



Downsview Newsletter



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

19TH JUNE 2026

Celebrating the Men Who Make a Difference

At Downsview Primary School, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate and thank all the wonderful men who play an important role in the lives of our children.

Whether they are Dads, Grandads, Stepdads, Uncles, Brothers, Carers or other trusted role models, these special people provide love, support, encouragement and guidance every day. Through their care, patience and dedication, they help children grow in confidence, resilience and kindness.

It is often the simple, everyday moments that leave the biggest impression – a reassuring word, a helping hand, sharing a story, cheering from the sidelines or simply being there when it matters most. These acts of love and support help create the happy memories that children carry with them throughout their lives.

This Father's Day, we extend our sincere thanks to all the men in our Downsview Primary School community who make such a positive difference to our children and families. Your commitment, care and encouragement are deeply appreciated.

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Father's Day.

Downsview Vacancy Board
School Counsellor
School Cleaner

Reminder - All our Privacy
Notices are on the School
Website, follow link:
GDPR / Data Protection



Gladiator Joe Fishburn Inspires Downsview Pupils!

On Thursday we were very lucky to have the 2025 Gladiators winner Joe Fishburn come to see the children. Joe presented two fantastic assemblies to KS1 and KS2. Joe spoke to the children about his background in gymnastics and overcoming challenges in the face of adversity.

The Scarborough-born gymnastics coach battled his way through an intense season of BBC's Gladiators, demonstrating remarkable athleticism, resilience, and determination before being crowned the Men's Gladiators Champion 2025. Throughout the competition, Joe consistently impressed viewers with his speed, strength, and technical ability, setting records and overcoming some of the toughest challenges the arena could throw at him.

Joe held a fantastic question and answer session and revealed his most feared Gladiator was Bionic!





Our lives and traditions - Thursday 9th July

Own clothes day - either colour of flags or traditional outfits

Bring your own food to share and celebrate your cultures - remember **NO NUTS!**

Our Cultural Showcase - Friday 10th July:

1.15pm - 1.45pm - head to KS2 hall to see all the fantastic learning & celebrations

2.00pm - 3.00pm - KS1 and KS2 dance showcase on the field.

Please arrive from 1.45 onwards.

PLEASE NOTE: You will not be able to collect children directly from the field at the end of the show. Teachers will be dismissing children from their usual collection points at 3.15. This is in line with our safeguarding policy and we thank you in advance for your understanding.

Can You Help with Culture Week?

One of the most memorable parts of Culture Week is learning directly from our families. We would LOVE to hear from parents, carers and community members who could lead a short workshop for a year group. This might include:

- Sharing a traditional story, song or dance
- If you work in a job that supports the community (e.g. charity work, local government, the arts, healthcare or community services)

Whether you can offer a hands-on activity or a short talk to a year group, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Please message your class teacher or Mrs Travers via Class Dojo to arrange.

2026 Dates for the Diary

[Link to School Calendar](#)

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)



Mon 22nd Fri 26th Y5 Raven Swimming - ALL WEEK
Tues 23rd **Sports Day** 9:15am-11:30am: Nursery and Reception
1:10pm- 3:00pm: Year 1 and Year 2
Weds 24th **Y1** - Crystal Palace Park
Sports Day 9:15am-11:30am: Year 3 and Year 4
1:10pm- 3:00pm: Year 5 and Year 6
Fri 26th **FOD** - Re:cycle Event (3.15pm)
FOD Mufti day Summer Fair
Y3 - Adder - Maths World Trip
Mon 29th **LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**
Tues 30th **Y5** - Trip to V & A Museum



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



2nd Sept - 23rd Oct 26

**Half Term: 26th Oct -
30th Oct**

2nd Nov - 18th Dec 26

**Inset days: 2nd & 3rd
Sept**



4th Jan - 25th March 27

Half Term: 15th - 19th

Feb

Easter holidays:

26th March - 9th Apr 27

Inset day: 4th Jan 27



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**CHECK OUT OUR REEL
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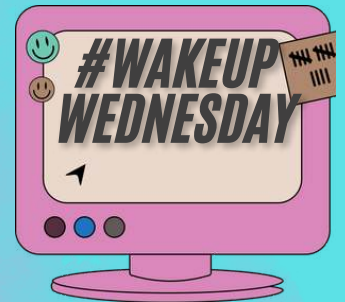
SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

ADMISSIONS

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW
US ON SOCIAL MEDIA
CLICK ON THE ICONS
BELOW!**



INVOICE FRAUD



Invoice fraud can affect schools in costly and disruptive ways, particularly when criminals exploit busy finance processes or familiar supplier relationships. This guide explains how fraudsters may use convincing invoices, small email changes and pressure tactics to trick staff into sending payments to the wrong account.

