



# Downsview Newsletter

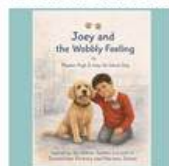


<https://www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk/>

Over the years, Joey has spent lots of time listening to stories and reading the fantastic writing produced by our children. Inspired by their creativity, he decided it was time to write a story of his own—with a little help from his mummy, of course!

# It's Ready!

## Books in this series (1 book)



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### Joey and the Wobbly Feeling (Joey our School Dog)

by Ms Meghan Pugh (Author)

Meet Joey the school dog who always knows when someone needs him most.

Joey loves mornings at school. He loves the busy teachers, the smell of toast at breakfast club, and most of all, the sound of children laughing.

But one morning, Joey notices something different.

Muhammad isn't smiling.

His shoulders are low.

His tummy feels funny.

He has a *wobbly feeling*.

Joey doesn't bark or make a fuss.

He simply stays close.

Through gentle moments, quiet breathing, and small steps, Joey helps Muhammad find a little bit of calm... and a little bit of courage.

Because sometimes, when feelings feel big, you don't need noise... you just need someone by your side.

This warm and reassuring story helps children:

- Understand and talk about anxious or "wobbly" feelings
  - Learn simple calming strategies like breathing and stretching
  - Build confidence through small, achievable steps
- Perfect for primary aged children, this story is ideal for:

- Classrooms and PSHE lessons
- Bedtime reading
- Supporting emotional wellbeing at home and at school

A gentle story about friendship, bravery and the power of small steps.

**Because even the smallest brave step... is still a very big step.**

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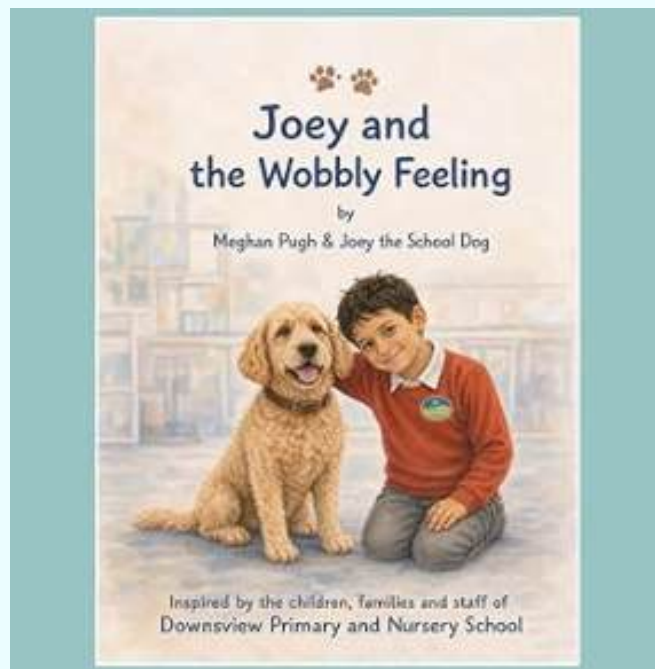
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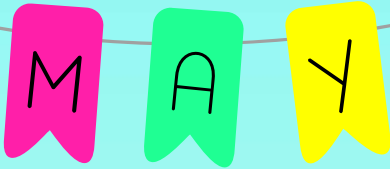
# 2026

# Dates for the Diary

[Link to School Calendar](#)



## Sustainability Calendar LINK



**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Y4 Dragonfly Swimming - ALL WEEK**  
**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Y4 Goldfinch Swimming - ALL WEEK**  
 Weds 20<sup>th</sup> **Y2 - Come Dine with Me!**  
 Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> **Dare to be Different Day!**  
**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**



Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> **Y1 Fox to Pizza Express**  
 Weds 10<sup>th</sup> **Sports Day - N & R (am) - Yrs 3 & 4 (pm)**  
 Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> **Sports Day - Yrs 1 & 2 (am) - Yrs 5 & 6 (pm)**  
**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Y5 Wren Swimming - ALL WEEK**  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> **FOD Circus**  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> **Father's Day assembly N-Y2**  
**FOD Father's day gift shop**  
**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Y5 Raven Swimming - ALL WEEK**  
 Fri 26<sup>th</sup> **Y5 Trip to Harris Beulah**  
**FOD - Re:cycle Event (3.15pm)**  
**FOD Mufti day Summer Fair**  
 Mon 29<sup>th</sup> **LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**



