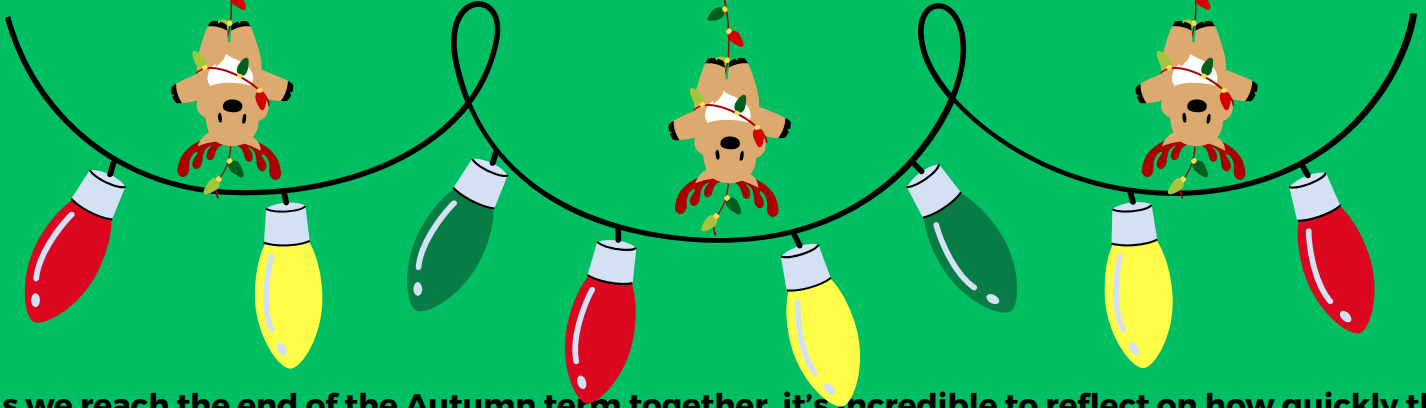
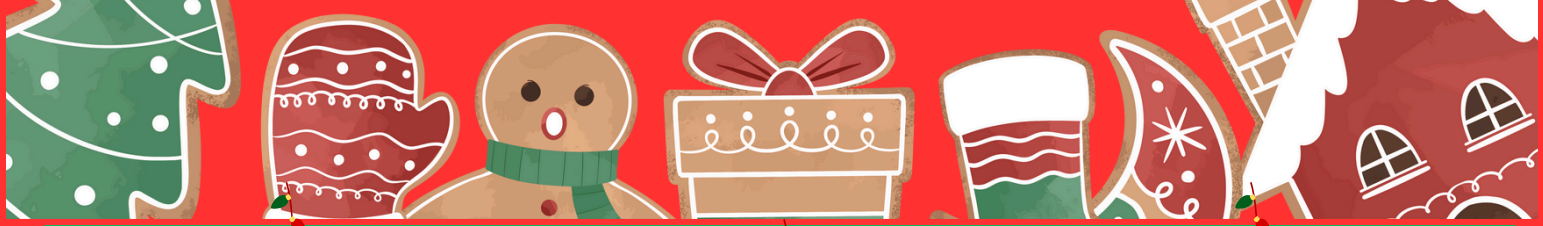




Downsview Newsletter

<https://www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk/>

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As we reach the end of the Autumn term together, it's incredible to reflect on how quickly the weeks have flown by. Since September, our children have learned new things, made new friends, faced challenges and given their very best every single day.

We have stumbled and bounced back. We have shown resilience when learning felt tricky and supported one another along the way. This spirit of perseverance and teamwork is what makes our school community so special.

With the days growing shorter and colder, we have arrived at a very special time of year—the festive season. For many, this is a time of celebration, lights and joy; for others, it may be a quieter period. What truly matters, no matter the season, is how we treat each other—with kindness.

Kindness doesn't have to be grand. It can be a smile, sharing, including someone in a game, saying please and thank you, offering help, or simply listening. When we spread kindness, we make our school, homes and community happier places—not just at Christmas, but every day.

As we prepare for the holiday break, I encourage everyone to reflect on three things:

- **Something you are proud of this term**
- **Someone who has shown you kindness**
- **One kind thing you will try to do before the year ends**

When we return next term, there will be more learning, challenges and opportunities ahead. Let's also bring back kind hearts, helping hands and positive attitudes.

In the spirit of positive attitudes, our team has put together a short video for the children... and for the grown-ups too! How lucky are we to have such good-humoured adults in our community? Parents, I think it might be your turn next for a video! Here is the [LINK](#) 😊

Thank you to all our children and families for your hard work and support this term. I would also like to extend a special thank you to all our staff—teachers, support staff, office team, kitchen team, cleaners and premises—for their dedication and commitment.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful holiday season.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY...

