



Downsview Newsletter

20TH JUNE
2025

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As we embrace the value of cooperation this half term, we encourage you to engage in activities at home that foster teamwork and collaboration. Cooperation is not only essential in our school community but also a vital life skill that helps our children build positive relationships and work effectively with others.

We have compiled a few fun and meaningful activities that you can do together with your child to reinforce this important value. We hope these experiences will strengthen your family bonds and create lasting memories.

Teamwork in the Kitchen

Activity: Involve your child in preparing a simple meal or snack together. Assign tasks based on their age and abilities, such as washing vegetables, stirring ingredients, or setting the table.

Discuss the importance of teamwork and how each person's contribution is valuable.

Building a Puzzle Together

Choose a jigsaw puzzle that is appropriate for your child's age. Work together to complete the puzzle, discussing strategies and how to fit pieces together.

Community Clean-Up

Organise a small clean-up in your local area or even in your garden. Equip your child with gloves and a bag and work together to pick up litter or tidy up.

Discuss how cooperation can lead to a cleaner and more beautiful environment for everyone.

Create a Family Art Project

Gather art supplies and create a large piece of artwork together. Each family member can contribute their own ideas and skills to create a collaborative masterpiece.

Enjoy spending quality time together!
Thank you for your continued support



Summer Fair Reminder:

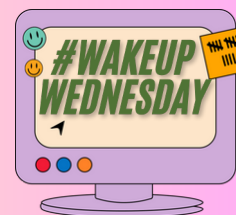
The Fair will be on Friday 4th July from 2pm until 5.00pm

SUMMER



SO MUCH FUN

Youtube Kids



YouTube Kids is designed to be the safer cousin of the regular YouTube app; however, built-in risks continue to pose concerns 👁️ From targeted advertising to addictive design, there's more going on behind the scenes than many realise. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks it all down.

Whether it's inappropriate content slipping past filters or tech-savvy kids bypassing parental settings, YouTube Kids still needs careful oversight. Our guide provides clear, easy-to-follow tips to help adults keep young users protected while still enjoying their favourite videos 🎬🛡️

[Click here for more information](#)

DATES FOR THE DIARY...



Goldfinch Swimming - All Week

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

June



Week of 23rd: Meet and Greet for new Reception families (23rd, 24th & 25th)
Goldfinch Swimming - **All Week**

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

Week of 30th: LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

Tues 1st July: Y2 Daffodil to City Farm

Thurs 3rd July: Year 6 Production!

Fri 4th July: Downsview Summer Fair 2pm-5pm- Mufti-day (donations)

Week of 7th : Reports go out, Infant dance competition (eve)

Tues 8th July: Y2 Thistle City Farm trip. KS2 dance comp (eve)

Wed 9th July: KS2 Summer performance & Y3&5 drumming show (11.30)

Thurs 10th July: KS1 Summer performance

Fri 11th July: Y2 Bluebell City Farm trip



UNIFORM SALE

NEXT SALE

Friday 18th July



Every item £1 or fill a bag for £5

Plus free items (t-shirts, tights, socks, etc)

**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.

Term Dates:



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

2nd June- 21st July

Inset days: 22nd July 2025



BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Eco Calendar 2025
JUNE

[Link to Eco Calendar](#)



Why do people explore the past?

Nearly 140 years after it sank, a team of divers has identified the wreck of a ship, called the SS Nantes, off the coast of Devon, in southwest England. The ship sank in 1888, after crashing into another boat. The shipwreck could finally be named when a diver found a plate with the ship's company logo (or crest) on it.

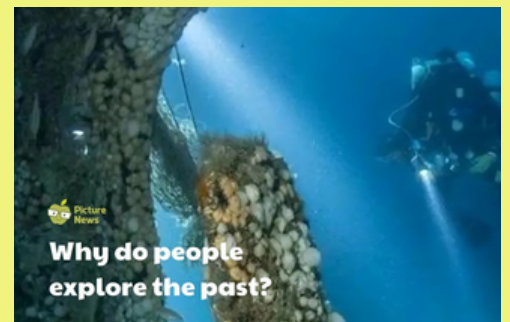
Things to talk about at home...

Talk to others at home and discuss what you think it would feel like to discover a missing shipwreck. If you could explore one mystery from the past, what would it be and why?

