

**Friends of Downsview  
are recruiting**



**Year representatives**

**We need one person to take this  
role in each year group.**

**why is it so important?**

They will help gather and cascade key school and FOD communications, ensuring parents are well-informed and collective feedback is shared effectively.  
It is in everyon'e best interest.

**Key roles:**

- Passing on information from the FOD to other parents/carers in their year group (via the year Whatsapp group)
- Spreading the word about all FOD events and answer questions about details (time, date, cost) or contacting the FOD person for help if needed
- Help raise awareness about PTA events to encourage participation and engagement from parents

More info will be in the newsletter with full description.

If you think this is your role or would like to know more please email us: [friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk).



We are excited to announce the introduction of Year Group Representatives, a new volunteer role within our school community.

This role is being introduced to help streamline communication between parents, the school, and the PTA (Friends of Downsview - FOD).

As a school, we've noticed an increase in the number of individual messages and queries about various topics, which can be challenging to manage effectively.

By introducing Year Group Representatives, we hope to create a more efficient and organised way to address collective concerns and share important updates with parents.

[Click the link for more information](#)

**Downsview BOYS**

**FOOTBALL TEAM**



On Wednesday 8th October the boys football team had their first home game of the season in a cup game against Keston Primary School.

It was a fantastic match with some great football from both teams. Downsview won the match 5 nil with 3 goals from Lincoln and a goal each from Canaan and Leon. The team provided some fantastic assists.

Mr Bernatovitch was proud of how the team worked together to represent Downsview they demonstrated good sportsman ship, team work and resilience.

Well done to all who took part.

Khari said "I was so happy to be part of the team and can't wait till our next game."

# DATES FOR THE DIARY...

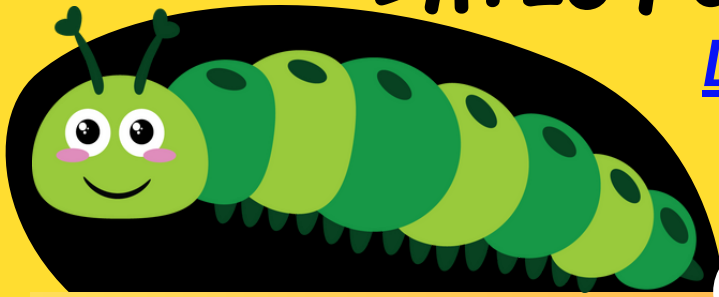
[LINK TO WEBSITE](#)

[CALENDAR...](#)

Eco Calendar 2025

October

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)



## October



Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Reception visit DV Church

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Harvest Festival assembly (10am) **N-Y2 ONLY**- Bring your Grandparents

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> FOD Halloween Disco (KS1 3.30pm - 4.15pm & KS2 4.30pm - 5.30pm)

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Parents Evening 1.30pm-7pm

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER HALF TERM



## NOVEMBER

Year 6 PGL - All Week 3/11 - 7/11

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Come Dine with Me!

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> EYFS Prospective parents tour 9.05am - 10.30am

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> EYFS Prospective parents tour 9.05am - 10.30am

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Book Fair

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Children in Need - Mufti Day

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> EYFS Prospective parents tour 9.05am - 10.30am

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Come Dine with Me!

Book Fair **ENDS**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> **LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> FOD - Wreath Making

## Autumn

1st Sept - 24th Oct 2025

**Half-term:**

27th Oct - 31st Oct

3rd Nov to 19th Dec 2025

**Inset days: 1st & 2nd  
Sept 2025**

## Term Dates

## Spring

5th Jan - 27th March  
2026

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

Easter holidays: 30th

March - 10th Apr 2026

**Inset days: 5th Jan 2026**

## SUMMER

13th Apr - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

**Half Term: 25th- 29th May**

1st June - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Inset days: 20th July 2026**

**Bank Holiday:**

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

# JOIN OUR TEAM

**School Caretaker -Grade 5 - Scp 13-15 (£33,012 - £33,987) - Hours per week: 36 hours (10.30 - 6.30pm) Full time - All Year Round - Permanent**

Downsview is a vibrant, inclusive and dog friendly school – and we're looking for a reliable, proactive and hands on person to help keep our school safe, clean and welcoming for everyone. If you take pride in your work, love being part of a friendly team and want to make a real difference in our school community, we'd love to hear from you!

**Part-Time School Cleaner - Grade 1 - Scp 2-3 (£28,221 - £28,617) Hours per week - 10 hours (3.30pm - 5.30pm) Part time**

Special perk: If you have a child at Downsview in Reception to Year 6, you can use our afterschool childcare free of charge during your working hours!

