

# Downsview Newsletter

Joey is celebrating  
by wearing his  
rainbow heart  
handbag and  
unicorn necklace!



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## PRIDE MONTH

### How can a flag help people feel seen and supported?

It's a time when people all over the world celebrate being proud of who they are- especially people who may be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or part of the LGBTQ+ community.

People have not always been treated fairly for being different. Pride month is about remembering those times, celebrating how things have changed, and reminding everyone that we should always be kind, fair and respectful to others.

### Things to talk about at home...

Do you know if there are any events happening in your local area to recognise Pride Month? Watch the video which explains all about the history of the Pride flag. Can you think of any other flags that are used to represent groups? Can you think of times when we see the flags?

The 'Trainbow' campaign sees the Pride flag printed on trains for people to see. Share your thoughts about this idea and other ways that flags could be used to raise awareness.

Talk about how we all want to feel accepted for who we are and that flags can send an important message. The rainbow colours on the trains are a reminder to us all that kindness, respect and support should travel with us- wherever we go.

[CLICK HERE for full article](#)

[VIDEO-History of Pride flag](#)

[News Story](#)

### Supporting at home...

As we recognise Pride Month, parents can promote love and acceptance at home, aligning with our school's value of cooperation this half term. Engaging in open conversations about diversity encourages questions and fosters understanding. Sharing diverse books can help children appreciate different identities, while discussions about empathy and kindness reinforce the importance of treating others with respect.

Exploring different cultures through documentaries or community events celebrates differences, and modelling inclusive behaviour sets a positive example for children.

Red – Life   Orange – Healing   Yellow – Sunlight  
Green – Nature   Blue – Peace   Purple – Spirit



**Did you know there are different versions of the Pride flag? One of the most popular is called the Progress Pride Flag.**

Allowing self-expression through creative outlets and discussing current events related to LGBTQ+ rights enhances awareness. Creating a safe space for your child to share their thoughts and feelings supports their understanding of identity.

**By incorporating cooperation into these practises, families can work together to appreciate diversity and foster a culture of acceptance and respect, reinforcing the values we cherish at Downsview Primary and Nursery School.**



# DATES FOR THE DIARY...



## NEXT WEEK

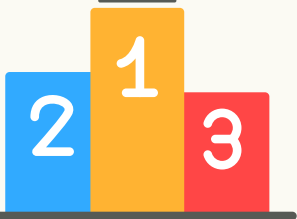
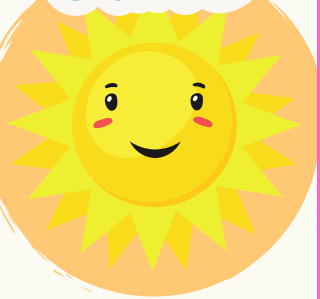


### Ladybird

## Swimming - All Week

[LINK TO WEBSITE CALENDAR...](#)

## June



**Week of 9th:** Ladybird Swimming - **All Week**

**Mon 9th:** Yr 5 Trip to London Eye

**Tues 10th:** Yr 5 Everyone's invited Workshop

**Tues 10th:** Sports day: N&R: 9.15-11.30 & Y3&4: 13.00-15.00

**Weds 11th:** Yr 5 Everyone's invited Workshop

**Thurs 12th:** Sports day Y1&2: 9.15-12.00 & Y5&6-13.00-15.00

**Fri 13th:** Father's Day Assembly N-Y2 & Father's Day Gift Shop

**Fri 13th:** Yr 5 Everyone's invited Workshop

**Week of 16th:** Cultural week & Wren Swimming - All Week

**Weds 18th:** Class Photos

**Thurs 19th:** Class Photos

Bring your Parent to school day - (8.45-10- see flyer P4)

**Fri 20th:** Cultural Dress Up Day (see flyer page 4 for more details)

Year 4 Trip to Tate Modern

**Week of 23rd:** Meet and Greet for new Reception families

Goldfinch Swimming - **All Week**

**Tues 24th:** Y5 Secondary transfer meeting- Zoom - TBC

PROUD  
to be ME!