It also highlights practical warning signs to watch for, including unusual wording, discrepancies against previous invoices and unexpected requests to update bank details. With clear advice on verifying details, cross-checking invoices, using dual approval and reporting concerns quickly, the guide supports schools in strengthening their fraud awareness.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY LINK

Summer Holiday Camps in Lambeth

A Summer Full of Stories Starts Here – 10% off using code: BIGENERGY10

Holiday HQ, delivered by Junior Adventures Group, brings seven weeks of high-energy adventures, creative challenges and unforgettable experiences to nearby venues across our local community – with something different to discover every day.

Book now at the following venues:

👉 [Clapham Manor Primary School and Nursery – SW4](#)

👉 [Paxton Primary School – SE19](#)

👉 [Woodmansterne Secondary School – SW16](#)



Claim 10% off using code: **BIGENERGY10** – Offer ends 12th July.

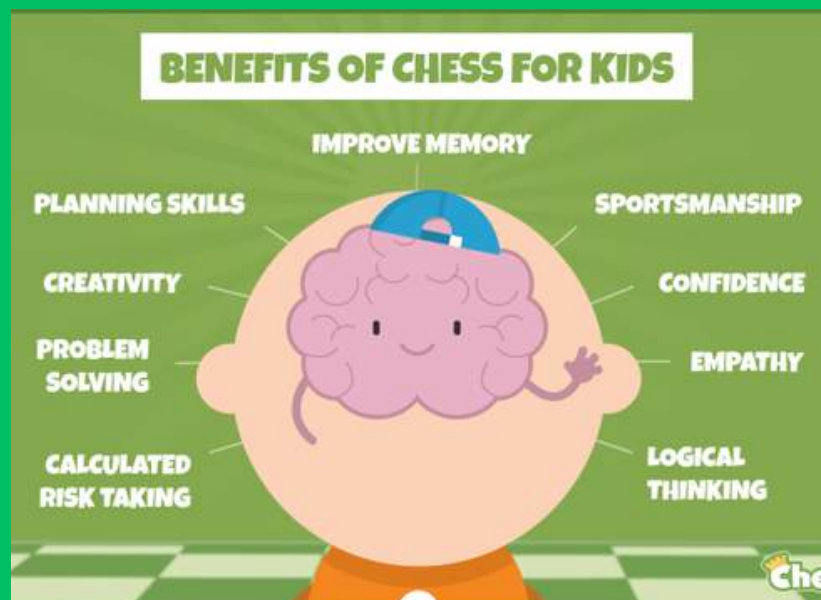
Delivered by Junior Adventures Group (JAG), no two days are the same, and children come home happily tired, full of stories and excited for what's next.

☎ **0333 577 1533**

[Check out our Activity Schedule!](#)

✉ hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

Learning chess is fantastic for children because it acts as an intensive mental workout. It actively builds critical thinking, enhances focus, and teaches essential life skills like patience, planning ahead, and taking responsibility for their actions.



Link to Chess Kids

Mrs Gray is also organising an after school chess club for the Autumn term and the Friends of Downsview are looking into a giant chess set for the KS2 playground to further enhance these skills.

Register today and get your child learning this amazing skill.



SEREN ARTS

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— SING • DANCE • ACT —

Professional performing arts training—
reimagined for today's industry

Inspiring children and building confidence, creativity
& talent in young performers



Build
Confidence



Develop
Talent



Industry
Ready



Future
Focussed



SerenArtsAcademy.com

ADVENTURE

in CRYSTAL PALACE PARK

THIS SUMMER

WILD PLAY HOLIDAY CLUB

10.00-4.00 School Years 1-6 £59/day
Crystal Palace Park
Thicket Road, London SE20 8DS

Activities can include:

- Den building
- Track & trail
- Survival skills
- Ninja frisbee
- Wide games
- Rope courses
- Craft skills
- Storytelling

We take
childcare
vouchers

www.wild-learning.net



THE MUSIC KLUB SUMMER HAF PROGRAMME

Our summer programme will run from Monday
27th July to Thursday 20th August 2026,
for young people aged 8-16
operating Monday to Thursday each week.