**Classroom Teacher - Start Date: ASAP - Salary: ECT - UPS Contract Type: Full-time, Fixed Term**

At Downsview, we are a warm, inclusive and diverse school where kindness and respect shape a vibrant community. We nurture the whole child encouraging curiosity, creativity and a love of learning; while balancing academic success with personal growth. Here, children gain confidence, follow their passions and are prepared for a bright, fulfilling future.

We are now seeking a talented and dedicated Key Stage 2 Class Teacher to join our team as soon as possible, as part of our commitment to providing an exceptional education for all learners.

**For full details of the roles, please visit our school website:**

**[www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk)**



# BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES



## What makes a good peacekeeper?

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

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

Why do you think countries made the decision to work together? What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think. Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Positive NEWS



### Trees in the Amazon 'more resilient' than thought

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The Amazon's trees are getting fatter from increased levels of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere, suggesting that they are more resilient to climate change than previously thought.

That's according to a new study by an international team of forest scientists. They found that the average size of tree trunks in the Amazon has increased over recent decades amid rising emissions.

"Despite concerns that climate change may negatively impact trees in the Amazon and undermine the carbon sink effect, the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> in stimulating growth is still there," said joint lead author Dr Adriane Esquivel-Muelbert, from the University of Cambridge, England. "This shows the remarkable resilience of these forests, at least for now."

The authors said that their research underscores the importance of protecting tropical forests. "We can't simply plant new trees and expect them to confer anything like the kinds of carbon or biodiversity benefits that the old, natural forest is providing," cautioned Dr Rebecca Banbury Morgan from the University of Bristol, England.

[Click here for the clip](#)



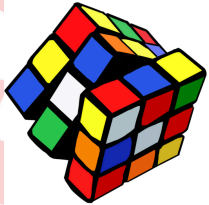
Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



# TOYS FROM THE PAST HISTORY

## YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 has been very exciting as we welcomed Taalia's grandad. This term in Year 1 we have been learning about 'Toys from the Past' as part of our history topic. We have been finding out about what toys from the past were made from and compared them to toys we have now. The children were able to find out lots of interesting facts about toys and games from the past from our visitors and got to ask lots of questions. Our visitor explained about the games he used to play as a boy including the game of conkers and throwing a penny again the wall to see whose would land first.



# WELCOME TO DOWNSVIEW

## Reception

Today, we warmly welcomed our Reception families to Downsview with the launch of our Reception Buddy Service. Year 5 children have been paired with one or two Reception children to be their reading buddies and role models throughout the year and beyond.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all involved—our Year 5s gain valuable experience and a sense of responsibility, while our youngest children benefit from having supportive friends to help and guide them. We are excited to see the positive impact this partnership will have on our school community! After our assembly, our Reception parents were invited to lunch...



### What our guests had to say...

Fab lunch and ambiance!

Fish fingers were lovely

Great chips and dessert - Loved the fire and music

Lovely pasta and the sauce was yummy!

Good food and great company makes for a fabulous lunch!

Wonderful singing

Great vibes and a lovely place

Fabulous variety. Ambience a bonus

Lovely selection and ambience

Delicious lunch and fun assembly - thank you

Fascinating and very enjoyable - thank you

Lovely to spend time with the kids at school - thank you!

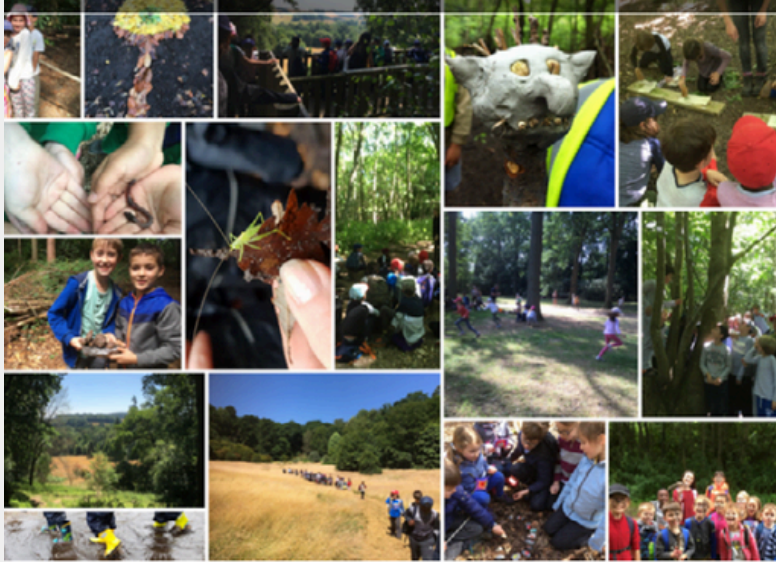
Great energy and good vibes from all the staff - thanks

Thank you so much for the experience! Great job and amazing food!

