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Dear families,

As we end this short but busy term, I would like to express my thanks to you and your extended families for your ongoing support. So many of you have been in school, for open afternoons, residential meetings, workshops or to help with reading, we really could not be the great school that we are without you.

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of events which have shown what a wonderful community Downton is.

Today EYFS have been exploring sounds using actual and homemade drums before making their own drums to celebrate Chinese New Year.



Our Year 1/2 children have been busy making their own percussion instruments as part of their Science, using their instruments to explore and find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that it produced, as well as recognising that sound get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.



Continuing on the theme of music, our guitarists held their first concert of the year this week on Monday. Our Key Stage One children were fortunate to have a sneak preview of their talents. Mr Parks was so proud of them all and the children enjoyed it too.



Year 5/6 after their study of the Antarctic, enjoyed a DT day today. They made slogging biscuits, which would have been used by Ernest Shackleton and his exploration team on their expeditions to the south pole.



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Mental Health Workshop

I would like to thank Mrs Drennan for leading Monday's parent workshop. We have had so much positive feedback from the parents who attended - it really was an informative and worthwhile event. I would also like to thank Mrs Bates for organising the event and Miss Emm for her support.



Kurling

On 25th January, we entered two teams of four into the Year 3 and 4 Kurling competition at Wyvern St Edmund's school. We were lucky enough to be able to borrow a Kurling set from our sports partnership so that we could have a sneaky practice before the day! The eight children represented the school brilliantly and came third in their group. We were all very proud of how the team competed and the level of sportsmanship exhibited by all who took part.



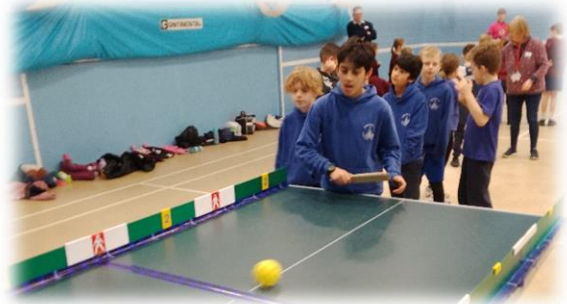
Football success

Last Friday, a group of boys and girls from Year 3/4 went to Trafalgar School to participate in a football tournament. The team delivered an outstanding performance, maintaining an undefeated record throughout the day and securing a commendable 2nd place among 6 participating schools. Our players exhibited courage and excellent teamwork, with notable goals scored by Joshua and George in Hawks, and solid defensive plays by Evie in Kestrels. We take immense pride in their achievements!



Panathlon competition

On Wednesday, we accompanied a group of Key Stage Two children to participate in a Panathlon competition hosted at Sarum Academy. During the event, the children engaged in a range of activities and games, competing against 14 other schools. We're thrilled to announce that our team secured 3rd place, earning themselves a bronze medal. We couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments!



Thank you for being part of our vibrant school community. I hope you all enjoy the upcoming break and return refreshed and energised to continue our journey of learning and growth together.

Best wishes

Paula Carlton



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