

The Downs News—16th February 2024

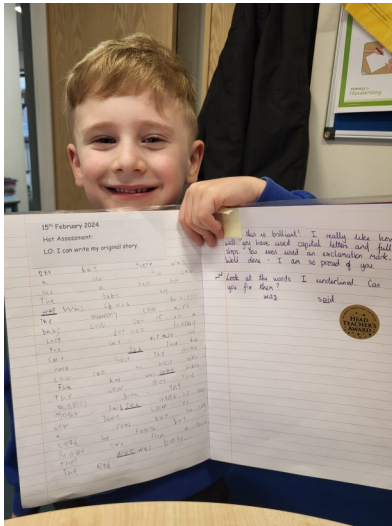
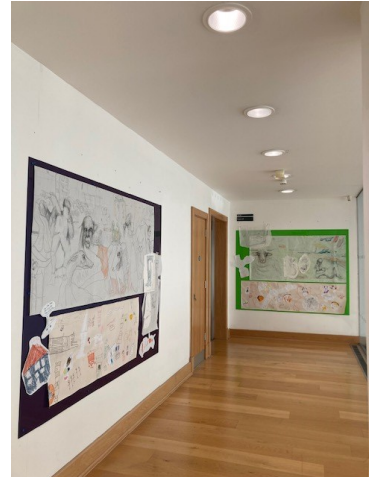
Year 2 Sculpture Trail Work Exhibit

In the Autumn Term, Year 2 took part in a Sculpture Trail to the Town Centre. Whilst in the centre they created some artwork which is now on display at the Harlow Civic Centre. If you would like to take your child to visit their work, the exhibition will be open during the half term.

The Civic Centre have kindly provided a photo of the display.

Writing

We love it when children are so proud of their work. This week, Denny has worked incredibly hard on his writing.



Message from the PTA

I would like to thank all of the parents that helped with our first ever cinema night at the Downs. It was a fantastic event and will be organising more cinema nights. We're still learning and always wanting to improve. If you have any feedback for us please don't hesitate to get in touch with us friendsofthedowns@downs.essex.sch.uk

The PTA has bought a big speaker from the money we have raised, we have music every play time and lunch. The kids have perfected their Cha Cha slide and Macarena, it's fantastic to see kids smiling and showing off their moves, the staff have some moves but we can't keep up with them. We have lots of new games, playground equipment arriving soon. We were able to purchase these because of the PTA events we have put on. We would like to do more however we need more parents so please get in touch!

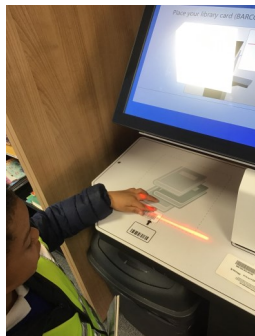
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A fun week in Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

Library Visit

This week children in Reception visited the Harlow Library. The children enjoyed their visit and were able to experience a list of different types of books. The children enjoyed being able to check out their own books.



Lunar New Year



This week children in Early Years were learning about Lunar New Year. Today they celebrated with all three classes by parading their work through the school and enjoying taste testing some Chinese food.



Muddy Puddles

Last week, Nursery made the most of the rain and spent some time in the Key Stage Two playground to jump in the puddles. The children loved the experience and there was lots of learning to be had too! Children discovered a worm, talked about the depth of the puddles and worked together to play games together. It was lovely to see their confidence grow for those who were hesitant to begin with.



	9th February	16th February
<u>Dragon</u>	70	185
<u>Griffin</u>	76	186
<u>Lion</u>	90	208
<u>Unicorn</u>	82	223
	Well done to Lion House 	Well done to Lion House 

<u>Total House Points for 2023—2024</u>	
<u>Dragon</u>	6904
<u>Griffin</u>	7081
<u>Lion</u>	7130
<u>Unicorn</u>	7069

Team Spirit—9th February

Children are able to earn Team Points for their house by working together and showing a good team spirit. Children who have been awarded for Team Spirit are as follows.

<u>Dragon</u>	<u>Griffin</u>	<u>Lion</u>	<u>Unicorn</u>
Olivia in Sycamore	Emilia in Chestnut	Roxy in Holly	Maryam in Mulberry
Kadie in Willow	Aniyah-Mai in Rowan	Erin in Maple	Freddie in Elm
Laibah in Hazel	Matt-Daniel in Birch		Miahi in Larch
Kataali in Oak			Aiden in Aspen

Team Spirit—16th February

<u>Dragon</u>	<u>Griffin</u>	<u>Lion</u>	<u>Unicorn</u>
Logan in Mulberry	Jeriah in Holly	Cody in Elm	
Raven in Chestnut	Elsie in Maple	Sienna in Larch	
Gabe in Birch	Nikita in Aspen	Alfie in Hazel	
	Joahan in Cedar		
	Adam in Oak		

Stars of the Week—9th February

To children who have really shone in class and impressed a member of staff.

Thomas in Acorn	Rayan in Maple	Joseph in Rowan
Ares in Mulberry	Freddie in Sycamore	Victoria in Birch
John in Holly	Alex in Aspen	Ethan in Willow
Dolly in Elm	Stefan in Cedar	Lilya in Hazel
Vinnie in Larch	Layla in Chestnut	Sienna in Oak



Stars of the Week—16th February

Isabella in Acorn	Gabriela in Maple	Jude in Rowan
Ophelia in Mulberry	Victor in Sycamore	Nicholas in Birch
Zack in Holly	Ruben in Aspen	Eli in Willow
Chenay in Elm	Jaiden in Cedar	Betsy in Hazel
Denny in Larch	Darcie in Chestnut	Malachi in Oak



Diary Dates for Spring Term

Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February	Half Term
Monday 26th February	Children return to school
Friday 8th March	INSET Day—School Closed to children
Thursday 28th March	Early School Closure—Children to be collected at 1:30pm
Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April	Easter Holidays