

Newsletter



The last month of the school year has been as busy as the rest! We were thrilled to hit a milestone in pupil numbers and celebrate a school of 50 children in July! We have more families wanting to join and anticipate the continued growth of our wonderful school family.

Science

Undertaking practical science and developing Working Scientifically skills is a key part of our learning at Down Ampney. This term, Class 3 have been planting and harvesting seed potatoes as part of their learning about life cycle and plant reproduction. The children grew over 40 potatoes, which we cooked and ate! Every child took home a seed potato and have had great success growing their own at home.



Term 6 Clubs

Monday
Y5 Club

Tuesday
Y5 Club

Wednesday
Y5 Club

Friday
Swimming

Class 3 also learnt about Evolution and Inheritance and the work of Charles Darwin. Children replicated the changing population of Peppered Moths during the Industrial Revolution and predicted population numbers over time, drawing graphs to represent their data. The children made models of baby "Reebops", working out what characteristics they would have, based on the gene code passed down from each of their parents. We also looked at our own inherited characteristics and were excited to compare our "hitchhiker's thumbs" which only about 30% of the population have!

Sports

Being active is a key part of life at Down Ampney and our partnership with School Games means we get to take part in many inclusive events throughout the year. Here are some of our sporting memories from July.



The Year 4 and 5 girls had an amazing time at the Girls Active event.



Year 2 trying out new sports at a Multiport's event.

School Fete

A huge thank you to our PTA, parents, carers and children for raising over £1000 for the school and over £500 for the church. The stalls were planned

and run wonderfully by the children and great fun was had by all.



Down Ampney's Got Talent!

The end of term talent show was a huge success, and we were blown away by the incredible



performances of children from Reception to Year 6! The numerous, amazing acts included the Reception dance routine, Year 5 guitar solo, Year 6 singing, Year 3 cornet playing, and Year 1 and 2 skipping to music.

We love to encourage our children to show off their skills and talents and nurture their self-esteem. This was an event to be remembered!



Goodbye Year 6!

The end of the school year is always tinged with sadness as we say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 children. We have loved being part of your life journeys and we know you will continue to thrive in your new settings. Do come back and visit us!



The Down Ampney Team wish you a restful and happy Summer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th September- Term starts
 Thursday 15th September - Meet the Teachers at 3pm and 3.30pm
 Monday 19th September - Bank Holiday
 Thursday 22nd September - INSeT
 Friday 23rd September - INSeT
 Tuesday 27th September - Cross Country
 Thursday 6th October - Open the Book
 Monday 10th October - Quick Sticks Hockey
 Thursday 13th October - Harvest Festival
 Tuesday 18th October - Bee Netball

