



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Gosh - weren't we lucky with the weather for Maypole? It was so lovely to see you all there for such a super afternoon...the children were magnificent! We just need to keep everything crossed for a sunny few days next week for our Infant and Junior Sports Mornings.

The last few weeks of term are rapidly flying by yet there is still much to squeeze in! Following their trip to Chessington World of Adventure on Wednesday (a trip fully funded through their fundraising from the School Stationery Shop) Year 6 are preparing for their residential to Windmill Hill PGL on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Prior to their departure, they will have the opportunity to visit their new Secondary Schools, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We will therefore take this opportunity for the children who will be remaining at North Downs to spend the day in their new classrooms with their teachers for September 2024.

These visits will take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** when we ask that children are dropped off at their new site/classrooms to spend the day with classmates and staff in readiness for the new school year. We will be offering information evenings for the parents of those children who are changing sites on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, prior to the children's 'move up day' a couple of weeks later. In readiness, for your information, please see below the staffing structure for classes for the next school year.

## School Year 2024/25

Year Group	Class/Site	Teacher(s)
Reception	Owls - Betchworth	Ms Morgan
	Robins - Brockham	Mrs Cobbold
Year 1	Puffins - Leigh	Mr Crosbie
	Penguins - Brockham	Miss Chinery
Year 2	Woodpeckers - Leigh	Miss Westwood
	Kingfishers - Brockham	Ms Gahan
Year 3	Flamingos	Mr Evenden
	Toucans	Miss Tennent
Year 4	Parrots	Miss Witcher
	Macaws	Mrs Chase
Year 5	Skylarks	Mrs Boyer
	Nightingales	Mrs Goodwin
Year 6	Kestrels	Mrs Tubb
	Eagles	Mr Smith

You will have undoubtedly noticed a name missing from the list, Ms Marshall-Bailey. We will be bidding a sad but incredibly fond 'farewell' to Ms Marshall-Bailey who is retiring at the end of this term and there are not enough words to describe how much we will miss her. We obviously wish her all the very best in her retirement. As a result, you will see a new name there as, following a recruitment process last half term, we have appointed Mr Adam Crosbie who will be joining the Leigh team. Adam joins us from Holmesdale School and we very much look forward to welcoming him to the school - he will be joining us for move up day on 2<sup>nd</sup> July so I am sure many of you will meet him then.

## Careers Assemblies Update

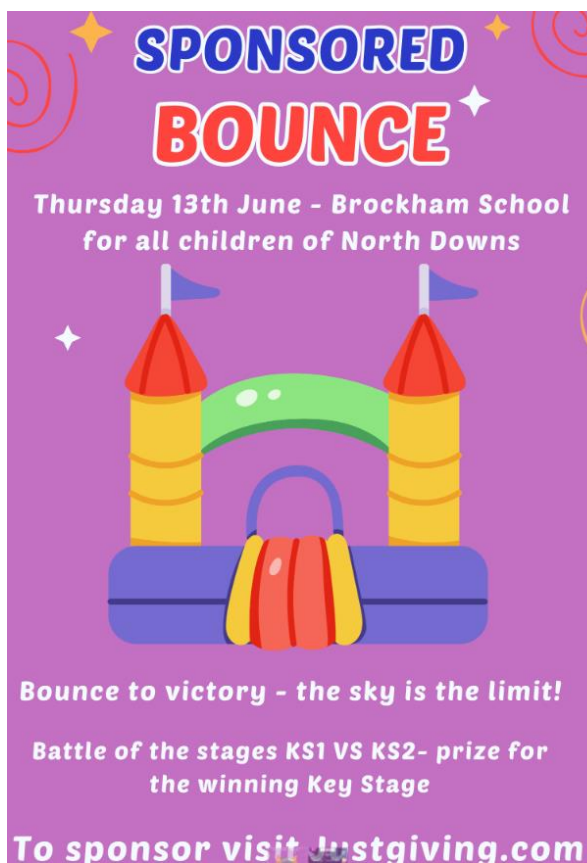
A huge thank you to Mrs Claire Ross who came to speak at both our Leigh and Brockham assemblies on 10<sup>th</sup> May. She gave a great interactive talk about careers in tourism and it was very interesting to see which type of destination was the children's favourite.



Following on, hot on her heels, we welcomed Mr Washington in all his military glory on the 17<sup>th</sup> May, at both sites again. The children were captivated by his speech about the role of the RAF and his role within it as an engineer. He was most impressed with the quality of the questions the children asked and as there were so many, he has kindly continued to answer their questions via email. Again huge thanks to Mr Washington.

If you feel you could help broaden the children's career knowledge and offer to deliver an assembly for us, please contact Mrs Tubb via [info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk). We wouldn't want anyone to feel left out!!

