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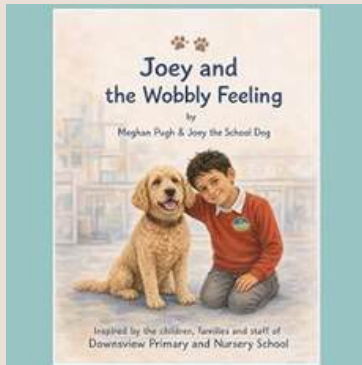


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15TH MAY 2026

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK

A HEARTWARMING STORY ABOUT FEELINGS, FRIENDSHIP AND OUR SCHOOL DOG, JOEY!



The first book in a brand new series by our Headteacher, Meghan Pugh and Joey!






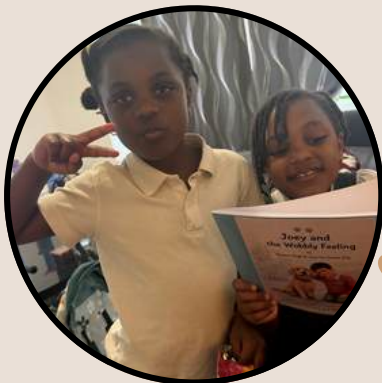
Over the years, Joey has noticed that sometimes children get a "wobbly" feeling and today, its Muhammad. Joey quickly but gently knows how to support him. He doesn't bark or make a fuss; he simply stays by his side. With Joey's support, Muhammad learns some simple techniques to help him feel calm and find his courage.

**WRITTEN BY
OUR
HEADTEACHER &
JOEY**



Meghan Pugh is passionate about supporting children's wellbeing and helping every child feel seen, safe and understood. This story was inspired by our school community.

-  Perfect for Primary classrooms and PSHE lessons
-  Bedtime reading
-  Ideal for supporting emotional wellbeing at home and at school



Please send us a picture of the children/family reading their book! Joey would love to see and hear what you think of it!
head@downsview.croydon.sch.uk



COMING SOON!

The next adventure in the Joey series, Joey's First Day at School, will be available soon! Watch this space!



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to buy!



Y3

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the British Museum last Friday. The children explored a range of fascinating Ancient Egyptian artefacts, including statues, jewellery and hieroglyphics and were especially excited to see real mummies up close.



They also enjoyed visiting displays about the Pacific Ocean, where they learned about different cultures, objects and traditions from islands across the region.



The pupils were curious, respectful and enthusiastic throughout the day and their excellent behaviour made us all very proud.



Joey has been inspiring his friends to become authors and create their very own books! In Year 2, the children have been working incredibly hard on writing and publishing their own magical "Spell Books."



Y2



The children are excited to add their finished books to our school library so that other children across the school can enjoy reading them. We are so proud of their creativity, imagination and enthusiasm for writing!

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to **MathsWorld** in London, where the children explored a range of exciting hands-on activities that brought **maths to life**.

They worked together to **solve** puzzles and problems, using their reasoning skills to tackle different challenges.

Some of their **favourite interactive** exhibits included **building giant 3D shapes**, **experimenting with symmetry patterns**, and testing their logic with moving puzzle walls.

There was also a **giant bubble wall**! The trip was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see how maths can be fun, creative and engaging.



What an amazing computing day year 5 had last week!

First, the children learnt about animation and looked at historical ways of animating. They then made their own **Zoetropes, Thaumotropes and flip books.**

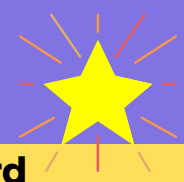
Next, we learnt about **stop motion animation** through watching videos about the making of various **Wallet and Gromit** programmes. The children created their own simple animations using clay blobs.

Finally, the children made a **story board** for their own stop motion animation which they then brought to life! **Such a fun day!**

Y5

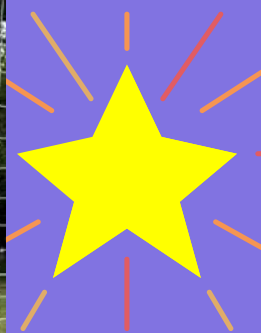


Downsview Successes!!



Huxley, Innes and their team in the cup final and won! They played great and **Huxley** scored a goal in a tight game decided by penalties after finishing 3-3. **They are delighted!**

Then the girls were in a gymnastics competition each picking up **two golds and two silvers**. **Nancy** thrilled with her first golds since restarting gymnastics and **Esmé's** routine in the beam was so impressive.