Do you believe it's important to learn about the past? Why?

What do others at home say?

[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive

NEWS



UK to ban bottom trawling in protected areas

Many will wonder why it was ever allowed in the first place, but the highly destructive fishing practice of bottom trawling is to be banned in 41 of England's offshore marine protected areas, the UK government announced this week.

The move comes amid growing outcry about the damage caused by bottom trawling, which was brought into sharp focus in Sir David Attenborough's latest series Ocean.

Welcoming the proposed ban, Jonny Hughes, senior policy manager at the Blue Marine Foundation, said: "Conservation policy is awash with shiny new announcements and impressive sounding targets whereas what is needed is actual delivery. This, at first glance, seems to be about delivering conservation. We need to see the full details, but initial reading is positive."

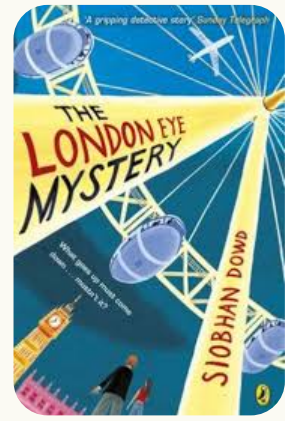
The news was timed to coincide with the UN World Ocean Conference, where decision makers are being urged to ratify the global ocean treaty. Signed by 115 countries in 2023, the accord seeks to protect 30% of international waters by 2030. [The EU ratified it in May.](#)

[Click here for the clip](#)





Y5 TRIP TO THE LONDON EYE



Last week Monday, Year 5 visited the world famous London Eye. This trip links to our Reading book this term 'the London Eye Mystery'. Many of the children had never visited this landmark before so there was much excitement! Each class got on their own pod and got to view London's iconic sky line. The children were able to see Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the OXO Tower, St Paul's Cathedral and the Shard. We spent 30 minutes not only looking at the sight but also looking at ways Salim (boy who is missing in our book) could have gone missing.

Before we went on the Eye we had the opportunity to walk along the South bank and have a look at the graffiti in the skate park. The children loved this because we had studied graffiti in our art lessons.

After our flight we had lunch in the Jubilee Gardens to have lunch and a quick play on the adventure playground before catching the train home.



Live it...
to learn it!

Y6

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Adelphi Theatre

Having made a start on our very own Year 6 production, the children were super excited to venture up to the Adelphi Theatre in Central London to watch 'Back to the Future' musical! However, we had a 'minor' hiccup on our journey there, when all the trains on our route were cancelled thanks to a bus crashing into the bridge! So, after a detour and practically running from Waterloo station to the theatre, we made it! Phew!

Relax and Enjoy

It was an INCREDIBLE show full of fantastically upbeat and comedic songs, amazing visual effects and of course the iconic DeLorean time machine! The children were in absolute awe when the DeLorean actually hovered over their heads in the stalls and loved whooping and cheering away throughout the show.

After such a busy Summer 1 term with their end of Key Stage SATs, our theatre trip is always a great way for the children to relax and enjoy themselves - to which they certainly did! This is now the 4th year in a row that our Year 6 children have had the opportunity to attend a West End musical and it certainly won't be the last. It's always an amazing way to ensure we start the second half of the summer term with a bang!

Pupil Voice

Umberto (6 Hawthorn): I give it 10 stars out of 5!

Megan (6 Oak): It was the best theatre show I've ever seen! It was funny, and so cool how the car tipped upside down!

Sarah (6 Juniper): Although the journey there was chaotic, to our luck we made it and made memories that will last forever!



The Ducks came to Reception



Understanding of the World

For our understanding of the world learning on life cycles of ducks, Reception were surprised by having 5 duck eggs delivered from the duck farm. The children excitedly observed and “quacked” at the duck eggs in the special incubator until one began to hatch. Then 4 more little ducks hatched out of their eggs. Once the ducks had rested and built up their strength they were able to come out and be put in their special duck cage. All the children came to say hello to their new class duck friends and they even got to have special cuddles with the ducks. The children have loved having their new duck friends running around the carpet and talking to them. Even Joey was excited to meet his new Downsview friends with Mr Cook! The ducks have now returned back to the duck farm to run free and swim happily in the pond.