## FONDS News and Events...



**SPONSORED BOUNCE**

Thursday 13th June - Brockham School  
for all children of North Downs

**Bounce to victory - the sky is the limit!**

Battle of the stages KS1 VS KS2- prize for the winning Key Stage

To sponsor visit [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com)

It is a busy month for FONDS - here are a few of the events to look forward to this month: Sponsored Bounce Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - if you haven't already done so, please sponsor your child via <https://www.fonds.org.uk/events/fonds-sponsored-bounce/>

We also have a fun family bingo night planned for Friday 21st June from 5.00-6.30pm - tickets go on sale today - please visit <https://www.fonds.org.uk/events/fonds-family-bingo-night/> Please feel free to bring a picnic dinner. FONDS will be running the bar with snacks available. Please note we have a limited number of tickets so please buy early to avoid disappointment.



**BINGO Night**

Join us for a night of fun and games at the FONDS family Bingo Night!

FRI 21ST JUNE 5-6.30PM

Bring your own picnic

TICKETS GO ON SALE FRIDAY@ PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK

£3.50 PP FOR 5 BINGO CARDS - 15 CHANCES TO WIN

## Jigsaw - Changing Me

This term, we are teaching and learning the final PSHE JIGSAW topic called 'Changing Me'. It covers age appropriate teaching on puberty and sex education. Please read the knowledge organisers for each year group outlining the key vocabulary relevant to each year group and gives you the opportunity to discuss at home.

There are three specific lessons taught in Y4 - Y6 which you have the right to withdraw your child from which are highlighted in red below. Have a chat with your teacher if you would like to see any teaching materials beforehand.

Y4 lesson 2 having a baby

Y5 lesson 4, conception

Y6 lesson 4 conception and birth

### Puberty and Human Reproduction in Jigsaw 3 - 11

Reception	Growing Up	How we have changed since we were babies
Year 1	My changing body	Understanding that growing and changing is natural and happens to everybody at different rates.
	Boys' and girls' bodies	Appreciating the parts of the bodies that make us different and using the correct names for them.
Year 2	The changing me	Where I am on the journey from young to old, and what changes I can be proud of?
	Boys and girls	Differences between boys and girls - how do we feel about them? Which parts of me are private?
Year 3	Outside body changes	How our bodies need to change so they can make babies when we grow up - outside changes and how we feel about them.
	Inside body changes	How our bodies need to change so they can make babies when we grow up - inside changes and how we feel about them (animations used - shorter version of Female and Male Reproductive Systems)
Year 4	Having a baby	The choice to have a baby, the parts of men and women that make babies and - in simple terms - <b>how this happens (animations used - the Female Reproductive System)</b>
	Girls and puberty	How a girl's body changes so that she can have a baby when she's an adult - including menstruation.
Year 5	Puberty for girls	Physical changes and feels about them - importance of looking after yourself (animations used - the Female Reproductive System)
	Puberty for boys	Developing understanding of changes for both sexes - reassurance and exploring feelings (animations used - the Male Reproductive System)
	Conception	<b>Understanding the place of sexual intercourse in a relationship and how it can lead to conception and the wonder of a new life (animations used - the Female and Male Reproductive Systems)</b>
Year 6	Puberty	Consolidating understanding of physical and emotional changes and how they affect us (animations used - the Female and Male Reproductive Systems)
	Girl talk/boy talk	A chance to ask questions and reflect (single sex) (animations used - the Female and Male Reproductive Systems)
	Conception to birth	<b>The story of pregnancy and birth (animations used - the Female and Male Reproductive Systems)</b>

If you have any feedback or would like to discuss further, please email Mrs Boyer, our PSHE Lead, via: [PSHE@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:PSHE@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)

## NSEA Championships

North Downs had the most amazing results at the NSEA Eventers Challenge Championships held at Hickstead over the Bank Holiday weekend. Schools from all over country competed at the event which you had to qualify for to attend. Arthur rode a strong Clear Round in the 70cm which had over 250 riders representing their schools.



Holly Slade riding her pony Minnie, had the most amazing weekend being placed 2nd in the 80cm section. She rode a fabulous round meeting the optimum time and beating 200 riders! An enormous achievement for both young riders competing at National level.

## Well Done Brockham Badgers!

The U9's Brockham Badger Blacks came home with the winning trophy from the Dorkinians Football Tournament on Saturday 18 May. Their hard work, dedication and teamwork paid off, and the feeling of being crowned champions will be one they will truly cherish. Well done Badgers!



As part of the **D-Day commemorations**, Mrs Deeks accompanied a group of ten children from Years 5 and 6 to the war memorial on Brockham Village Green. They observed a small service, led by Morris Daly from the Royal British Legion, which included some readings and an explanation about D-Day. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school, showing great respect for the event, and were complimented on for their exemplary behaviour, well done!

## Diary Dates

### Summer Term

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Junior Sports Day  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Infant Sports Day  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Camp Night  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 'Move Up' Day  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - FONDS Fest  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Reports sent home  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Disco  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Children break up -  
Infants at 1.00pm & Juniors 1.15pm  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET Days

### INSET Days 2024 - 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

## Bags2School

Thank you to all the parents across all three sites who sent in 'bags for school'. As you can see a lot were gathered together at the Brockham site! Thanks also to the parents who gave up their time to help us get everything across to Brockham from Betchworth and Leigh. We will let you know how much we raised in a future newsletter!



*Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.*