Marley 4 Ladybird

A bit of info about the **Triathlon Marley** races in this weekend...

Crystal Palace Triathlon takes place every May in Crystal Palace Park, hosted by **Crystal Palace Triathletes**.

Kids can take part from the age of 8 up to open adult categories.

Marley raced in **TriStar 1** (9/10 year olds) which is 150m swim (6 laps), 4k bike (two laps of the park) and a 1.2k run finishing in the stadium.

800 competitors took part this year with the vast majority being junior categories.

It's a closed road circuit (nice and safe for kids) but is a very challenging course with lots of hills.

If any kids from Downsview would like to **take part** next year or are interested in getting into the sport.

visit:

Crystalpalacetriathletes.com for more info.



2026

Dates for the Diary

[Link to School Calendar](#)



Sustainability Calendar LINK

M A Y

Mon 18th - Thurs 21st Y4 Goldfinch Swimming - ALL WEEK

Weds 20th **Y2 - Come Dine with Me!**

Thurs 21st **Dare to be Different Day!**

Fri 22nd May - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

JUNE

Weds 3rd **Y1 Fox to Pizza Express**

Weds 10th **Sports Day - N & R (am) - Yrs 3 & 4 (pm)**

Thurs 11th **Sports Day - Yrs 1 & 2 (am) - Yrs 5 & 6 (pm)**

Mon 15th - Fri 19th Y5 Wren Swimming - ALL WEEK

Mon 15th **FOD Circus**

Fri 19th **Father's Day assembly N-Y2**

FOD Father's day gift shop

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Y5 Raven Swimming - ALL WEEK

Fri 26th **Y5 Trip to Harris Beulah**

FOD - Re:cycle Event (3.15pm)

FOD Mufti day Summer Fair

Mon 29th **LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**

JULY

Weds 1st **Nursery Meet and Greet (PM)**

Thurs 2nd **Y1 Hedgehog - Pizza Express - AM**

Fri 3rd **FOD Summer Fair 2.30pm-5pm**

Tues 7th **Reception morning- New Children (Sept start only)**

Fri 3rd **FOD Summer Fair**

Fri 10th **Culture Day at Downsview**

Weds 15th **Year 6 - BBQ & awards ceremony**

Thurs 16th **Whole School BBQ**

Fri 17th Last Day for Pupils- 1.15pm finish - No After School Club

Mon 20th INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

SUMMER

13th Apr - 22nd May 26

Half Term: 25th - 29th May

1st June - 20th July 26

Inset days: 22nd May 26 & 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: 2nd & 3rd Sept

SPRING

4th Jan - 25th March 27

Half Term: 15th - 19th Feb

Easter holidays:

26th March - 9th Apr 27

Inset day: 4th Jan 27

Celebrations

Values

N - Jasmine
R - Athena
R - Dua
R - Aieda
Y1 - Zara
Y1 - Hugo
Y1 - Noah
Y2 - Aylla
Y2 - Charter
Y2 - Rabia
Y3 - Hope
Y3 - Ethan
Y3 - Freya
Y4 - Adam
Y4 - Bianca
Y5 - Kyra
Y5 - Ruqayyah
Y5 - Ada
Y6 - SATS

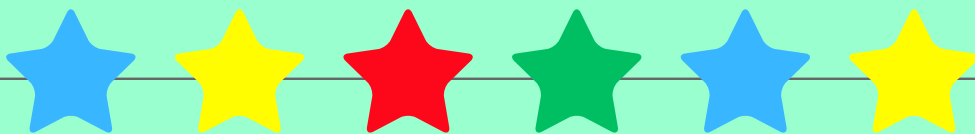
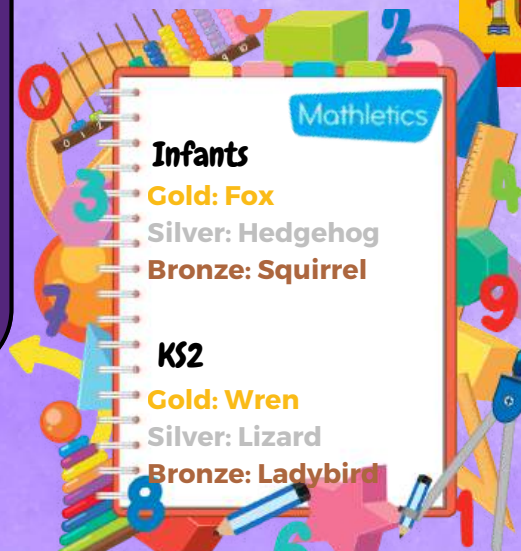
Effort