Lovely morning assembly. Such a wonderful experience for parents and children



# ADVENTURE CALLS THIS AUTUMN...



Activities may include:

- Den building ● Tracking & trailing ● Survival skills ● Storytelling
- Wild art ● Ninja frisbee ● Craft skills ● Assault courses
- Wide games ● Hide & seek ● Rope swings

## Wild Play holiday club this autumn

10.00-4.00 School Years 1-6 £56/day

Crystal Palace Park

Penge Gate, Thicket Rd SE26 6EG

www.wild-learning.net



Book 5 places & get 10% off!



## After-school has never been so fun!

After-school coding clubs for Years 1-8 starting this autumn!

- 1 hour weekly sessions led by DBS-checked staff
- Coding, Minecraft engineering, game design & more
- Club options tailored to KS1, KS2 & KS3
- £10 per pupil, per week (paid by parents)
- No cost or admin for schools - we handle everything
- You provide a room, WiFi and laptops
- Choose any weekday that suits your school



For more information contact us:

[partners@codecamp.co.uk](mailto:partners@codecamp.co.uk)

07539281080

## HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TRAIL

20th - 31st October

Join in our trail to find the animals hidden in Halloween pictures around the farm  
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

Open daily (except Tuesday) from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

£4 per entry



Foal Farm Animal Rescue  
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX  
[www.foalfarm.org.uk](http://www.foalfarm.org.uk)



## SOCCER SCHOOLS

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN SOUTH LONDON

OPEN ENTRY FOR BOYS & GIRLS

BOOK NOW



FOOTBALL SESSIONS IN SOUTH LONDON FROM UEFA LICENSED PALACE COACHES DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- All abilities welcome
- School years 2-8
- Boys, girls & goalkeeper specific courses
- Develop new skills and make new friends



### WHEN:

🕒 9am-4pm

📅 School holidays

DISCOUNT CODE



[PALACEFORLIFE.ORG](http://PALACEFORLIFE.ORG)

[FOOTBALLDEVELOPMENT@PALACEFORLIFE.ORG](mailto:FOOTBALLDEVELOPMENT@PALACEFORLIFE.ORG)

# FOD NEWS



## OCTOBER

### 22nd - Wednesday KPOP Demon Dancers Disco

- KS1 (Y1&Y2) **3.15-4.15pm**
- KS2 (Y3-Y6) **4.30-5.30pm**

Please volunteer to help running this event when buying the tickets or email us:  
[friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk).

## NOVEMBER

### WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP 27th November Thursday 5-8pm

#### ADULTS only event.

Come and enjoy an evening with your fellow parents and friends.

#### £45per person.

All supplies and a glass of prosecco are included and you take home your handmade festive wreath.

Open for everyone, invite your family and friends!

[Buy tickets and click here](#)

### Christmas Wreath workshop



Calling the ADULTS only an evening of creative cakes and some bubbly!

Downsview Primary School, SE19 3XE

**NOVEMBER 27th/ Thursday 5-8 pm**

Festive refreshments are available (cakes, mince pie, prosecco & lemonade) to purchase.



BOOK TICKETS

DOWNSVIEW SCHOOL PRESENTS

# KPOP DEMON DANCERS DISCO

You can be a pop star, a demon, a princess, a spooky ghost or wear your favourite Diwali or EID outfit! Everything goes here and fancy dress is only optional. If you prefer you can even wear your own clothes. If you go for spooky, make sure you are not too scary!

**22nd OCTOBER WEDNESDAY**  
KS1 (Y1&Y2) **3.15pm - 4.15pm**  
KS2 **4.30pm - 5.30pm**

The kids will get a small bag of crisps and a halal vegan sweetbag with every ticket but please pack your own snack if your child will need more. Unlimited squash will be provided.

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO BUY AT: £6**  
[HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/DVPS/](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/)

The kids can wear their costumes all day



### Christmas Wreath Workshop

Come and join me to make a beautiful wreath ready for the festive season.

With festive tunes and creative Christmas fun, what could be a better way of getting into the Christmas mood.

All materials provided, with step-by-step guidance to take you from start to finish.