Venue:
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Centre
194 Selhurst Road
London SE25 6XX
Croydon

ARTS & CRAFTS

The scheme will provide
arts and crafts sessions
for young people to
create art and express
themselves.

MUSIC PRODUCTION + SONGWRITING

The scheme will provide
an opportunity for young
people to create music
and record their songs

SPORTS & RECREATION

participants can explore
their through a range of
sports and recreation
activities

MORE INFO
+07969855042

www.themusicclub.com

info@themusicclub.com

WE'RE BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR A DAY TO CONNECT,
RELAX, AND ENJOY EVERYTHING THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY
SPECIAL. WITH FOOD, MUSIC, ACTIVITIES AND MORE, THERE'S
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

**JULY
04
2026**



COMMUNITY DAY

BE INSPIRED HQ
NORBURY PARK PAVILION,
CROYDON,
SW16 3LX

FOOD & DRINK | DJ |
SPORTS TASTER SESSIONS |
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN |
INFLATABLES |
RAFFLES & PRIZES |
& MORE |



12PM - 4PM
FREE TO ATTEND



Summer Holidays

2026

Downsview Primary School SE19 3XE
Pupils from other schools welcome too!



Anime Day!

Monday 20th July-

ONE DAY Arts and Crafts Club £35



Sew A Sloth!

Tuesday 28th AND Wednesday 29th July-
TWO DAY Sewing Course £80



'Sleepy Pets' Blanket Weaving!

Thursday 30th July-

ONE DAY Weaving Course £35



Spectacular Seas!

Friday 31st July-

ONE DAY Arts and Crafts Club £36



Pop Up Book Project!

Monday 3rd August AND Tuesday 4th August-
TWO DAY Arts and Crafts Club £75



Dragon Eyes Day!

Wednesday 5th August-

ONE DAY Clay and Crafts Course £37



Fantastic Venus Flytraps!

Thursday 6th August-

ONE DAY Arts and Crafts Club £38



Super Surrealism!

Monday 17th August

ONE DAY Art Club £37



STEM Extravaganza!

Tuesday 18th AND Wednesday 19th August-
TWO DAY Science and Technology Club £88



For more information and bookings, visit:

<https://art-yard-creative.square.site>

Email: artyardclubs@outlook.com



**BLOOM
THROUGH
NATURE**

FOREST SCHOOL

Mr B and Miss Dickens

Summer Forest School Camp

Dates: 21st - 24th July

Time: 9am-3pm

Year Groups: Ages 5- 11

Downsview Primary School

**Cost: £35 per day price includes campfire
snacks and materials for bush craft**

**For more information or to book a place
please email:**

Bloomthroughnatureforestschool@outlook.com

FUN



KIDS SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

**AROUND THE WORLD IN 4 WEEKS
A PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR EVERYONE**

www.globefit.co.uk E: info@globefit.co.uk

Location

St James The Great RC Primary
School - Thornton Heath
Croydon

Book Now

PAID PLACES



FREE HAF



Tap or Scan to Book!

Date & Time

Mon 27th July 2026 - 3 Weeks
Mon-Thu | Drop off 9am - Pick
up 3.30pm

Features

- ✓ Ages 5-11
- ✓ Breakfast, lunch & snack
Included (WORTH £7.50!)
- ✓ Free for HAF-eligible families
- ✓ Nut-free environment
- ✓ Childcare vouchers accepted
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare payments
accepted
- ✓ Sibling & block booking
discounts

**FREE HAF
PLACES**






COYDON MUSIC & ARTS **SWL MUSIC**

HolidayActivities **Ofsted**

MINI DANCE STARS

Saturdays

11:15am - 12:00pm

**Oasis Academy Shirley Park,
CR9 7AL**

A fun introduction to dance for
pupils in years 1 and 2 with a
RAD trained dance teacher!

★ Lots of dance styles covered

★ A relaxed performance
opportunity every term!

★ £10 a session



Celebrations

Values

N - Sisu
R - Zuri
R - Joe
R - Ozinna
Y1 - Kyan
Y1 - Zara
Y1 - Mason
Y2 - Aleksander
Y2 - Sophie
Y2 - Kalonji
Y3 - Thomas
Y3 - Bryan
Y3 - Oliver
Y4 - Iyzah
Y4 - Sara
Y4 - Dexter
Y5 - Hector
Y5 - Razia
Y5 - Antonella
Y6 - Aden
Y6 - Hamzah
Y6 - Zidane

Effort

N - Patrick
R - Dylan
R - Zane
R - Anaiah
Y1 - Aviel
Y1 - Ollie
Y1 - Koa
Y2 - Kit
Y2 - Jayden
Y2 - Malena
Y3 - Freya
Y3 - Harvey
Y3 - Arsheen
Y4 - Minnah
Y4 - Maya
Y4 - Luca
Y5 - Noah
Y5 - Jival
Y5 - Rahma
Y6 - Jathiya
Y6 - Zak
Y6 - David



Attendance

Infant: Squirrel

KS2: Frog



Good Luck, Miss Pemberton!