Weds 1<sup>st</sup> **Nursery Meet and Greet (PM)**  
 Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> **Y1 Hedgehog - Pizza Express - AM**  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> **FOD Summer Fair 2.30pm-5pm**  
 Tues 7<sup>th</sup> **Reception morning- New Children (Sept start only)**  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> **FOD Summer Fair**  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> **Culture Day at Downview**  
 Weds 15<sup>th</sup> **Year 6 - BBQ & awards ceremony**  
 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> **Whole School BBQ**  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Last Day for Pupils- 1.15pm finish - No After School Club**  
**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

## SUMMER

13<sup>th</sup> Apr - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 26

**Half Term: 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May**

1<sup>st</sup> June - 20<sup>th</sup> July 26

**Inset days: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 26 & 20<sup>th</sup> July 26**

**Bank Holiday: 4<sup>th</sup> May 26**



2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 26

**Half Term: 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 26

**Inset days: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept**



4<sup>th</sup> Jan - 25<sup>th</sup> March 27

**Half Term: 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Easter holidays:**

26<sup>th</sup> March - 9<sup>th</sup> Apr 27

**Inset day: 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 27**

# 57 governments gathered for the first conference on transitioning away from fossil fuels

Colombia this week played host to the world's first high-level conference dedicated to phasing out oil, gas and coal. Representatives from 57 countries gathered in the coastal city of Santa Marta for two days of talks, with four days of civil society workshops held just before.

The conference, convened by the governments of the Netherlands and Colombia, was born out of frustration with the lack of progress that the annual COP summit often fails to produce.

As well as the creation of fresh collaborations between countries, a new international scientific panel on the energy transition was announced. Some countries also progressed individual plans to phase out fossil fuels. Colombia published a draft plan last week, for example, and France followed suit on Tuesday with a roadmap to remove coal from the grid by 2027, and end dependency on oil fossil gas by 2045 and 2050, respectively.

While no "negotiated political outcome" was produced, according to Amnesty International, the Netherlands' climate minister Stientje van Veldhoven noted that the conference was meant as "an accelerator of work".

[LINK to video](#)



## How can music bring people together?



This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest. Each country performs a song, and millions of people watch and vote for their favourites. The contest celebrates different styles of music, languages, and cultures from around the world.

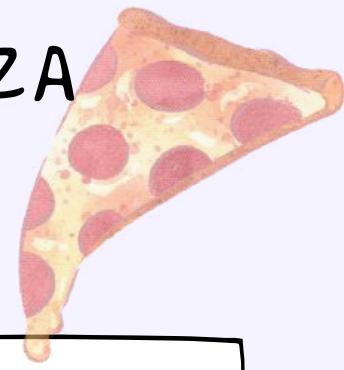
### Things to talk about at home...

- What kind of music do you enjoy most, and why? Does everyone in your house enjoy the same music?
- Why do you think people from different countries enjoy listening to music together?
- Do you believe competitions like Eurovision are fair? Why?
- In your view, does music bring people together, or can it sometimes divide opinions?

[LINK to the learning for the children at home](#)

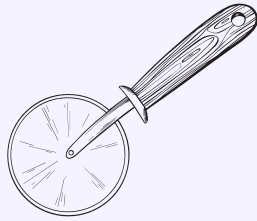


# SQUIRRELL GO TO PIZZA EXPRESS



## WE ARE PIZZA CHEFS

This week 1 Squirrel 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 Chef's 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 Squirrel!





**The Giant Teddy Bears' Picnic is back on Sunday 10th May 2026 from 11-5pm!**  
**[dulwichparkfriends.org.uk](http://dulwichparkfriends.org.uk)**

## *Portrait Drawing Workshop at Cass Art*


Looking for a creative way to spend your Saturday morning?

A talented artist is leading a Portrait Drawing Class at Cass Art this Saturday from 10:00am-12:30pm. Even more exciting — she is also a semi-finalist on the Portrait Artist of the Year, making this a fantastic opportunity to learn from a truly skilled artist.

Whether you're developing your drawing skills or simply want to enjoy a relaxed and inspiring creative morning, this workshop promises to be a wonderful experience.

 Portrait Proportions & Likeness with Paulina Kwietniewska

 Kensington

 Saturday | 10:00am-12:30pm

Find out more and book here:

**[Workshop Details & Booking](#)**



As part of the Sports Days at Downsview, the winner of Gladiators 2025, Joe Fishburn is visiting our school!

His visit is fully funded by FOD. Details of this event to follow.

Joe Fishburn's background story...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cgengr1d7gno>



# FOD NEWS



## DARE TO BE DIFFERENT DAY

**IS BACK!**

This is your time to go crazy with a hairdo, paint your nails, wear a costume or your favourite football kit!

