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Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week I have spotted many of our staff and pupils dancing on the field, or round the Maypole in the hall, in readiness for dancing on The Green from 1.30pm onwards on Thursday 26th May. It's an event which we seem to be looking forward to all the more for the fact that this will be the first time all of the children have come together on the Brockham site since 2019!

I am aware that this will be the first experience of Maypole Day for many of our children and parents. Those of you who are seasoned spectators will know that some years we have benefitted from glorious weather but some years - not so much! This time though, I don't think any of us will really care what the weather does...though it would obviously be very lovely for the sun to make an appearance that day. More information will be coming out in due course but please note that the 26th May is not the only day this half term on which we would like to invite children from Leigh and Betchworth to join everyone at Brockham for the day...

...Science Week - 16th May Onwards

As you know, Monday 16th May sees the start of our Whole School Science Week. We are very grateful to Ms Marshall-Bailey who has been working hard for many weeks, organising the events and activities on our behalf. These will include:

A virtual reality Space Experience

Birds of Prey

Silly Science Fun Days

Kid Critters

Genie Lab

Externally led STEM Science activities

Some of these activities will take place at each of the sites but some will be held at the Brockham site for all of the children. Therefore, we would like to invite Years 1 and 2 children **based at Leigh** to spend the day **at the Brockham site** on **Monday 16th May**. In addition we are inviting children from **the Leigh AND Betchworth sites** to join us again **at Brockham** on **Wednesday 18th May**.

On these two days we ask that our visiting classes arrive at Brockham between 8.40am and 9.00am and enter through the main gate. Miss Miller (Puffins), Mrs Ogston (Woodpeckers), as well as Ms Morgan (Owls) on the Wednesday, will be at the gate to greet the children as they arrive and show them which classroom to go to.

We recognise that this is the first time we will have mixed our sites and 'bubbles' and, very much in celebration of that, we are 'pulling out all the stops' to provide exciting learning experiences for the children. All of these activities are currently being funded by the school but Mrs Michelmore has set up a facility on Tucasi whereby parents can make a contribution towards the funding of these activities, if they wish. Any contributions would obviously be very gratefully received. 😊

We are also very grateful to Mr Aspley and Mr Horton (both parents at the school) who are part of the STEM team (<https://www.stem.org.uk/>) who are coming in to work with many of the year groups. If any other parents who use 'science' as part of their professions would like to come in and work with or speak to the children please do contact Ms Marshall-Bailey via the school office email: info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk. She would love to hear from you!

Here's to an exciting week!

Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics Tournament

The Dorking Schools year 5 and 6 athletics competition was held yesterday afternoon in The Ashcombe School's sports hall. All of Dorking's schools were represented. Events included sprint and relay races, standing triple and long jump, soft javelin throwing as well as the vertical jump. Our 27 athletes competed enthusiastically and with great determination. They were a credit to the school. Four trophies were being fought for. Our team won three of the four: boys track events, girls track events as well as the trophy for being overall winners. A great achievement as a team, combined with some outstanding individual performances! Thank you to all our athletes as well as Mrs Stowell for her expert coaching - we are very proud of you all. North Downs will now represent Dorking Schools in the Surrey county final on 12th July.



Friday Update from FONDS

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our "Books 4 Books" event last week. There were lots of fabulous books donated and everyone seemed very happy with their new reading material.

I am delighted to say the event raised over **£400** which is just amazing!

We will be using this money to buy new class readers for the school. A **BIG** thank you as well for all our wonderful volunteers who helped make the event so successful.

Date for the diary - Sunday 12th June - **TEAS ON THE GREEN**. It's back after a two year break!

We are hoping the weather will be kind to us and will send more details shortly. As always if you have any ideas for fundraising or would love to get involved in FONDS - please do get in touch.

Abbi and Team FONDS

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th May - Penguins trip to Hannah Perschar Sculpture Park
Wednesday 11th May - Puffins trip to Hannah Perschar Sculpture Park
Monday 16th May - Start of Whole School Science Week
Monday 16th May - Year 6 trip to Chessington
Thursday 26th May - Maypole on The Green
Thursday 26th May - Children break up for half term
Friday 27th May - INSET Day
Monday 6th June - Children return to school
Tuesday 14th June - Junior Sports Day
Thursday 16th June - Infant Sports Day
Monday 20th June - Year 6 trip to PGL

Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

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