This term, we say a temporary farewell to Miss Pemberton from our Extended Schools team as she begins a one-year secondment with the GMB Union.

We are delighted that she has been given this exciting opportunity and know she will make a real difference in her new role.

On behalf of everyone at Downview Primary School, we would like to thank Miss Pemberton for her hard work and we wish her every success during her secondment.



Red House Winners



George

**SPARE ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME!
CAN'T RUN THESE EVENTS WITHOUT YOUR HELP**

**Your school
needs you**



Join the community effort
Volunteer today

Volunteers for the Summer Fair!

Many companies now offer **Employer Supported Volunteering (ESV)**, giving staff paid days off to support registered charities and community projects.

In the UK and globally, prominent businesses offering this benefit range from 1 to 10 paid volunteering days annually.

Please check with your HR department or supervisor if they offer this. We would only need your help for a few hours (2-3 hours, plus maybe 1 to help with setup).

If you are **self-employed**, please check the relevant laws and regulations.

We desperately need some manpower, especially to help with setup in the morning.

THIS IS OUR MOST LOVED AND BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!!!

email: friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk

CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORT!!

Join us at the Downsview

**SUMMER
FAIR**

3rd July

and get your brand in front of 500+ local families and teachers.

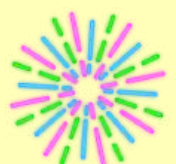
We're offering two simple ways to get involved:

- **Raffle Donation** – Donate a gift card, product, or voucher and get your business seen by hundreds of local parents. Every donor gets a shoutout on raffle tickets and in our weekly school newsletter through July 17th.
- **Event Sponsorship** – From just £100, secure your own space at the Fair. Host a stall, hand out samples, or connect face-to-face with your community from your own branded gazebo or table.

Either way, you'll be supporting vital school fundraising while putting your business right where your customers are.

Get in touch: ✉ friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk |

Message: Mrs Gray on Dojo





SUMMER FAIR

★ 2026 WORLD CUP EDITION! ★

 FRI 3RD JULY



2:30-5PM

FREE
ENTRY



FOOD & DRINKS ★

BBQ - halal burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers



BAR - Aperol spritz, G&T, wine, beer, soft drinks, bubble tea
Ice Creams and Candy Floss



Cakes



ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS ★

- 15 Games Stalls
- Hair Bar
- Police & Fire vehicles
- Bee Hive - watch the bees working safely
- World Cup Scavenger Hunt with amazing prizes
- FREE arts & crafts - colouring, make your own flag
- Inflatables



PRE-SALE TOKENS

To exchange for games etc
50p per token or 15 for €7

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps>

● LIVE

PERFORMANCES

Cheerleading, Fusion
Dance, Tag Rugby,
Boxing, Football,
Taekwondo

RAFFLE

with
AMAZING PRIZES!

Drawn at 4.30pm

WIN

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY! LET'S KICK OFF SUMMER TOGETHER!



SUMMER FAIR

RAFFLE PRIZES!

AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON



Orleans Smokehouse £20 vouchers x 3



£30 Gift Card for Spinach Restaurant



£50 CASH!!!



Gardening Session by Gardening Girl



Another PlanetSoftPlayVouchersx2



Merlin attractionsticket



Anasha Healing ReikiSessionsx2



Local Honey



Zaos Wellness Class Voucher



Haircut by Crown Point Barbers



Giant Highland Cow Soft Toy



Fabulous Hampers



Crystal Palace FC 2 x Tickets



Godstone Family Ticket



Little City Play Sessionsx2



Flip Out Tickets x 2



FREE 8" Cake x 2



Brown & Green Breakfast for 2



South Norwood Lake Cafe £15 Voucher



Mental Fitness coaching sessions by Kayanne Watson

EVEN MORE PRIZES TO BE ADDED...

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING DOWNSVIEW SCHOOL!