## Term Dates:

### Autumn

### Spring

### SUMMER

2nd June- 21st July

**Inset days: 22nd July 2025**

1st September - 24th October 2025

**Half-term:** 27th October - 31st October 2025

3rd November to 19th December 2025

**Inset days: 1st and 2nd September 2025**

5th January - 27th March 2026

**Half Term: 16th- 20th February**

Easter holidays: 30th March - 10th

April 2025

**Inset days: 5th January 2026**



# BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Eco Calendar 2025  
**JUNE**

[Link to Eco Calendar](#)



## What do animals need to be happy and healthy in zoos?

Zoos, aquariums and safari parks in Great Britain will soon have to follow new rules to help them take better care of animals. These rules say that animals must have bigger and better spaces to live in. The changes will help many different animals, including elephants, stingrays, snowy owls and octopuses. Elephants, in particular, will be given much more room to move around and explore.

Things to talk about at home...

Have you ever visited a zoo? Talk to someone at home about their experience. If you could design the perfect zoo, what would you include to keep the animals happy and healthy? Do you think zoos help people care more about animals and nature? Why?

[CLICK HERE](#)



# Positive

## NEWS



## Puffins bucked a global trend in Wales

Conservationists have counted a record number of puffins on a remote Welsh island, which appears to be acting as a refuge for a species that is declining globally.

Skomer Island has been billed a "conservation success story" after 43,626 puffins were spotted during an annual count by the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales. The charity said that an abundance of fish and lack of invasive predators, namely rats, were behind the numbers.

Globally, the picture is less rosy. Puffin populations are nosediving elsewhere and the species is listed as vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

"Although Skomer Island is a conservation success story for puffins, they are a species under threat," said the trust's Leighton Newman. "We must do all we can to continue to protect them."

[Click here for the clip](#)





# Downsview's Culture Week

WEEK BEGINNING 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

*Special Events*

**THURSDAY 19TH JUNE:**

**WE WILL HAVE A BRING YOUR PARENT TO SCHOOL  
DAY FROM 8.45-9.25AM**

Parents are invited to share something special about your family's heritage in your child's class. This could be a song, dance, story, or a few words in your home language. Help us celebrate our school's rich diversity!

**9.30 PARENTS- MISOGYNY AWARENESS WORKSHOP**

Join us to raise awareness about misogyny, its impact and how we can create a more respectful and inclusive environment together.

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:**


**CULTURE SHOWCASE DAY**

*Children will discuss their cultures, learn basic phrases in each other's languages, listen to diverse music and share food. They will also participate in a fashion and dance show to celebrate their heritage.*

**Dress Code:** All children are invited to wear traditional clothes from their culture or the colours of their country's flag.

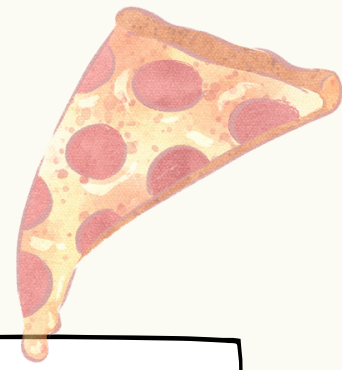
**Food Sharing:** Children are encouraged to bring in foods they enjoy at home that are linked to their culture (e.g., Indian samosas, Jamaican patties, Italian cannoli). *These can be homemade or store-bought.*

**Ingredient List:** Provide the class teacher with a list of ingredients in the food to ensure safety for children with allergies or dietary requirements. ***Please ensure that there are no nuts in any of the food brought into school.***



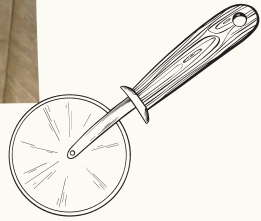


# HEDGEHOG'S GO TO PIZZA EXPRESS



## WE ARE PIZZA CHEFS

This week 1 Hedgehog were lucky to be given the opportunity to attend a free trip to Pizza Express in Croydon. During this trip every child made their very own margarita pizza.



## YUMMY, YUMMY, YUMMY

The children followed the Chefs instructions and created their own pizzas. However, it goes without saying that for most of them their favourite part of the day was when we arrived back at school and had a class picnic where they got to eat their delicious pizza's!

