

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It's been a busy couple of weeks here at North Downs, with Online Safety Week, Book Character Fancy Dress, Wild Wednesday, Indoor Athletics County Final, School Council and Year 4 Assemblies...and we've managed to fit in so much learning along the way!



Thank you again to FONDS for funding our Online Safety Week. Dave Robinson from Computing for Schools who supported us with our learning and activities last week, has sent through a range of useful resources for parents. We will compile these into a separate Computing Newsletter, which will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. We are also developing a useful parent information area on the school website. In the meantime, we have uploaded Dave's slides from his presentation session. Please click on the link below to find these and look out for more resources and updates as we add to this area.

<https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Information+for+Parents&pid=687>

Parking, I know, continues to be an issue at each base. I would like to politely remind parents at Brockham that we do discourage parking on The Smithers. We are often being contacted by the residents, regarding damage to the verges etc. It is a very small area and more cars do seem to be using it now. We just ask that you are mindful of our residents and neighbours as we work hard to maintain positive relationships with them all. Thank you for your understanding.

FONDS are organising events and activities for the rest of this school year. Their next meeting is on:
Monday 13th from 7.30pm at The Dolphin in Betchworth.

Sports Update from Mrs Stowell

Dorking Quicksticks Hockey Tournament



After half a term of training and preparation our Quicksticks 'A' and 'B' Hockey Teams took part in the Dorking schools tournament at St Johns on Thursday 23rd February. In an exciting and skilful tournament, our B team won two lost two and drew one match to finish 4th and our 'A' team won all their five games to finish 1st and the Dorking champions. Congratulations to both teams for a great afternoon of hockey!

Cross Country

On Monday 27th February 46 children from North Downs from Years 3 - 6 took part in the second league cross country event at The Weald. Our teams ran well, with the:

Year 3 & 4 girls finishing 3rd, Year 3 & 4 boys 4th, Year 5 & 6 girls 4th and the Year 5 & 6 boys 1st.

We are currently in 3rd place overall.

There were many strong individual performances with Ollie finishing 2nd, Thomas 4th and Finn 7th in the Year 5/6 boys and Cassius finishing 4th and James 10th in the year 3/4 boys. Poppy came in 5th in the Year 3/4 girls. Well done to everyone who took part. As usual a great turn out of North Downs children, cheering each other on!

In Other News...



Congratulations to Daisy who, during a dance competition a couple of weeks ago, won two golds and two silver medals...as well as being awarded the Miss Junior Dancer title. One of the golds was for a solo dance she choreographed all by herself! Amazing Daisy!



On 26th February, Arthur rode for North Downs, at an NSEA event at Coombelands Equestrian Centre. He was riding his pony Rory and competed in the 70cm Eventers Challenge qualifier for the Championships which are held at Hickstead. Arthur went clear and came 10th in strong company. Well done Arthur!

Additional Dates/Reminders for the Diary

Wednesday 29th March - Year 4 Residential to High Ashurst
 Friday 31st March - Children return from High Ashurst
 Friday 31st March - Children break up for Easter Infants at 1.00pm and Juniors at 1.15pm
 Monday 17th April - Children return to school
 Wednesday 19th April - Class Photographs
 Monday 24th April - Music Festival at Dorking Halls
 Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday
 Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday
 Thursday 25th May - Maypole Dancing on The Green
 Thursday 25th May - Children break up for Half Term
 Friday 26th May - INSET Day
 Monday 5th June - Children return to school
 Tuesday 13th June - KS2 Sports Day
 Thursday 15th June - KS1 Sports Day
 Thursday 20th July - Children break up

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

J. Douglas