N - Luca
R - Salvatore
R - Isla
R - Ryan
Y1 - Hakeem
Y1 - Jamie
Y1 - Taalia
Y2 - Orin
Y2 - Andra
Y2 - Melissa
Y3 - Raffie
Y3 - Juno
Y3 - Ayo
Y4 - Rebecca
Y4 - Luis
Y5 - Antonia
Y5 - Pavlin
Y5 - Muhammad
Y6 - SATS

PE



Green House Winners



Downsview Vacancy Board

JOIN OUR

TEAM

- Classroom Teacher
- Dual Role - Teaching Assistant (Level 2) & Extended Schools Support Assistant
 - EYFS Level 3 Learning Support Assistant
- School Cleaner

A new law that will strengthen the rights of renters in England came into force.

[LINK to video](#)

On Friday, 1st May, the Renters' Rights Act will take effect in England. The long-awaited law, which is the first set of significant reforms to rental housing legislation since 1988, includes several changes that will affect renters and landlords alike.

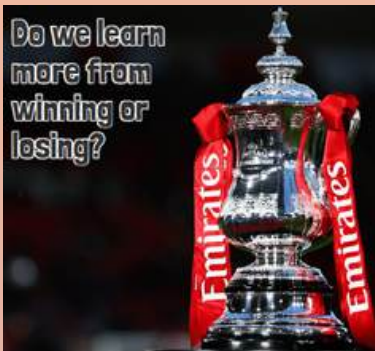
One of the most significant is the **abolition of 'Section 21'** or no-fault evictions. Previously, landlords could evict tenants without a specific reason, which some campaigning groups say is a leading cause of homelessness. Now, landlords will only be able to evict if they plan to sell or move into a property. Notice periods will also increase from two months to four.

Another major change is around tenancies, which will revert to rolling contracts as opposed to being **fixed for 12 or 24 months**. The ability for tenants to challenge rent hikes will also be introduced. Additionally, Awaab's Law, which already requires social landlords to respond to emergency hazards and serious damp and mould within fixed timeframes, will also be extended next year to cover a wider range of health and safety risks. It's named after two-year-old Awaab Ishak, who died in 2020 after prolonged exposure to mold.

Groups such as homelessness **charities and unions welcomed the legislation**. Acorn, a renters and community union, said that the act will affect around 12 million renters across the country and is the biggest change in a generation. Chelsea Phillips, Acorn national chair, said: "We won this. This wasn't just handed to us from above. It came from more than 10 years of tenants organising, taking action, and refusing to accept a system that wasn't working for us."

Critics, however, say that the new law could force landlords with smaller operations out, while favouring larger corporate landlords. Some landlords fear that it will give them reduced powers to **remove genuinely problematic tenants**, while others argue that rent prices could edge upwards if the volume of properties on the market decreases.

Do we learn more from winning or losing?



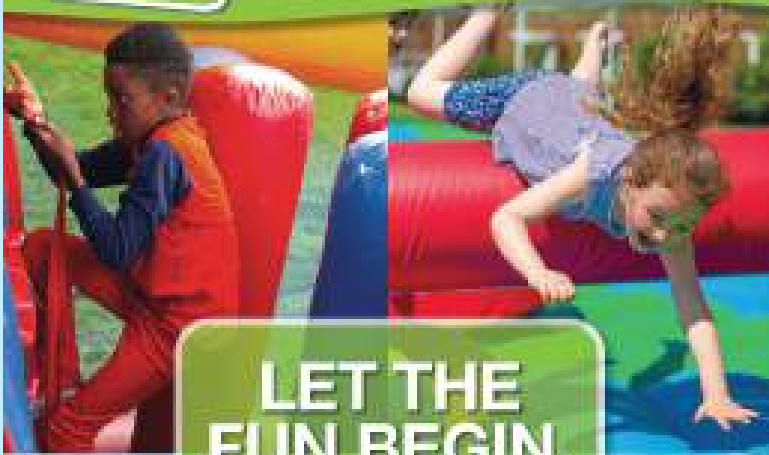
Last weekend, football teams **Manchester City and Chelsea** competed in the **Men's FA Cup Final** at Wembley Stadium. The FA (Football Association) Cup is one of the oldest football competitions in the world, with teams from across England and Wales taking part each year.