**21st May  
Thursday**

### RULES YOU CANNOT BREAK:

age appropriate clothing, no football boots, no heels or wheels, no jewellery, no fizzy drinks

### RULES TO BE BROKEN

1. WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM
2. NO FOOTBALL KITS
3. NO CHOCOLATE OR SWEETS FOR SNACKS
4. NO MESSY OR COLOURED HAIR
5. NO NAILS VANISH
6. NO TEMPORARY TATTOOS
7. NO MAKE-UP OR FACE PAINT
8. ONLY WATER IN WATER BOTTLES
9. NO FANCY DRESS



**HOW?  
IT WORKS**

**50P FOR EACH RULE YOU CHOOSE TO BREAK.**

**PLEASE GIVE THE MONEY TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER**

Normal school and behaviour rules apply. But **HAVE FUN!**



## 15th JUNE

Tickets - £13.50 each

Family of 4 - £50

**REMEMBER -** This event is open to the whole community so please invite friends/family! Select adult/guest when booking system asks for class.

**BOUNCY CASTLES INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE PLUS MANY STALLS AND GAMES**

**Gates open: 4.45pm Showtime: 6-8pm**



AS PART OF THE SPORTS DAYS AT DOWNSVIEW, THE WINNER OF GLADIATORS 2025, JOE FISHBURN IS VISITING OUR SCHOOL!

HIS VISIT IS FULLY FUNDED BY FOD. DETAILS OF THIS EVENT TO FOLLOW.



## JOIN US AT EASYFUNDRAISING


We're registered with easyfundraising, so you can support us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers donate when you shop through them - at no extra cost to you.

Just sign up and use easyfundraising when shopping online. If you join this month, the school gets £2 plus bonus donations for every new supporter.




For any events, Pay at:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/)




# SUPERMAN

**GIFT SHOP 19TH JUNE - FRIDAY**



**SAVE THE DATE**



**This year we are doing something different!**  
We're celebrating the important men in our lives with a sweet treat—  
2 Original Glazed Krispy Kreme doughnuts!  
Boxes will be given to children at the end of the school day on the 19th.



**Online sales open on 11<sup>th</sup> May/Monday**

**YOU CAN BUY AS MANY AS YOU LIKE!**

**EACH GIFT/BOX OF 2: £2.50**



**Bicycle workshop**

Children and parents are invited to learn basic bike maintenance, including checking brakes, cables, chains and tyre pressure to keep bikes safe and road-ready.

**UNDER THE BLUE GAZEBO 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 3:15-4PM**

**Eco refill**

- Washing up liquid 100ml £0.40
- Hand wash 100ml £0.55
- Body Wash 100ml £0.55
- Shampoo 100ml £0.70
- Conditioner 100ml £0.70

**CASH and CARD payments are now both accepted**



**Uniform Sale**

Every item £1 or fill a bag for £5

**PLEASE DONATE!**  
in the red bin outside the office at the recycling point.

ACCESS  WELLNESS

**Children's Multi Skills (Drop & Dash)**

**MAY HALF-TERM SET UP**

**Parents/Carers & Children Joint Fitness**

**Cost: £12 per child**

**Date/Time: Tuesday, 28th May, 9:30-11:30 am**

**Age Group: 5-11**

A fun, high-energy morning focused on building core physical skills, including balance, coordination, strength, flexibility and mixed-sport games. This is a drop-off session.

**Venue: Downsview Methodist Church Hall, Waddington Way.**

**Cost: Free for adults and £8 per child.**

- First parent/carer attends free
- Additional adults: **£8**

**Dates/Times: Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 9:00 am**

**Age Group: All (as long as parents/carers supervise)**

A supportive, family-friendly fitness session with partner exercises, functional movement, balance and mobility work, and confidence-building challenges for all.

**Cash payment!!!**

**Spots are limited, so please confirm your attendance via DM ASAP to Victor: 07949 722107**



For any events, Pay at:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/)

# TOY AMNESTY

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS AGAIN!

We are accepting used and new toys for our future FOD events. Please make sure they are all clean and in good working condition.

Also, any **NEW** Unwanted Gifts, items (for adults, and kids) for hampers and prizes

AND ANY NEW TOYS!



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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Key rings          | Small unused craft sets/bits |
| Small toy figures  | Teddies, soft toys           |
| Lego               | Party bag fillers            |
| New hair accessory | Girls jewellery              |
| Fidget toys        |                              |

**CAN YOUR BOSS HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR DOWNSVIEW?**

Does your employer have a match fund in a scheme? Are they willing to match fund any of our events?

