respect and have fun!

July	
Monday 3 rd – Wednesday 5 th	Downs View's Got Talent – in class, bring in any items needed for performance Scooter Proficiency' activities for Year 2 (see below), Please bring a scooter to school to use if possible Monday 3 rd July – Penguin Tuesday 4 th July – Polar Bear Wednesday 5 th July – Snow Leopard
Wednesday 5 th	Pre-loved uniform sale in Reception play area from 2.45pm CATS Collective Choir Concert -Year 2 St Mary the Virgin Church, Town Centre (children – rehearsal from 1.30pm-3.30pm) 3.30pm – 5pm - My Grown up and me for new Reception children and siblings
Friday 7 th	Fox assembly Year 2's to Kennington Academy all day, they will be provided with a packed lunch from school if they normally have a school dinner on a Friday Year 2 Meet the Teacher drop in at 3.15pm
Monday 10 th	5pm – 5.30pm Parent meeting for all new year 2 pupils (current year 1) in Sept, to run through of routines, expectations etc. 6pm – 6.30pm Parent meeting for all new year 1 pupils (current year R) in Sept to run through of routines expectations etc.
Tuesday 11 th	Downs View's got Talent - final
Wednesday 12 th	School reports home to parents
Thursday 13 th	Year 2 Transition film premiere 6pm at Kennington Academy – parents of year 2 children and year 2 children invited
Saturday 15 th	Boot Fair on school field, more information below Boots from 7am for boots, gates open at 7.30am for buyers
Tuesday 18 th	Informal parent afternoon between 3.00pm and 4.00 pm.
Thursday 20 th	Birthday assembly for children with Birthdays in July and August. Last day of term
Friday 21 st	Inset Day – no children in school
Future dates	
4 th & 5 th Sept	Inset days – no children in school
Wednesday 6 th September	Year 1 and 2 children return to school
Monday 11 th September	New Reception begin – am or pm
Thursday 20 th October	Last day of term 1
Friday 21 st October	Inset day – no children in school

	Weekly school attendance	Days missed across the school this week	Best class attendance for the week	Overall attendance for the year
	96.05%	53	Seahorse 98.99%	96.52%

Bikes on playground

We are delighted that so many children are riding to school but can adults be aware that once you have arrived at school the bikes should be secured at the bike park and not ridden around the school playground. This is for safety reasons.



	 Reading award	 Active award	 Sunshine award	 Feet on Friday	 Star table
	Thomas & Jessica	Tom		Alex	Tia
	James & Ede	Rebecca		Blerton	Oliver
	Zak & Andreus	Umyma		Kadie	Andreus
	Carson & Liberty	Teddie	Teddie	Angeal	Joshua
	Joshua & Jack F	Jessie		Calesha	Rosie
	Tallulah & Noah	Alex		Chethan	Catalina
	Albie & Oliver B	Ethan		Charley	Henry
	Joshua & Etty	Daisy		Riley	Joshua
	Izzy & Kareem	Mia		Scarlet S	Kareem
Bonus card winners this week –  Snow Leopards					

What we've been up to.....

We have had an amazing time in **EYFS** this week. Our transition week got off to a thoughtful start where we got to visit a Year 1 class. We got to have a good look around and realised that it was not that different to our classrooms now and that they still had role play areas, sand, construction and a writing area. We then got into teams and began thinking about what we need to have to be a good team member. We soon realised that we needed to listen carefully to others, share our ideas and opinions and be respectful to others. These thoughts really supported us well for some of the weeks following activities i.e. sports day, baking cakes and creating papier-mache hot air balloons. Throughout the week we addressed concerns that the children had about Year 1 and are looking forward to meeting our teachers now next week! The EYFS team would also like to thank you for your support during Sports Day and for the encouragement that you gave to all the children. Thank you.



In **Year 1** it has been transition week. The children first learnt about all the animals that the classes would be called next year and then found out what class they would be in next year. They have learnt lots of facts about their new class animal and created a fantastic poster about their animal. They have created badges for the week and wooden necklaces to celebrate their new class. We had a fantastic time decorating cakes with their polar creatures on them in icing. It has been a great week with lots of fun games and team building exercises.

Year 2 had a fantastic time competing in all of the sports day challenges. We were particularly excited for the sprint race at the end of the morning. We worked really well as a team and encouraged each other to do well. We had so much fun! On Monday we had an exciting trip to the Church where we saw important Christian symbols such as the pulpit, chalice and altar. We were also shown the ropes that pull the church bells and we even got to hear the organ being played! We became zoologists in computing and investigated in the woodland area collecting data on the number of different mini beasts we could find. We then put this data into a block graph on excel.



Boot Fair – held by Friends of Downs View on school field



The Friends are going to hold a boot fair on Saturday 15th July. Gates will open for people who are selling at 7am. Members of the public will be allowed on site from 7.30am. Boots will cost £10 per car. Unfortunately we will be unable to make toilet facilities available.

If you would like to book a pitch please contact the Friends of Downs View on friendsofdownsview@gmail.com or phone Mandy on 07710 264993 or speak to one of the Friends who are on the playground most days after school. Anyone is welcome to book a pitch.



Parent Mail

We hope you are all finding the Parentmail system of communication useful in keeping up to date with school information. Don't forget you can also use the Parentmail app to report your child absent from school.

