

Downs Infant School Newsletter

November 24th 2017

Although this is the newsletter for the week ending 24 November, I am putting the finishing touches to it having just returned home from the FODIS Christmas Fair. It was wonderful to see how committed the Downs Infant community is to making the school a better place. This is not just about raising (important) funds for the school, but about coming together as a community and giving and receiving the best of ourselves. The money raised will be supporting many school activities which we couldn't do without FODIS. Thank you.

Dr Mitchell



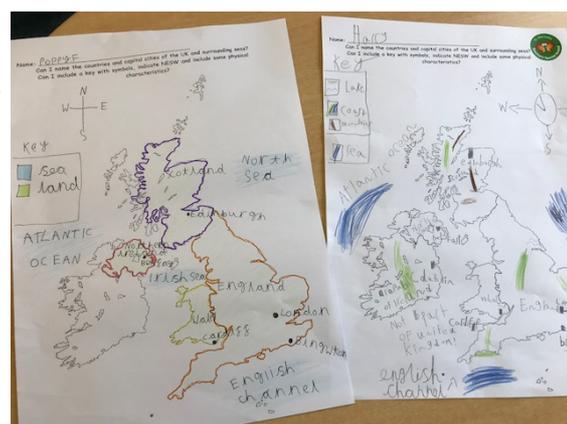
Learning Round Up

The school was full of nursery rhyme characters this week as Reception sang nursery rhymes and ate the jam tarts ('The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts') they had made - very delicious and some brilliant costumes. Lots and lots of spiders! We hadn't realized that so many rhymes feature them!

In Year 2, they continued writing stories using the stimulus of the Grace Darling story. There were

some fabulous descriptions of stormy seas and thundery skies. To put all this in context, in geography they have been learning about the UK and Mrs Brett drew a big map of the British Isles on the playground which they loved exploring.

Year 1 continued with learning about materials AND about a 'fair test' in science.



Values Learning: Inclusion

If you've visited the school hall this week you will have seen the amazing jigsaw the children made showing all the classes in the school. They are joined together with our values to show how we show respect and value everyone. We will continue with these themes of inclusion, mutual respect and individual liberty this term.



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

MORE 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!

School Gate

Apologies - there was a mistake in the newsletter two weeks ago about morning times. **We need to lock the gates as soon as we possibly can after 9am**, so please help our hardworking premises team by dropping your children off and then moving out of the school grounds to continue any socialising.

Another reminder is to shut the school main front door after going through it, please!

Message from Mr Franceschi (Headteacher at Downs Juniors)

Mr F has asked that we remind all parents who take smaller children to pick up from the Juniors that scooting and cycling is not allowed on the school grounds. Please also note that children should not be allowed to play on the climbing frame or other play equipment as it is designed for older children.

No accidents please!!

Year 1 enjoyed visiting the toy museum as part of their Toy topic this week. They walked to the museum and had a really exciting time exploring the old toys. They behaved really well, even though the walk back was tiring! Thank you to all the parent helpers who made it possible.

Dates for your diary

(New/changed dates in red)

- 6/12 School Christmas dinner
- **7 December Y2 trip to the synagogue**
- 13, 14 and 15 December, Christmas Performances – details to follow
- **Week beg 18 Dec Christmas parties – details to follow**
- 20/12 last day of term
- 2/1/18 INSET – school closed to children
- Return to school Wednesday 3 January
- **6 and 7 March Year 2 trips to Lewes Castle**



This week's Bench of Brilliance...

