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Downsview Newsletter

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



26TH JUNE 2026

Joey is Back!

We are delighted to share that Joey's second book, "**Joey's First Day at School**", is available - **NOW!**

Following the success of "**Joey and the Wobbly Feeling**", Joey has been busy writing his next adventure. This heartwarming story follows Joey as he takes his very first steps into school and **learns that being brave doesn't always mean feeling ready**. Sometimes, it simply means taking one small step at a time.

Beautifully inspired by Joey's real experiences at **Downsview**, the story gently explores feelings of uncertainty, courage, kindness and belonging. Making it a perfect read for children starting a new class, a new school or facing any new challenge.

Many of the illustrations have been created using photographs taken by Ms Pugh of **Joey and familiar school settings**, which were then artistically transformed into soft storybook style illustrations, helping to bring Joey's adventures to life while celebrating the special places he knows so well.

As with Joey's first book, **all royalties will be donated directly to Downsview Primary School**, helping to support opportunities and experiences for our children.

Thank you to everyone who supported "**Joey and the Wobbly Feeling**". We hope you enjoy Joey's latest adventure just as much.

 *Be kind, be gentle and always try your best.* 

By Meghan Pugh & Joey the School Dog

One lucky boy was thrilled to receive the book as a birthday present—**hot off the press!** **CLICK ME-** [What A Birthday Surprise!](#)

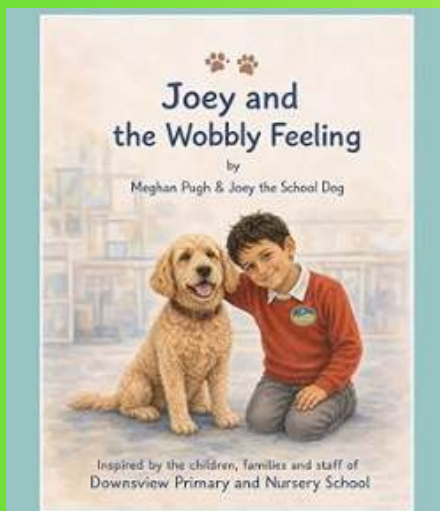
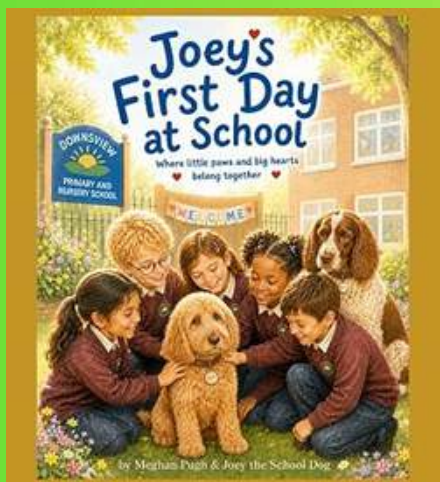
Now it's your turn to **join the adventure**.

Whether you're reading at bedtime, sharing the story as a family, or discovering it for the very first time, it's the perfect opportunity to celebrate with **imagination, laughter, and a little bit of magic**.

Go out and buy the book, and let the magical adventures **begin!**

[LINK TO THE BOOK](#)

amazon



Downsview Vacancy Board
Afterschool Assistant
School Cleaner

Privacy Notices are on the School
Website, follow link:
GDPR / Data Protection



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 **1.45pm** 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 3.15pm
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 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
Y5 - Norwood High Girls
Fri 3rd **FOD Summer Fair 2.30pm-5pm**
Tues 7th Reception morning- **New Children (Sept start only)**
Infants Dance Comp - 9am - 1pm and Evening
Fri 3rd **FOD Summer Fair**
Thurs 9th **Y5** - Beulah
Y6 - Norbury Mano
Fri 10th **Culture Day at Downsview**
Tues 14th **EYFS** Trip to Farm
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

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

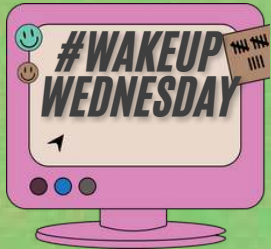
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PLEASE
CLICK HERE!**

**CHECK OUT
OUR REEL
HERE!**

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



**SPACES AVAILABLE FOR
SEPTEMBER 2026**



WAKE UP WEDNESDAY LINK

Screens are now part of daily life, but for very young children, simple and predictable boundaries can make a big difference. This guide explores how adults can help under-fives build healthier digital habits by choosing content carefully, keeping devices in shared spaces, protecting bedtime routines and making screen time feel calm rather than constant.