For any events, Pay at:

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



DOWNSVIEW SCHOOL
TOKENS
AT THE SUMMER FAIR
3RD JULY, 2.30-5PM

YOU CAN USE TOKENS AT ANY GAME STALL AS AN ADDITIONAL FORM OF PAYMENT.
THE GAMES ARE 50P/£1.
ONE TOKEN = 50P.

THE TOKENS ARE ON SALE ONLINE AT: [HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/DVPS/](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/) PRICES:
2 TOKENS £1
15 TOKENS £7

NOTE: MINIMUM PURCHASE QTY ONLINE: 2 TOKENS (£1).
CASH WILL STILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED AS A FORM OF PAYMENT AT ALL GAME STALLS.

THE TOKENS YOU BUY ONLINE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN ON THE DAY OF THE SUMMER FAIR.

EMAIL US: FRIENDS@DOWNSVIEW.CROYDON.SCH.UK



**MAKE A DONATION
GIVE LOVE
GIVE Tokens**

WE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED. YOU CAN BUY TOKENS FOR OTHERS TO USE AT OUR FAIR. THE TOKENS WILL BE GIVEN TO FAMILIES BY THE SCHOOL (DISCREETLY) AND CAN BE USED AT ANY GAME STALL AT THE FAIR.

ONE TOKEN: 50P
MIN. QTY TO PURCHASE IS 2 (£1 VALUE)
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/DVPS/

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR SUMMER FAIR!

26th June is a **Mufti day** for the **Summer fair**.

Kids can wear their own clothes in exchange for donations.

Please bring the donations to the classroom or the office on Friday morning.

SOFT DRINKS ALCOHOLIC DRINKS SWEETS ANY NEW GIFT ITEMS



WOW. What an afternoon...! He kept everyone engaged as he shared his journey as a Team GB gymnast and winner of Gladiators 2025, talking honestly about the challenges he faced and how he overcame them.

He was such a genuinely lovely person, and the children asked some fantastic questions that really impressed him. And who could forget that perfect backflip?

We loved having Joe at our school and hope to welcome him back again soon!



For any events, Pay at:

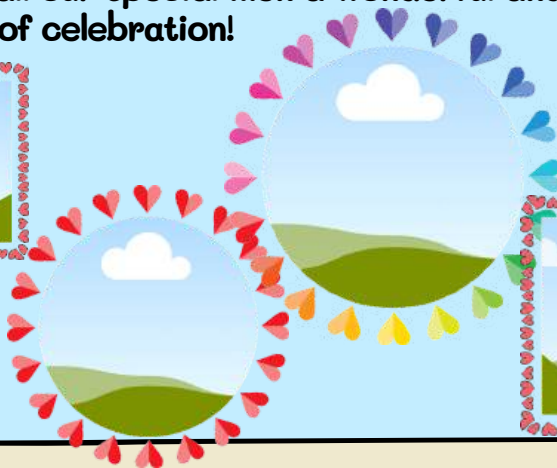
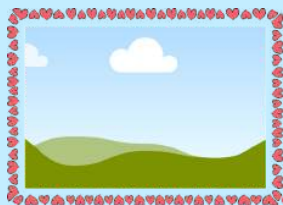
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SUPERMAN



Wishing all our special men a wonderful and delicious day! You deserve every moment of celebration!



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.

What a day we have had with Happy's Circus at our school on Monday!

Thank you all for coming and we really hope you all had a blast!

The weather was just perfect and the new show was spectacular!



Enter our Super Draw

WIN £1,000 CASH!

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- £1,000 prize MUST be won this month!



GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions.

BUY NOW



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

DOWNSVIEW

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, or get in touch with Victor or Jamal.

Mobile role play adventure for children in Croydon

LITTLE CITY

DOCTORS SURGERY

LITTLE CITY supermarket

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Contact us at littlecitycroydon@littlecityuk.com

PAYG stay and play sessions • School workshops • Private parties & events



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.



CRAFTS AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH

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

14TH JULY
3:30 - 5:00 PM
THEME: SPORT

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 employer matches it by donating £128

The employer can claim this charitable donation as an expense.

The staff makes £128 profit

The employees fund the ice cream stall at the summer fairs

And just like magic your volunteering becomes twice as important!

If your employer can help please contact Mrs. Gray

FRIENDS OF

JUNE

- **26th** - Mufti Day for Summer Fair
- **26th** - Bike repair and eco workshop (refill and uniform sale)

JULY

- **3rd** - Summer Fair

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

COMING SOON