

24th March 2017

Downside Primary School Newsletter

Dear parents,

As you read this newsletter, some of the team and I should have arrived in Osmington Bay with 35 Downside pupils for an amazing activity based weekend away – I am hoping the sun will be shining! Thank you to all those parents who supported our fundraising for Red Nose Day today – I will let you know a fundraising total after the holidays.

As this term draws to a close, I have some very exciting news to share with parents. For just over a year, I have been working with architects and Local Authority planners to agree a design for a new Family Workers' room. This purpose built room has now been approved and will be situated in the School car park on what is presently the roundabout. The work will be starting on Monday and hopefully will be completed during the summer term. This will mean that the school car park will have even more restricted access. If you are dropping off / collecting children from after school club, please be mindful that there could be machinery in the car park. Any children who are coming to clubs in the Easter holidays should enter through the Year R gate, where staff will be waiting, rather than coming to the main school entrance.

As a reminder, Parents' Evenings are next week and we will be holding a book sale in the Key Stage 1 hall. In addition, the school kitchen will be cooking some food on Thursday night for parents.

This will be the last printed version of the school's newsletter, as we will now be publishing it online via the school's website and the 'OurSchoolsApp'. Please sign up to the app, as it will gradually become the main way we communicate with parents. Should you want a printed version of the newsletter, this can be collected from the school office.

May I take this opportunity to wish parents a peaceful school holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 18th April.

K.Hooker

Important dates:

28th March – Parents' evening 3.30pm –5.30pm

29th March – Year 4 Passover assembly

30th March - Parents' evening 5.30pm –7.30pm

31st March – Last day of term

18th April – Children return to school

21st April – Year 1 Easter assembly

Reading workshops

Year groups will be holding reading workshops for parents at the end of this term and during the Summer term. These workshops will give parents the opportunity to take part in a reading session with their child.

Hopefully, parents will pick up some useful tips for when they are reading at home with their children.



We are ensuring that our communication with you is easier, quicker and more efficient. OurSchoolsApp is a personalised app for our school and will allow us to keep you all updated with school information, news, calendar events and contact information. If you have a smartphone (Android or iPhone) you can download OurSchoolsApp from Google Play Android or the Apple Store for FREE. Access is also available on a tablet and iPad by following the same download process. When we update OurSchoolsApp with new information or news about the school, a push message notification will automatically be sent to your device to inform you of this update. You can then view the notification which will then take you directly to our app.

Instructions for download:

1. Using your device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant marketplace for your product (Apple Store or Google Play).
2. Search for '**OurSchoolsApp**' and download the app.
3. Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode (LU4 8EZ) or Downside Primary School.
4. Hit the search button.
5. Once you see Downside Primary School displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
6. Confirm your choice by pressing 'OK'.
7. You will now be presented with the correct app for Downside which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and any other relevant details.



House Points

	10/3/17	17/3/17	24/3/17
Donaldson	684	564	580
Rowling	681	810	800
Dahl	608	594	691
Morpurgo	557	603	597

**Value of the Month
for March is**

Perseverance

Headteacher and Teacher Commendations

Shama AHMADZAI	Ruqayyah ISHTIAQ	Liaba NAZ
Ubaid AHMADZAI	Idris ISLAM	Lailaa NAZAR
Ayman AHMED	Zain JAVED	Jaedon NWOGU
Faiza AHMED	Ayaan JILANY	Alisha QURESHI
Inaaya AHMED	Sukhmanpreet KAUR	Mahiya RAHMAN
Sara AHMED	Aishah KHAN	Mirah RAHMAN
Amelia ALI	Ansaah KHAN	Tahiya RAHMAN
Awais ALI	Armaan KHAN	Saad SAFEER
Malaika ALI	Assil KHAN	Samiha SAIFUL
Amaan ALI	Ayaan KHAN	Maleehah SAJID
Mufliha ALMAHMUD	Ayesha KHAN	Tayyab SAJID
Laibah ALYAS	Husna KHAN	Faaiz SAJJAD
Mohammad ASIF	Imran KHAN	Mohammad SALEH
Saarah ATIF	Malikah KHAN	Sulaiman SHAH
Mohammad Amin AZAD ASKSHAHRI	Mehreen KHAN	Amaar SHAH
Humza AZEEM	Aayaan KHAN	Abdullah SHAHZAD
Rahela BAHICA	Riaqa KHAN	Maheen SHAHZAD
Petru BUCUROSU	Rizwan KHAN	Asiyah SHAKOOR
Liza CHOUDHUREY	Saleena KHAN	Haaniah SHERAZI
Mikail CHOUDHURY	Fatima KIYANI	Paramvir SINGH
Rezwana CHOWDHURY	Rahmah KOUROUGHLI	Richie SINGH
Zaka DAR	Denisa-Nicoleta LAZAR-TELEGRAF	Sukhraj SINGH
Sharia FAROOQ	Alexandra LUPU	Tia SOHOTRA
Aamina FAYAS	Fiza MAHMOOD	Anisha TALLAT
Abdur-Raheem FEROUZ	Malaika MAHMOOD	Ayaan TOQEER
Meshal FIAZ	Orestas MALISAUSKAS	Emy TURCANU
Soulayman FRANCILLETTE	Duaa MANALLAH	Armando TURRO
Sara GILANI	Nafeesah MANALLAH	Zaki UDDIN
Godwin GOUTO	Amaan MAROOF	Raiyan ULLAH
Wissal GRAI AOUNI	Rahat MIAH	Fateeha UMAR
Ayaan HAFIZ	Arsh MIR	Sachin VIMALENDRAN
Tayyiba HAMID	Zubayr MODAK	Angelika WAGNER
Abdullah HANOOK	Mufudzi MUBAYA	Georgia WEDDERBURN
Haseeb HASEEB	Muskaan MUSKAAN	Zohaib YASIR
Laaibah HUSSAIN	Shoaib NADEEM	Husaam ZAMAN
Safeya IBRAHIM	Samayah NASIR	Laiba ZAMAN
Paula IGWE	Ibrahim NAWAZ	Daniel ZIGARAS
Insha IKRAM	Ismail NAWAZ	