Millions of people watched the match, supporting their teams and hoping to see them win the famous trophy. For the players, reaching the final is a **huge achievement** after months of hard work.

Things to talk about at home...

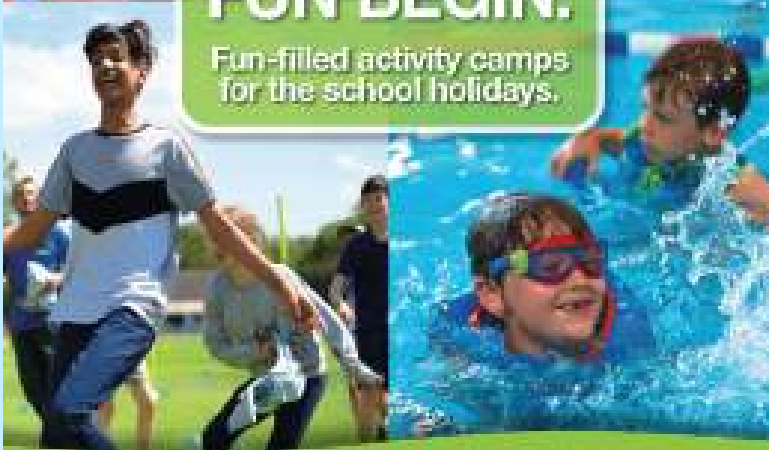
- Can you think of a time when you won something – what did you learn?
- What about a time you didn't win – what did that teach you?
- In your opinion, why do some people keep trying even after losing?
- Talk together about how you believe we should behave when you lose.

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



LET THE FUN BEGIN.

Fun-filled activity camps for the school holidays.



DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

BOYS/MIXED

- 📅 Mondays
- 📍 Bishop, Trinity, KCC
- 👤 UB-U14s



BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY →

GIRLS

- 📅 Fridays
- 📍 Coloma Convent School
- 👤 UB-U16s



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SUMMER HALF TERM HAF PROGRAMME

28TH MAY - 29TH MAY
AGES 4 - 12

10AM - 5PM - PAID PLACEMENTS
10AM - 2PM - FREE VOUCHERS

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MITCHAM, CR4 1YG

FUN-FILLED DAYS PACKED WITH ACTIVITIES
MULTI-SPORTS, DANCE, GAMES, FREE PLAY, CREATIVE PLAY, AND OUTINGS

NUTRITIOUS HOT MEALS ARE PROVIDED DAILY
FRIENDLY, TRAINED STAFF WHO CARE

BUILD CONFIDENCE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND GET ACTIVE!

How to sign up
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Paid HAF places can be booked here: <https://pbbl.uk/4SbeaJ3>



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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:

[LINK to 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!**

ACCESS  WELLNESS

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

**Parents/Carers &
Children
Joint Fitness**

MAY HALF-TERM SET UP

Cost: £12 per child

Date/Time: Thursday, 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.**

Cash payment!!!

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



Cost: Free for adults and £8 per child.

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

Dates/Times: Friday, 29th 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.



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.



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For any events, Pay at:

www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/



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



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.



Get yours now, they are selling fast!!!

EACH GIFT/BOX OF 2:

£2.50



YOU CAN BUY AS MANY AS YOU LIKE!



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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!



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



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 26TH 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.

CAN YOUR BOSS HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR DOWNSVIEW?

Does your employer have a match funding scheme? Are they willing to match fund any of our events? Turn over for more info.

MATCH FUNDING

We would be grateful if you could find out if your employer has a match funding scheme, if they are willing to match fund any of our events this could be a really large source of income for Downsview and help us raise money to support the school.

It won't cost you a penny!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The employee matches it by donating £20. The employee can claim the cash back donation at an event.

And just like magic your volunteering becomes twice as important!

If your employer can help please contact Mrs. Gray



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 - Downsviewdasher@gmail.com, or get in touch with Victor or Jamal.

MAY

- 21st - Dare to be different day
- 28th - Children's Multi Skills (Drop & Dash)
- 29th - Parents/Carers & Children Joint Fitness

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

JUNE

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

COMING SOON