LINK TO WEBSITE CALENDAR...

DECEMBER

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)



January

Mon 5th **INSET for Pupils - School CLOSED**
Mon 12th **Clubs Start**
Tues 13th **Year 4** Come Dine with Me!
Thurs 15th **Reception Height & Weight checks**
Fri 16th **FOD** Mufti Day - Rainbow Hamper
Mon 19th Young Voices Choir event
Thurs 22nd **SEND** Coffee Morning - 9.15 - 11.00am
Wed 28th **Year 3** Come Dine with Me!

February

Fri 6th **Mufti Day** - World Cancer Day
Thurs 12th Parents Evening - 1.30pm-7pm

Mon 16th - Fri 20th February HALF TERM

Tues 24th **Year 5 - Trip to Transport Museum**
Thurs 26th **Book Fair**
Fri 27th **FOD** Joey Bar Event

MARCH

Weds 4th Author **Visit**
Thurs 5th Book Fair - **Ends**
Fri 6th Bring Your Parent to School Day - Careers
Fri 13th **FOD** - Mother's Day Gift Shop
Mon 23rd **Last Week of Clubs**
Fri 27th School **finishes** at **1.15pm** for **ALL** children

Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April - Easter Holidays

Term Dates

Spring

5th Jan - 27th March 26
Half Term: 16th - 20th Feb
Easter holidays:
30th March - 10th Apr 26
Inset day: 5th Jan 26

SUMMER

13th Apr - 22nd May 26
Half Term: 25th - 29th May
1st June - 20th July 26
Inset day: 20th July 26
Bank Holiday:
4th May 26

Autumn

2nd Sept - 23rd Oct 26
Half-term: 26th Oct - 30th Oct
2nd Nov - 18th Dec 26
Inset days: TBC

BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES



What does Kindness look like?

This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Each bag includes things to keep people warm, like blankets, socks and hot drinks. The project aims to bring comfort to elderly and vulnerable people in the colder months. It shows that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

Things to talk about at home...

Talk to someone at home about the campaign. Can you think of a time someone was kind to you? How did it make you feel? Do you believe helping others can make us feel happier too? Why? What are some small acts of kindness we can do at home, at school, or in our community?

[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive NEWS



Australia's social media ban for kids kicked in

All eyes are on Australia, where a ban on social media for under-16s came into force this week. Legislators around the world are grappling with the thorny issue of social media use among children. As well as potentially exposing them to harmful content and online predators, social media has been linked to poor mental health among young people.

"This is Australia showing enough is enough," said Australian prime minister Anthony Albanese, as the ban came in on Wednesday, prompting many young people to try and find ways around it.

Critics of the new law argue that it infringes on young people's rights to communicate. Others see it as a necessary measure to save childhood from the digital ether and the commercial interests of big tech.

Australia is not acting alone. A ban on social media for under-14s came into effect in the US state of Florida last week, with bi-partisan support. Meanwhile, Denmark is pressing ahead with its own ban, announced last month.

[Click here for the clip](#)



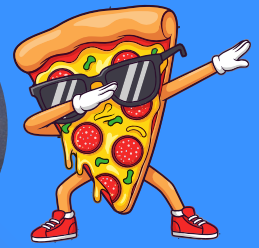
Ensure healthy
lives and promote
well-being for
all at all ages



BETTER
TOGETHER



Y3 Design & Technology



Watch our video on Instagram

OR Facebook

On Monday, Year 3 enjoyed a day full of fun, cheese, and healthy eating. As part of our DT unit, the children explored nutrition and the importance of making healthy food choices.

To bring their learning to life, the children had the opportunity to design and make their own pizzas, with a healthy twist! Using pita bread as an alternative base, they created delicious pizzas while thinking carefully about balanced ingredients. The children thoroughly enjoyed every stage of the process, from designing and making to tasting their pizzas, all while developing their understanding of nutrition and healthy eating.



Rock n Roll CHRISTMAS Y4

Year 4 wrapped up their Music syllabus this year with an exploration into Rock and Roll. The children were not particularly fussed initially, but after learning how to hand jive, smiles were broadened and the rhymns became captivating.

It was a great day and they all learnt how to play the following bass line on a piano.

C, E, G, A, A#, A, G, E
F, A, C, D, D#, D, C, A.

Ask your child to play it at home using the following link: www.musicaa.com



Y5 Computing

During Computing Day, we engaged students in an interactive exploration of programming through music. Using Scratch, students learned how code can be used to create, control, and manipulate musical sounds and rhythms. They experimented with sequences, loops, and events to compose their own digital music pieces, developing both computational thinking and creativity. Through hands-on activities, students collaborated to test ideas, debug their programs, and refine their compositions, gaining a practical understanding of how programming concepts can be applied in a creative and meaningful context..





