

Downs Infant School Newsletter

November 17th 2017

On Friday I went round the school asking children from different year groups what they had been learning for our 'Learning Round Up' (see below) and was impressed that they were all able to tell me about the anti-bullying work we have done throughout the school. In assembly on Wednesday they showed they have a good understanding of what bullying is and how they can deal with it if it happens. I have sent home a leaflet for parents and carers so that you know how we can work together on this.

Dr Mitchell



Learning Round Up

This week everyone has been learning about how we are 'All different and all equal' as part of anti-bullying week. The children in years 1 and 2 made individual jigsaw pieces to represent themselves and built them into a huge jigsaw in the hall. Many of the classes took the opportunity to work in mixed groups and Owls also went to Turtles to do some reading with them.

Reception have continued with

their learning of nursery rhymes and will be hosting a nursery rhyme party next week.

Year 1 have been looking at toys and writing their own toy reviews, thinking about what makes both a good toy and what makes a good review. They have also been identifying the properties of materials.

In year 2 they have looked at lighthouses and learned about Grace Darling.



Values Learning: Inclusion

We continued with our theme of 'Inclusion' during anti-bullying week and learned about what bullying is and how it is different from just being mean or rude. We also learned how to tell and who to tell and started thinking about whether problems are 'a big deal' or 'a little deal' so we can take the appropriate action.

For more information about all our values go to <http://downsinf.schooljotter2.com/>

Dates for your diary

(New/changed dates in red)

- Monday 20th November 3.30-6.30 and Wednesday 22nd November 3.30-5.30, parent consultations. New report cards will also be given out as per letter last week.
- Nursery Rhyme tea party (Reception) 23 November
- Week of 20/11 Year 1 trips to Toy Museum
- 26/11 FODIS Winter Fair
- 6/12 School Christmas dinner
- 13, 14 and 15 December, Christmas Performances – details to follow

Fundraising for FODIS

If you are doing any Christmas shopping online, or if your workplace buys supplies online, you could help raise money for the school with no additional cost to yourself.

It's so simple to get going all you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fodis>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping and start raising funds!

'The Pit'

Year 1 and 2 report cards given out this week will say how your child has 'got out of the learning pit' this term. This is something we introduced to show children how learning is a challenge and you need to go through a period of being out of your comfort zone ('the pit') and work hard to get out the other side. We will be sending home a leaflet with more information on this soon.

Friends of Downs Infant School
FODIS

DOWN'S INFANT SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
12-3.00PM | 50P ENTRANCE PER PERSON

RAFFLE WITH AMAZING PRIZES
DELICIOUS FOOD
MULLED WINE
HOT CHOCOLATE
OUR FANTASTIC TOMBOLA AND ALL THE USUAL FUN GAMES & STALLS

VISIT SANTA IN HIS FESTIVE GROTTTO

LIVE MUSIC
YEAR 2 CHOIR - 2PM
DJ

IT'S EASY TO GET INVOLVED
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This week's Bench of Brilliance...



Aoife
Olive



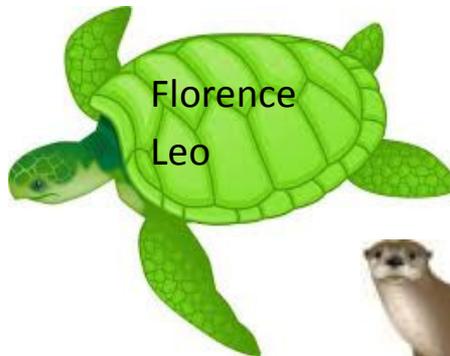
Rocko
Magnus



Grace
Kaspar



Leena
Ashley



Florence
Leo



Maja
Leo



Patrick
Stella



Finley
Wilfrid



Toby
Alice



Albert
Raphael



Miya
Billy



Zavi
Conan