

Downs Infant School Newsletter

March 19th 2018

It has been lovely seeing all the parents and carers in school for parent consultations this week, and hearing you talking to the children about their progress in school. I hope that the interim reports are helpful to you. Of course, at Downs Infants we know that there is so much more to children's education and tonight 40 Year 2 children will perform at 'Let's Dance' at the Dome. So much work has gone on behind the scenes and I am very proud of both the children and the adults involved. I am looking forward to the show!

Dr Mitchell



Learning Round Up

Reception have continued with their 'Space' theme, letting their imaginations run away with ideas for their own planets. They have been writing about their planets as well as making amazing art reflecting the night sky. With Mrs Brewer away, Miss Rogers has been teaching them music and she was very impressed with their musical skills and ideas.

In year 1 this week children have been learning about what plants

need to grow by designing and planting a dinosaur garden. They have had to consider what their dinosaurs need to be happy and healthy in their new habitats, and now they have to use their science knowledge to look after their plants.

This week in Year 2 the children have been learning about castles and writing their own fact sheets following their visit to Lewes castle last week.



Values Learning

This week we learned more about creativity. Mrs Lean gave us a stick in assembly and we came up with some AMAZING ideas for things to do with it, although we decided it probably wasn't a good idea for it to be a boomerang indoors! We also heard the story of King Midas and learned about how to value what we have and who we are.

For more information about all our values go to

<http://downsinf.schooljotter2.com/>

Dates for your diary (New/changed dates in red)

Let's Dance at the Dome, Monday 19th March

Saturday 17th March FODIS New Looks for New Books sale, 10.30-12.30am

Friday 23 March, FODIS Quiz Night

Tuesday 27th March and Tuesday 17 April – Parade Workshops

Easter Vacation: Friday 30th March to Thursday 12 April inclusive. Children return to school on Friday 13th April.

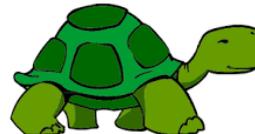
Wed 18 April, Class photos

27 April, FODIS film night, 5pm

School Security

As you know, we recently installed a new main gate to improve security. Some parents have been lifting their children up to push the button that opens the gate. Please do not let your children push the button as they may then be encouraged to do it when you are not there and may inadvertently put themselves or others in danger. Thank you for your support in this.

Don't forget we are a nut free school and this includes nut products such as nutella and pesto. Please do not put these things in your child's lunch box. We have some children with severe nut allergies in school and you are putting them at risk if you send in nuts.



This week there was no Bench of Brilliance assembly as we will be having one next Monday instead.



However, Dr Mitchell would like to give a special mention to all the school staff who gave up their weekends and evenings choreographing, rehearsing and making costumes for the Let's Dance performance on Monday. It really was a team effort, led by Miss Harrex, our PE coordinator. You were all brilliant!