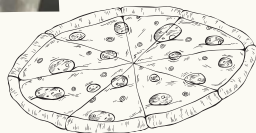


## PIZZA PARTY



## REPRESENTING DVPS

The adults on the trip were very proud of how the children behaved throughout the morning and feel that they represented Downsview children perfectly. Well done 1 Hedgehog!

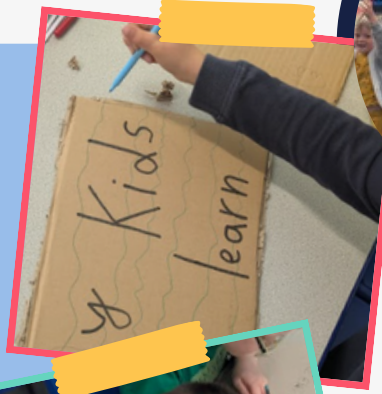


In Year 2

# PEACEFUL Demonstrations

## The Day the Crayons Quit!

This week our Year 2 children took to 'the streets' in protest ahead of our new topic in Writing using the book *The Day the Crayons Quit!* The children dressed up in different colours and quit learning for the afternoon until Mrs Pugh met their list of demands! These included no more uniform, paying children to learn, going on trips every day and no more teachers!.....Wishful thinking! However, they had a great time making their placards, taking them around the school and getting ready to learn all about persuasive writing this half term.



UNLEASH YOUR INNER GENIE

# Disney Aladdin JR.

EARLY BIRD OFFER  
BOOK BY 1ST JUNE

## SUMMER CAMP 2025

APPEAR ON STAGE IN THIS AMAZING MUSICAL!

Ages 5 to 16

Kingsdale Foundation School  
Dulwich, London  
18th to 22nd August 2025

- ✦ Week long camp & Performance
- ✦ Led by our professional actors
- ✦ 10% off for additional siblings



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## Woke Babies

Our latest shipment of 30 books has arrived from Woke Babies, our trusted supplier of diverse and inclusive children's literature. These thoughtfully curated titles are now enriching our bookshelves. Woke Babies partners with a local bookstore dedicated to offering culturally and racially diverse books and merchandise, helping us create a more inclusive reading experience for all.

Did you know that there was a shop called 'melanin Dreams' at 126 Norwood High St, Norwood, London SE27 9NH?

Go and visit them to see the wonderful range of books they have.



# Big LUNCH SUNDAY

AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH

8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
1PM - 5 PM

**Bouncy Castle!**

Exciting Games and Activities!

Junior Baking competition! Bring your Cake! Judging at 3 p.m.

**Food and Ice cream Free!!!**

**THE EVENT IS FREE BUT PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO BRING SOME FOOD TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.**



Sunday 22 June 2025  
at 3pm

# PET BLESSING SERVICE

Bring your pet.

**Downsview Methodist Church**  
Waddington Way, London SE19 3XH

If your pet is happier at home, please, bring a photograph or a favourite soft toy. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term.



We kicked things off with a bang today with Dare to Be Different Day, the children had an amazing time breaking the (fun) rules, and we hope you enjoyed helping them get ready as much as they enjoyed taking part. Pictures to follow in next week's newsletter.

In the meantime, check out our upcoming events and key messages below, there's lots to look forward to!

**Only 250 gifts available, so order now and don't miss out!!**

**Superman Day Gift Shop**

**Friday 13th June**

We're also gearing up for **Superman Day on 13th June**, our **Father's Day Gift Shop** where children can choose a small gift for a special father figure in their life, whether that's Dad, Grandad, an uncle, or someone else who means a lot to them.

Gifts are **£3.50 each**, and you can buy as many as you like, but ***please note: there will only be one gift to choose from.***

**Buy yours here** or scan the QR code here.



We are still accepting donations for the Summer Fair (4th July), but we only need the following:

- Sweets (halal/non-halal)
- Soft drinks
- Alcoholic drinks



**Summer Fair**

Please don't send anything else at the moment!

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR RAFFLE PRIZES!**

**Calling all local businesses!**

If you run a business and would love a little extra promotion or want to attract more clients, why not support our Summer Fair Raffle?