It also highlights the importance of adult involvement, from co-viewing and chatting about what children see to modelling balanced device use ourselves. With practical scripts, transition tips and age-appropriate routines, the guide offers supportive advice for families, nurseries and early years settings looking to manage screen time with confidence.



Excitement filled the air as our school community came together to build our very own clay oven! This was a truly memorable experience, with every child playing an important part in bringing the project to life.

The children enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves—and even kicked off their shoes—to help mix the cob using their hands and feet. There was plenty of laughter as they squished and stomped the mixture of clay, sand, and straw, discovering just how much teamwork and effort goes into traditional building methods.



Not only was the activity great fun, but it also provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn through experience. They explored natural materials, worked collaboratively, and gained an appreciation for sustainable building techniques that have been used for centuries.

We can't wait to fire up our new clay oven and use it for baking delicious treats together in the future. A huge thank you to the Friends of Downsview who funded this exciting project.



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](#)

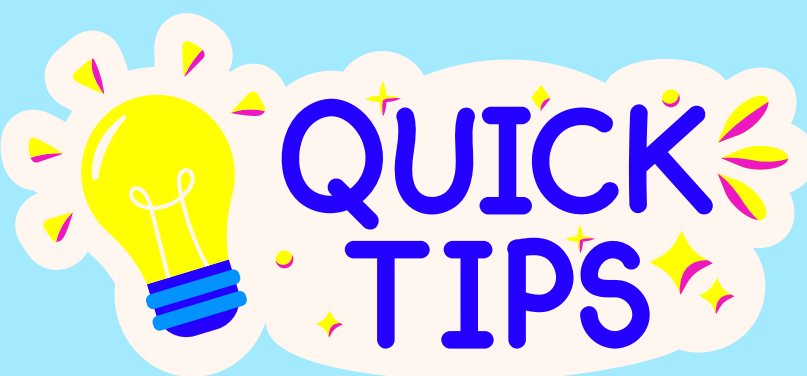
Claim 10% off using code: **BIGENERGY10** – Offer ends 12th July.

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



Keeping Safe in the Heat

With the warm weather continuing please help your child stay safe in the sun by:

☀ Bringing a named water bottle to school every day

🧢 Wearing a sun hat when outdoors

🧴 Applying sun cream before school

👕 Wearing light, comfortable clothing

🌳 Staying in the shade where possible

Please remind children to drink plenty of water throughout the day



Please remind school children to not swim in any **open water** in Croydon during this extreme weather.

Whilst it may look inviting, **it is dangerous.**

Jumping into cold water on a hot day can lead to cold water shock and drowning.

Advice on how to **stay safe** near water is available on the following websites:



[Water Safety | London Fire Brigade](#)

[Water Safety Advice – Royal Life Saving Society UK](#)



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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

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



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

Celebrations

Values

N - Harmony
R - Amaia
R - Kayson
R - Genevieve
Y1 - Mohammed
Y1 - Naila
Y1 - Rory
Y2 - Olivia
Y2 - Osian
Y2 - Ananya
Y3 - Lizard
Y3 - Noah
Y3 - Adder
Y4 - Cali
Y4 - Laurie
Y4 - Teddy
Y5 - Cici
Y5 - Jival
Y5 - Yazreen
Y6 - Adam
Y6 - Emma
Y6 - Evie

Effort

N - Insha
R - Leon
R - Alma
R - Felix
Y1 - Irianne
Y1 - Barnaby
Y1 - Bryan
Y2 - Ebrahim
Y2 - Arlo
Y2 - Jayden
Y3 - Duncan
Y3 - Viola
Y3 - Naiya
Y4 - Alice
Y4 - Jayen
Y4 - Ziva
Y5 - Daria
Y5 - Ruqayyah
Y5 - Salimatu
Y6 - Luca
Y6 - Bushra
Y6 - Iakub

Attendance

Infant: Daffodil

KS2: Raven

**Yellow House
Winners**



With the World Cup currently taking place, children have been excitedly talking about teams and countries from across the globe. At Downsview, we celebrate the many cultures, languages and traditions represented within our own school community. Diversity is one of our greatest strengths and helps us to learn from one another, broaden our understanding of the world and appreciate that, although we may be different, we all belong.

How much should the weather influence our decisions?

Nature is full of questions. Why do birds migrate? How do food chains work? What happens when habitats change? Older children in England could soon spend time exploring questions like these in a brand-new Natural History GCSE. The idea has been talked about for many years, and it is now being added to the list of GCSE options.

GCSEs are subjects that lots of young people choose to study in Years 10 and 11. This one will focus on the natural world, including wildlife, habitats, climate change and conservation. Young people taking the subject will spend time learning both in and out of the classroom.