Pupil Voice

Alyana- The ducks sit on eggs and keep them warm. I like the ducklings when I stroke them.

Naila- The ducks were so cheeky, they kept running around and being funny and eating stuff off the ground.

Leo-I liked when we got to hold them and it was trying to nibble my jumper.

Roan-I like the colour of them and they were so fluffy.

Freiya-They were so cute because they got cute eyes and cute fluff.

Maidah-I like the ducklings walking and go quack.

Leo-I liked that they were so fluffy and cute. The did lots of poo's!

Dahlia-I liked the cheek sound and I liked that they were soft.

Josie-I liked about them, stroking them with one finger and they feel soft.

Joey meeting the ducks- click here



Sports DAY

Sports day is one of the highlights of the School Year with the whole school and community pulling together to make it a competitive fun day. Thank you to all the parents and family for coming to cheer on the children.

On Tuesday 10th June and Thursday the 12th June we held our annual Sports Days across the School. We were very lucky to have sunshine over both days. All the children performed brilliantly displaying determination, perseverance and an enormous amount of effort. The children were given a huge amount of support by everybody on the field. The children's sprint races were a great way to start the event. The carousel events had a range of activities including archery, didi cars racing, space hoppers, hook a duck, agility and our fantastic inflatable assault course funded by our fantastic PTA.

N-Y2 Results



Y3-Y6 Results



The Sports leaders did an amazing job over both days with their leadership skills, commitment and resilience which really shows what Downsview Primary School is all about. Teams were awarded points for their house colours. Each teams total was then combined with the rest of their houses score to form an overall total.

Well done to all teams for putting in so much effort and thank you to all the staff who helped, the parents/careers that attended and the pupils for performing to the best of their ability and a special thanks goes to the sports leaders who all did an amazing job.

Well Done everybody for another fantastic year of P.E and Sport. Have a great summer and we will look forward to continuing making Downsview Sport thrive.

The countdown is on... the Summer Fair is nearly here!

We've got an amazing afternoon planned on Friday 4th July, 2-5pm with games, treats, special guests and more. Don't forget to book your activities (like the Paint your own figurine) and buy your tokens in advance and make the most of the day.



We need your support! If you can, please consider donating a cake, homemade or store-bought. Just include a list of ingredients and let us know if it's HALAL/Gluten free/Vegan etc.". Cakes can be dropped off at the school office on the morning of 4th July.

Check out all the key info below and get ready for a fantastic time!



**Friday 4th July
2 - 5pm**



**Doors open at 2pm
Free Entry**



Summer Fair



We will have:

- BBQ, drinks, cakes, ice cream, candy floss & sweets
- Inflatables, games, tombolas & woodwork
- Hair bar, toys & books stall, eco refill station
- Raffle with amazing prizes
- Special guests: Firefighters (with firetruck!)
- Special performance from a stilt walker
- Loads of fun for the whole family!



Tokens can be used at any game stall as an additional form of payment. Games cost 50p/£1. One token is worth 50p.

Token Prices:

- 2 tokens: £1
- 10 tokens: £4.50
- 15 tokens: £7

Tokens bought online will be handed out to children on the day.

Cash will also be accepted at stalls. More tokens available at the TOKEN stall on the day!

Buy Tokens



PRE-BOOKABLE ACTIVITIES

Inflatable wristband for unlimited fun (or £3 for 5 mins)

1 for £5
2 for £8



Will be available to purchase on the day too.

Crafting activity "Paint Your Own Figurine". Limited spaces. £2.50 each. This is Pre-booking only!



Join the Seed of Play "Build It!" Workshop to build a wooden keepsake using real tools. £8 per project, 20-minute sessions. Minimum 15 bookings needed to go ahead.



Book Now



You can now donate Summer Fair tokens to help families in need. Tokens will be given discreetly by the school and can be used at any game stall.

Each token is worth 50p, with a minimum donation of 2 tokens (£1).

Thank you for spreading kindness!

[Purchase Here](#)



Minimal ECO Refill Shop:

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

Important Dates!
Summer Fair - **4th July**
Next Uniform Sale - **18th July**

Bring your own bottle, or get one from us!

CASH and CARD payments are now both accepted

We Keep Adding sales dates, so watch this space!

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