Sports Day

Well done to all of the children for taking part in sports day this week, they all tried really hard and showed brilliant team work skills. Year 2 demonstrated a good competitive spirit whilst competing in their sprinting race. Well done to all of the parents that took part in the bean bag race!

Thank you to all of the adults for their hard work in making it such a fun event! (see website for pictures)

The scores were as follows:

Blue	Green	White	Yellow	Red

'Scooter Proficiency' activities for Year 2 As more and more children are using their scooter to travel to and from school we are pleased to offer 'Scooter Proficiency' activities for Year 2 related to the theme of staying safe on your scooter. The activities will include both practical and theory exercises about 'crossing the road with a scooter', 'dealing with pedestrians and hazards' and 'stopping very quickly'. These activities have been made available to us from the Kent Highways Services.

The scooter proficiency program will consist of 1 afternoon session per class. Your child will bring home a scooter safety poster that they have made which can be used to discuss general road safety.

If possible we would like your child to bring in a scooter in good order for the afternoon's activities. If your child does not have a scooter, the school will provide one so please do not buy one for the programme. If your child has a helmet they may wish to wear this during their course but helmets are not compulsory (a letter with all this information was sent out via Parentmail on Monday).

Please be aware.....

It has been brought to our attention that a free app called **musical.ly** contains adult material and could cause safeguarding issues.

Musical.ly is a social network for sharing user-generated music and videos. Many children enjoy the 'lip-sync' element of the app as well as browsing videos created by others. Videos are generally shared between groups of friends and can be saved as private, but the other content is freely available and is not 'policed'. The app's terms and conditions states that it is not to be used by children under the age of 13. The terms and conditions say that it is intended for users over the age of 18.

In addition, musical.ly links directly to another app entitled live.ly which has no safety settings and permits anybody to enter into a conversation with your child. Through this, they are at serious risk of being exposed to extremely inappropriate content and conversations.

There are current ongoing investigations with the police and CEOP into claims of grooming via this app. We consider this to be a valid threat to the safety of young people using musical.ly and would encourage parents to consider the removal of the app from their devices.

We would recommend that parents access the following links to make informed decisions regarding allowing your child to use Musical.ly and other similar sites:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews/musically-your-music-video-community>



Friends of Downs View

We would like to thank you all for your support with the Summer fayre last weekend. Despite the bad weather at the start of the fayre we received income of £579.39 and after expenses a profit of £450.66. A great time was had by all who visited the stand playing all the games and trying their luck on the tombola. We want to say a big thank you to Tesco who donated chocolate bars for one of the children's games at the fayre.

Also we had a record sale of raffle tickets this year selling 450 tickets giving us a profit of £403.00. Even better news we had two winners. Congratulations to Mrs Hunt, Foxes class teacher who won a family ticket to Godinton House and Mrs Elliot a parent from Owls class who won a Rimmel gift bag of makeup goodies.

A huge thank you to Mandy, Maureen and Fran Friends Trustees and all of the parent/carers and staff who supported the event to raise money for your children. This money will be used to pay for medals for year 2 children and provide exciting workshops for your children.

The Father's Day sale raised £361.28 - we hope the dad's liked their gifts!

We will be having a preloved uniform sale on Wednesday 5th July from 2.45pm on Reception play area. All the uniforms have been washed and ironed by Mandy and Tina.

Next big event we will be holding is a car boot sale on 15th July 2017. Please look out for the leaflet being sent out separately.

Due to the bad weather we have lots of prizes left over from the summer fayre so we will be holding an after school fun time on 19th July with mini stalls. Further details to follow nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support of the friends, If you would like to help at any future events or have any fundraising suggestions please contact us on friendsofdownsview@gmail.com or speak to one of us on the playground.

The Friends

Multi-Cultural Family Fun Day

This event is being held on Saturday 29th July at Pitchside, Stanhope Road, Ashford between 1pm and 6pm. The event features multi-cultural food, craft and entertainment. For more information please contact either Maria 07474 131513 or Carol on 07563 891233.

Donated items welcome

If you have any of the following you are happy to donate to the school please can you bring them into the school office. Thank you.

All types of animal figures - farm, forest, jungle, desert, savannah, sea, sand
Magnetic letters
Flash cards
Stainless steel items such as plates, pots, pans, lids, trays
Space dress up: aliens, spaceman
Space toys
Musical instruments (not electrical)

Measuring tapes
Sand toys / Sand moulds
Cork stoppers
Small plastic Funnels
Small plastic jugs
Lion soft toy
Duplo
stickle bricks

Maths Course

Are you interested in attending a maths course?

If so, East Kent College will be delivering a 16 week Maths course starting on Friday 15th September, 9.30-11.30am in Puppies. Attendees will gain a nationally recognised certificate in maths, ranging from entry level to level 2.

Many parents that have attended the course go on to gain employment or feel more able to support their children's school work, whilst for others this provides the necessary confidence to move on to further courses.

To book a place or for more information please contact Sam Ansell or give your name in to the office.

Are you interested in learning about your child's behaviour?

A Solihull course will start in September 2017 for 10 weeks – details to be confirmed. The course aims to promote and encourage effective parenting, provide parents/carers with a strategy to repair situations when things go wrong, increase confidence and self-esteem in both parent and child, increase parents understanding of the different stages of development and learning. It will explore feelings, parenting styles, communication, sleep and anger and developmental needs. The programme is open to all parents/carers with children aged 0-16 years. For more information or to book a place please call/text Sam Ansell on 07884866105