

Learning, Growing and Succeeding Together

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Value:

Heads Blog...

Interim Head Teacher

What a fantastic start we have had to the term. I spoke to the children in the first assembly about new beginnings and how lucky we all are when compared to those who do not have the luxury of choice. This also links in with our walk for peace which was well attended. The banners and outfits were eye catching and lots of thought had been put into them. We have had so much going on in school already with the launch of the new 'Irresistible Curriculum' which has ignited the children's imaginations and begun a really rich dialogue for learning. Please try to attend the Vision Launch on Friday 28th as we have a guest speaker to share this innovative approach with you. It will also be an opportunity to meet the team as well as raising money for MacMillan Cancer Trust. The art work produced by the children so far this term will be on display for you to enjoy.

We have a new website for you all to visit. It is under construction as we speak, but as the term passes I am sure you will find many informative and exciting updates on our school and communications will begin to be run through this. Mrs Richardson will be giving demonstrations of the new immersive learning room for you to enjoy.

Thank you all for your understanding while we develop as a new team as we are aware that we do not always get things right.

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Reception

The children in Reception have been settling in and getting to know the routines at The Downley School. As part of our settling in, we have been learning about each other through sharing special treasure boxes filled with things that reflect who we are. We have also been collaging with natural resources, painting in our Creative Area, making models with recycled materials and enjoying our outdoor area. We are looking forward to the term ahead!



Year 1 & 2

In Years 1 and 2, we have been introduced to our topic 'Into the Woods' by finding a child's camp on our school site. During this topic will be exploring the adventures of children in the woods. Our first story 'The Wild Child' will open your children's minds to being free in the woods. The creative approach to learning within this topic will consist of: descriptive writing, role play, discussions, collective research and analysing the local surroundings and comparing them to similar places around the world. All the children will be immersed into the topic by giving each aspect a focused task including: The Wild Child adventure, being a Woodland Dweller, exploring woodland creatures, noises in the wood and Little Red. We hope you enjoy the excitement and enthusiasm that your children will show you during this term and look forward to delivering such an inspirational and engaging curriculum.



This month, for the value of "Hope", we will be spreading the message of "peace" to the world. We hope that raising awareness will mean more people participate in this special day, leading to a more peaceful world. We will be celebrating the day with our Peace Day walk to school on Friday 21st September and by the children sending messages of peace to someone outside of school that they know. We hope you have a peaceful day on Friday.

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Year 3



Year 3 have had a very exciting start to the new term.

We have been busy collecting natural woodland materials to go with our school theme 'Into the Woods' and have been decorating our classrooms with what we have found. We have also been very busy creating our 'owl paintings' which are displayed in our reception and classrooms.

We are very proud of what has been achieved so far this term.



Year 4

We are very pleased to see how well Year 4 has settled in to their new classes. We have enjoyed getting to know each other and discussing what we would like to achieve and improve on this year. Recently, we have started our irresistible curriculum theme 'Into the Woods' this term and have started to create some lovely artwork around this. We are also exploring and investigating a new den that has appeared in our grounds.

Parents should be aware that reading journals will have all been issued to the children by the end of the week. We have also started working on numbers and place value in Maths, but would appreciate it if you could continue working with the children on their times tables.

We are looking forward to sharing an exciting learning journey with the children this year and if any parents would like to offer any help or skills during this term, please let us know.

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Year 5 & 6

Years 5& 6 had a most unusual start to the week when on Monday morning. We received an invitation from Robin of the Hood (via a YouTube video) to visit the Dell. Intrigued, we made our way to the woodland where we found the remains of a camp, including a makeshift shelter, handmade archery bow and finished campfire with cauldron. This prompted lots of questioning as we examined the evidence in front of us. On our return to the classroom, the children wrote a blog account (recount). As the week continued, this has prompted use of different text extracts and film clips to find out more about this legendary character. In the course of the next few weeks, the children will strive to become "Robin's Recruits": they will train hard and prove themselves to be strong, brave and intelligent making use of our outdoor area for role play. Our core text will be *Outlaw* by Michael Morpurgo.

Parking and arrival at school by vehicle

In order to keep the route to and from school safe for all pupils, parents and the public, please ensure you are not dropping your children to school or parking in an inappropriate place.

Please refer to the notice at the back of this bulletin from the Road Safety Officer. Please be aware that his team will be patrolling outside all primary schools in the High Wycombe area over the coming weeks to remind road users to be mindful of children when parking. As the safety of our pupils is paramount here at The Downley School, we thank you in advance for working with the police in keeping the roads around our school safe for all.



- Thank you to all the parents now using the Forgotten Items box. Please ensure when bringing a forgotten item to school that it is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you for your continued support with this.

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- Please ensure you check your child's hair on a regular basis and treated if necessary. We have been advised that there have been some cases of headlice in school. Please ensure long hair is tied up.
- We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that if a child has been sick or had a bout of diarrhoea they must stay away from school for 48 hours. This is the schools policy.

KS1 Celebration Assembly 21st September – Stars of the Week

1P	Molly, Javier
1H	Bartosz, Benjamin
2R	Finlay, Mia
2K	Thomas, Bianka
3R	Armaan, Frankie
3KR	Toby, Annabelle



Our winner on 21st September 2018 was Annalie 3R

Attendance

Our attendance target for this year is to reach 96.5% attendance for the year.

Weekly Attendance Report for w/c 10th September 2018

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
RO	91.91%	RBT	93.20%
1H	98%	1P	98.62%
2K	98.67%	2R	98.67%
3KR	97.50%	3R	97.28%
4B	100%	4F	95.52%
5G	93.79%	5JR	97.93%
6L	99.33%	6S	99.31%

Well done to 4B for your 100% Attendance.

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27.09.18	Phonics Information Evening	5.30-6.30
28.09.18	Vision Launch / Meet the Team and McMillan coffee event	3.30 – 5.00
05.10.18	Harvest Festival Performance	9.00-9.30 & 2.30 – 3.00
29.10.18	School Flu Vaccination Date	

POLICE NOTICE

Under section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, you

MUST NOT leave your vehicle in a Dangerous

Position or where it causes **any unnecessary**

Obstruction of the Road. This includes parking

opposite or within 10m (32 feet) of a junction,

unless you are parked in an authorised parking

space. The free passage of footpaths is also

included within this legislation.

Vehicles are being found in contravention of the above (obstructing the road/footpath), which in turn increases risk to children arriving and leaving school. Details these vehicles will be recorded by the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team. ***You are therefore encouraged to consider where and how you park your vehicle in the future.***

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Should you wish to refresh your knowledge of the Highway code,
please visit;

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highwaycode>

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