Tickets are £45/person (including a drink). Only very limited spaces available so please book yours ASAP here:

<https://pta.events/9gagvs83>




or SCAN ME:



# ANNOUNCEMENT

We had our **Annual General Meeting** on 7th October.

It was lovely to see so many (13 exactly)  of you showing interest in what we do and joining in to hear all about last year's achievements and plans for this year. Thank you so much for logging in.

We have our newly elected committee members now:

**Chair** – Beatrix Kapcsa

**Treasurer** – Aurora Arrowsmith

**Secretary** – Paula Dabrowska

The meeting minutes and the chair's and treasurer's reports will be available on the school's website soon.

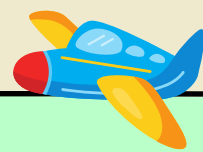
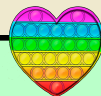
We will keep you updated once they are uploaded.

## DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations again (**toys and books**)! Please make sure they're either new or in great condition with all parts included.

Your generous donations go a long way in helping us create exciting prizes and experiences for the children.

**Thank you again for your ongoing support!**



# EASYFUNDRAISING:

It costs you absolutely **NOTHING!** Just make sure you allow pop-up windows and choose "ask for donation". Booking.com will also make a donation (please refer to the website for details).

Every school year in **January and June** we will have a raffle amongst who signed up and actively supported our school for at least 3 months.

**The prize: £20 Amazon gift card!**



## SCHOOL LOTTERY:

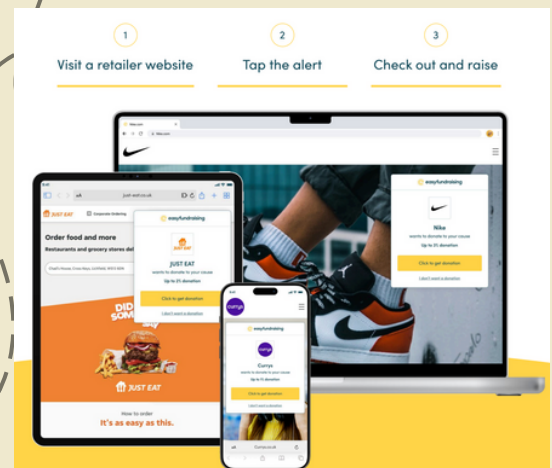
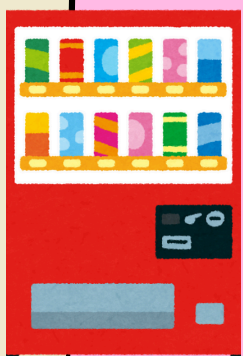
We are funding the Book vending machine and school library books with the income.

Currently, we have 10 Lottery ticket holders, which is not even enough to buy the books for the vending machine. You have a chance to win every week!

**Please sign up and support us! It costs less than a coffee in a month.**

**IF YOU ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN THE LOTTERY, YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE 5 GAME TOKENS FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL FAIR.**

[Click here!](#)





It's Harvest Festival Time Again!



We would like to extend a special invitation to all the 'Grandparents' of children from Nursery to Year 2 classes (only).

You are cordially invited to our special 'Harvest Assembly' on **Tuesday the 21st Oct 2025 at 10 am.**

Please come to the reception office area and you will be escorted to the hall.

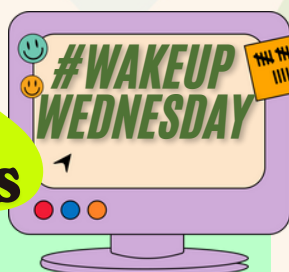
We are looking forward to welcoming our Grandparents!



Donations from the Harvest collection will be given to Good Shepherd church in Thornton Heath and Downsview Methodist Church!



## Dealing with Traumatic and Challenging Events



When young people go through something traumatic – such as bereavement, bullying or a family crisis – it can take time to make sense of what they're feeling. That's where adult guidance can make all the difference. This week's Wake up Wednesday guide offers helpful tips for parents and educators supporting children and young through difficult experiences.

From fostering a sense of safety to recognising when specialist help might be needed, the guide is full of practical ideas for creating a compassionate, stable environment that supports recovery. It's a reassuring read for anyone who wants to be there for a young person going through tough times.

[Click here for more information](#)

### Green

### House Winners



### Attendance

Infant: Fox  
KS2: Frog

### Mathletics

#### Infants

Gold: Tadpole 100%

Silver: Caterpillar 93%

Bronze: Ducklings 86%

#### KS2

Gold: Oak 95%

Silver: Hawthorn 92%

Bronze: Juniper 88%