They'll get to investigate nature in real places, such as parks, rivers and woodlands. Supporters hope the subject will help young people notice, understand and care for the world around them. Naturalist and TV presenter, Steve Backshall, welcomed the idea. He said, 'That sense of discovery is something every young person deserves to feel.' It looks like nature could soon be top of the class!

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



FOD NEWS



SUMMER FAIR

ALL IMPORTANT THINGS



OUR BAR WILL HAVE SOME NEW ADDITIONS FOR THE ADULTS:

- APPELOL SPRITZ
- G&T
- WINE

FOR KIDS:

- BUBBLE TEA



PLEASE VISIT THE OBSERVATION BEEHIVE ON SITE, WHERE YOU CAN WATCH (SAFELY!) THE BEES WORKING! WILL YOU SPOT THE QUEEN?



TOKENS

PLEASE BUY YOUR TOKENS IN ADVANCE TO AVOID QUEUES ON THE DAY! THEY WILL BE HANDED TO THE CHILDREN ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR SO WON'T BE LEFT AT HOME.

MAKE SURE YOU PURCHASE THE CORRECT TOKENS!

ONLY CHOOSE "DONATION" TOKENS IF YOU WANT TO DONATE THESE TO CHILDREN WHO COULDN'T ATTEND THE FAIR OTHERWISE.

ONE TOKEN= 0.50P

PRICES: 2 TOKENS £1

15 TOKENS £7



SCAVENGER HUNT

GO ON A HUNT, RETURN YOUR SHEET WITH THE CORRECT ANSWER AND YOU CAN WIN A WORLD CUP FOOTBALL!

THE FIRST 50 CHILDREN RETURNING THEIR SHEETS WILL GET A PANINI STICKER. EVERYBODY AFTER WILL GET A LOLLY :) (SEE DETAILS ON THE ATTACHED POSTER.)



LIVE PERFORMANCES

PLEASE COME AND HAVE A LOOK WHAT THE KIDS LEARNED THIS YEAR!

Tsunami Taekwondo 2.30-2.45pm

Ms Chamberlain Cheerleading 2.45-3.00pm

Tag Rugby 3.00-3.20pm

Norbury Boxing club 3.20-3.45pm

Ms Chamberlain: Fusions dance 3.45-4.00pm

Mr B: Boys and Girls football match and skills 4.00-4.30pm



RAFFLE PRIZES

WE HAVE OVER 50 PRIZES NOW!!!

PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS AT THE BOTTOM GATE IN THE MORNINGS OR AT THE ICE CREAM SALES.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR STUBS INTO THE BOX AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE (WITH ALL DETAILS FILLED IN!)



CALLING ALL BAKERS/NON BAKERS TO
DONATE CAKES
 FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR

Homemade or shop bought treats are both welcome!

Honouring the World Cup 2026, why not bake a cake which represents your culture/country?

Please make sure you enclose the list of ingredients with the homemade cakes. Also state if it is Halal please.

Please drop the yummy treats off at the office in the morning of 3rd July.

Thank you!




Made with 

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: **PRICES:**
[HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/DVPS/](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/) 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





WORLD CUP SCAVENGER HUNT!

WIN!
 WIN A WORLD CUP FOOTBALL!

50p
 PER ENTRY OR 1 TOKEN

- FIND THE 9 WORLD CUP COUNTRY FLAGS!
- EACH FLAG HAS A LETTER HIDDEN ON IT SOMEWHERE
- THE LETTERS MAKE UP A WORLD CUP RELATED WORD!
- WHEN YOU HAVE WORKED OUT THE WORD RETURN THE SHEET WITH YOUR NAME AND CLASS!
- FIRST 50 SHEETS RETURNED GET A PANINI WORLD CUP STICKER!
 PLUS EVERY ENTRY WINS A LOLLY
- ONE WINNER WILL BE PICKED OUT OF A HAT TO WIN A WORLD CUP FOOTBALL!

**GET READY, TEAM!
 LET THE HUNT BEGIN!**










**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/







LAST CHANCE

CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORT!!

Join us at the Downsvie

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@downsvie.croydon.sch.uk |

Message: Mrs Gray on Dojo



We have raised a marvellous amount of money with this event!!!!

£3,871.99

Thank you again for visiting and supporting our school.



WELLNESS STUDIOS

OFFER from a supporting business owner:

Use the discount code Summer with ZAO for 20% off your first purchase for any parents or staff, valid through the summer holidays.

Especially for parents who need the much-needed 'me' time!

Website: <https://zaoswellness.com/>

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!



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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

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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?



And just like magic your volunteering becomes twice as important!

If your employer can help please contact Mrs. Gray

FRIENDS OF

JULY

- **3rd** - Summer Fair

COMING SOON

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