You can donate a **gift voucher, product, or even a cash prize**, and in return, your business name will be printed on our newly designed raffle tickets and featured in our school newsletter.

If you'd like to get involved or discuss a special promotional opportunity, please contact Mrs Gray by 12<sup>th</sup> June, we'd love to work something out with you

# Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:

## JUNE

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day  
Gift Shop

## JULY

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fair

You can still buy School Lottery tickets, It's a WIN-WIN!

Did you know that by playing the Downsview School Lottery, you're not just in with a chance to win up to £25,000—you're also helping us fund new books for the school library each year!

Tickets are just £1 each

Easy to join online:

[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play) and search for: Downsview Primary or scan the QR code

Every ticket helps us grow our library and inspire young readers—thank you for your support!



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### ECO Refill Shop:

- Washing up liquid 100ml 40p
- Hand wash 100ml 55p
- Body Wash 100ml 55p
- Shampoo 100ml 70p
- Conditioner 100ml 70p

Bring your own bottle, or get one from us!

CASH and CARD payments are now both accepted

#### Important Dates!

Summer Fair - 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Next Uniform Sale - 18<sup>th</sup> July

We Keep Adding sales dates, so watch this space!

# UNIFORM SALE

NEXT SALE

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Every item £1 or fill a bag for £5  
Plus free items (t-shirts, tights, socks, etc)



Reduce  
re-use  
Recycle

Help us to reuse uniforms and save the environment!

Please donate any clean, undamaged uniform in the red bin outside the office at the recycling point.

Easyfundraising...



Downsview Primary & Nursery School got paid £63.50 this week!

You can raise free donations on all your online shopping with over 8,000 retailers.

Sign up to Easy Fundraising to support them and help them get paid again next time.

[Sign up here](#)

[Visit the FOD website for all event bookings](#)

# Celebrations

## Values

Nursery  
Kawthar  
Reception  
Murtaza  
Husna  
Aurelia  
Y1 - Hunter  
Y1 - Ebrahim  
Y1 - Frank  
Y2 - Denis  
Y2 - Shamar  
Y2 - Jack  
Y3 - Leonardo  
Y3 - Kah-Mye  
Y3 - Akaylah  
Y4 - Canaan  
Y4 - Florence  
Y5 - Jathiya  
Y5 - Aayan  
Y5 - Amara  
Y6 - Alex  
Y6 - Isis  
Y6 - Isla

## Effort

Nursery  
Ozinna  
Reception  
Alara  
Jonathan  
Ayat  
Y1 - Molly  
Y1 - Zahra  
Y1 - Ayva  
Y2 - Machai  
Y2 - Huxley  
Y2 - Reuben  
Y3 - Suhani  
Y3 - Zoe  
Y3 - Teddy  
Y4 - Noah  
Y4 - Jival  
Y5 - Evie  
Y5 - Manuella  
Y5 - Aliyah  
Y6 - Mattia  
Y6 - Robin  
Y6 - Hasan

## Yellow House Winners



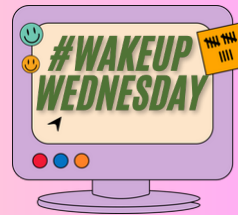
KS1  
Dua & Bayleigh  
KS2  
Ellis & Taran

Inaaya

## Attendance

Infant: Daffodil  
KS2: Ladybird

## Emojis



They say a picture's worth a thousand words and when it comes to emojis, that's often true 📱😊💬 But in the wrong context, these innocent-seeming icons can take on a whole new meaning, sometimes hinting at things that aren't as light-hearted as they appear.

This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks down some of the slang and symbols young people use online and explains how some could be masking real issues, from bullying and exclusion to harmful behaviours 🦋🦋. With our handy cheat sheet and top tips, adults can keep pace with this ever-changing digital language 📖🌟

## Driving and Parking Safely at pick up and drop off

SAFETY FIRST

We cannot stress how important it is for everyone to adhere to the traffic law, especially around our school. If you park and drive dangerously then you are putting all of our children in harm's way.

PLEASE park and drive safely.

[Click here for more information](#)