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**DOWNSVIEW DASHERS**

**WE'LL BE ORGANISING A THURSDAY EVENING SOCIAL RUN AND PLAN TO DO A TEAM RUN IN AUGUST TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL.**

It's a great opportunity to meet new people, socialise and get in shape this summer. Any level of fitness catered for and the sessions are always led by either Jamal or Victor.

Please contact - [Downsviewdashers@gmail.com](mailto:Downsviewdashers@gmail.com), or get in touch with Victor or Jamal.

**MATCH FUNDING**

We would be grateful if you could find out if your employer has a match fund scheme. If they are willing to match fund any of our events this would be a very large source of income for Downview School as we have no money to support the school.

It won't cost you a penny!

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The employer contributes to the running of the school. The school then provides the match funding to support the school.

and just like magic your contribution becomes twice as important!

If your employer can help

**Slip & Slice afternoon cuppa and chat**

Thank you for coming! It was lovely to see you there.

**CRAFTS AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH**

All children up to 12 years are welcome to attend our free session with a responsible adult.

**12TH MAY 3:30-5:00PM**

**THEME: TREES & GARDEN**

**NEW DATES FOR 2026! LIVINGSTONE ROAD PLAY STREET**

A CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY HAPPILY AND SAFELY IN A STREET CLOSED TO CARS!

1.30 PM - 3.30 PM

KIDS MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT!

**CYCLE CHALK SKIP CHAT COMMUNITY**

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SUN 10TH MAY  
SUN 13TH SEPT  
SUN 11TH OCT

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- MAY**
- 10th - Street play Livingstone road
  - 12th - Crafts at Downsview Church
  - 21st - Dere to be different day

- JUNE**
- 12th - Superman gift shop
  - 15th - Happy's Circus
  - 18th - Joe Fishburn visit
  - 19th - Mufti day for summer fair
  - 26th - Mufti Bike repair and eco workshop

**COMING SOON**

Every Friday, we have a ice cream sale and a Minimal Eco Refill shop 3:15 pm

# Celebrations

## Values

N - Robyn  
R - Lea  
R - Edward  
R - Violet  
Y1 - Aisha  
Y1 - Dan  
Y1 - Alicia  
Y2 - Freddie  
Y2 - Yuri  
Y2 - Hamza  
Y4 - Luna-Rae  
Y4 - Taran  
Y4 - Natalia  
Y5 - Olivia-Rose  
Y5 - Hector  
Y5 - Zayn-Abbas  
Y6 - Zidane  
Y6 - Emma  
Y6 - Abdul-Kader

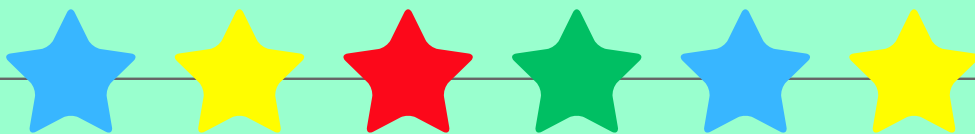
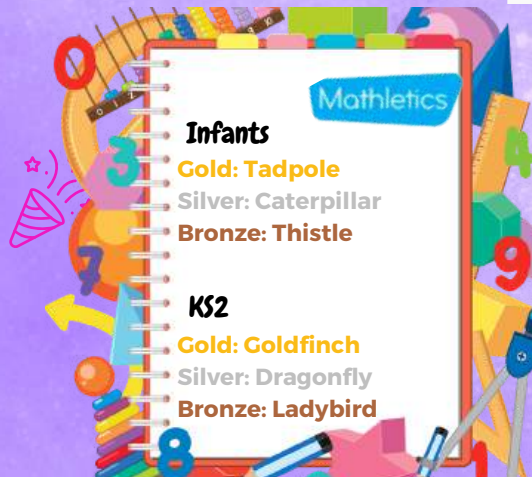
## Effort

N - Bear  
R - Isla  
R - Marian  
R - Elsie  
Y1 - Hannah  
Y1 - Safiyah  
Y1 - Leo  
Y2 - Esther  
Y2 - Allegra  
Y2 - Mi'Nya  
Y4 - Ollie  
Y4 - Hannah  
Y4 - Lana  
Y5 - Cameron  
Y5 - Valentina  
Y5 - Faouly  
Y6 - Ryan  
Y6 - LJ  
Y6 - Eric

# PE



## Blue House Winners



## Downsview Vacancy Board

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Classroom Teacher

Dual Role - Teaching Assistant (Level 2)  
& Extended Schools Support Assistant

EYFS Level 3 Learning Support Assistant

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# TEAM