CHOIR *Visit*

37 of our children sang Christmas songs at **Beulah Vista Care Home and Downsview Church** to help them celebrate Christmas this week. They sang **beautifully** and made lots of people smile. **The residents** and people having their Christmas lunch joined in with them. They were very **proud** to **share the songs** they had been practising and spread **festive cheer** in the community.



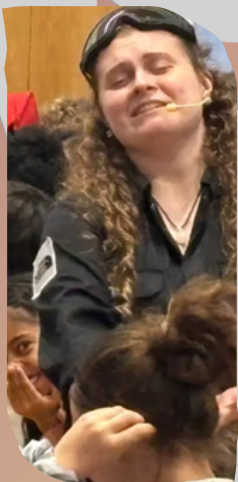
PANTO



Yesterday was Panto Day and the **excitement was everywhere!**

Our whole school took part in a high-energy, laugh-out-loud Christmas adventure called **Agent Frostbite & the Search for Tinsel Tally**. When Tinsel Tally - the keeper of the Naughty and Nice List - went missing, it was up to Agent Frostbite and all of us to save Christmas!

Pupils and staff had a fantastic time joining in with silly songs, wild dances, and even speaking "alien gobbledegook"! **Ms Glover and Ms Chamberlain** (among others) joined in with great spirits and lots of laughter, while Mr B enjoyed the fun from a safe distance, cheering everyone on.



The panto wasn't just about laughs; it helped us **build confidence, creativity and cooperation**. Plus, it reminded us that no matter who we are, where we're from or what we believe, we can all take something special from this time of year – kindness, friendship and joy – just like at **Downsview!**

We are **so proud** of how our school came alive with this special tradition. It was a **magical day** where every child was a star!





School



Admissions 2025



What makes Downsview Special?



Nurturing & Inclusive Heart -

Inclusive, nurturing support where every individual feels valued & empowered to thrive.



Forward Thinking Curriculum -

Endless opportunities in a curriculum & environment that sparks creativity, growth & wonder.



Proven Academic Success -

Our success is driven by care, curiosity & high expectations for all learners. We empower children with the knowledge & resilience needed to achieve their full potential.

Are you ready to secure a place where your child can flourish?

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Meditation for Everyday Life

Bringing Calm to Your Daily Routine



Treat yourself to a moment of calm each week

All Downsview school parents are invited to our Parents' Meditation Class, running every Thursday during term time from 9:00am to 11:00am.

These sessions offer a peaceful space to unwind, rebalance and reconnect
No previous experience needed, just bring a mat and a blanket

Important information

Time: Thursdays, 9:00am – 11:00am
Meeting Point: Marston Way Gate
Cost: £15 per session, or £12 per session if booking 3 or more sessions as a bulk

To book:
Email: anasa.healing4u@gmail.com
Instagram: Anasa_healing
Mobile: 07591 258864

Take this weekly time just for you; breathe, release and reconnect.



Your moment of calmness awaits

LET'S CELEBRATE

IMPECCABLE BEHAVIOUR

House Winner
BLUE



N Olive
N Louis
R Israel
R Ava
R Ray
R Seren
R Isabel
R Kayson
Y1 Aurelia
Y1 Noah
Y1 Amareon
Y1 Zephy
Y1 Ameera
Y1 Ahmad

Y2 Musta
Y2 Zaine
Y2 Nela
Y2 Jayden
Y2 Owen
Y2 Zahra
Y3 Isaac
Y3 Mia
Y3 Denis
Y3 Serah
Y3 Aarvi
Y3 Monty

Y4 Leonardo
Y4 Cali
Y4 Aya
Y4 Zephyr
Y4 Luna-Rae
Y4 Arianna
Y5 Ada
Y5 Olivia
Y5 Jival
Y5 Razia
Y5 Cici
Y5 Hector

Y6 Emayah
Y6 Manit
Y6 Melissa
Y6 Vidhaan
Y6 Abdullah
Y6 Evie



Attendance this year

Infant: **Bluebell 97.3%**
KS2: **Frog 98.2%**

Punctuality this term

Infant: **Tadpole**
KS2: **Hawthorn and Frog**

PLATINUM
TICKET



[Watch our video on Facebook](#)

Top Students Autumn Term

Infants

3rd - Dan 11,699
2nd - Chima 21,760
1st- Murtaza **58,965**

KS2

3rd - Ambra- **42,298**
2nd- Razia **65,040**
1st - Amari **131,380**



Mathletics

Top class Autumn Term

Infants

3rd- Bluebell 116,620
2nd - Fox 123,697
1st -Hedgehog 180,652

KS2

3rd - Raven **201,259**
2nd- Dragonfly **202,181**
1st - Hawthorn **302,344**