



DOWNHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND MONTESSORI NURSERY

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Newsletter to Preparatory & Nursery School Parents – 3rd May 2022

Deaf Awareness Week

This year, Deaf Awareness Week is taking place from 2nd to 8th May. The National Deaf Children's Society is using the week to celebrate deafness. It aims to help people see the positive side of living with deafness, become more aware of the challenges deaf people face and discover ways to include them. In our school, we will be organising teaching the children to sign a song during a targeted learning session.

Lady Rose Hare

As many of you will be aware, Lady Rose Hare sadly passed away last week. There will be two services at Holy Trinity Church (next to the school) on **Wednesday 11th May**. The funeral service and internment, for family only, will take place at 9:15am. The memorial service will take place at 3pm. Both in the morning and especially in the afternoon, the church car park and the road side will be full of cars attending the service. Therefore, we politely ask you, please do NOT park in the car park opposite the Blacksmith's, or along the road near the church. Please use the field. Also, please do not walk through the churchyard. Please keep your children with you at all times, as the area around the school will be very busy.

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome Mr John Palfrey, who is joining us today as our new Groundsman. He will be working in the mornings around the school. Mr Smith is currently resting at home, recovering from his knee operation.

Also, a warm welcome to Miss Erica Richardson, who started in our Pre-primary class this morning.

Trips and Visits

On Monday 9th May, classes 5, 6 and 7 will be visiting Duxford, as part of their History studies.

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust will be coming in for the Adventure Service Challenge group after school.

Staff Training

Last week, Miss Tighe attended the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Conference. She also completed a course entitled "Deep dive into schools- getting it right every time". Deep dives are a methodology that Ofsted inspectors use to gain a deeper understanding of a school's curriculum.

Mrs Lillie completed "Inspection Training for Senior Leaders".

Sports Report

Congratulations to Ezra, who ran a superb race in the Mini Gear in King's Lynn on Sunday.



Well done to Mr Lane, Mr Tierney and Miss Hart, who all completed the GEAR 10K race.

Collecting for Ukraine

If anyone knows of someone locally who is still collecting for Ukraine, please let us know.