

# Downs View Newsletter



Wednesday 19th October 2022

General Information Newsletter: No.1



## Term Dates

### Autumn Term

5<sup>th</sup> Sept-16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Half Term: 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Spring Term 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan-31<sup>st</sup> March

Half Term: 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Summer Term 2023

17<sup>th</sup> April-20<sup>th</sup> July

Half Term: 29<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June

## INSETS

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,  
I hope you are all well and welcome to all our new families. I would also like to welcome Rachel McDonald-Taylor our new Assistant Head who started with us last week.



It is hard to believe that we are already approaching half term. All of our young people have been settling well into their classes and new routines. It has been exceptionally busy at all of our sites as you will see from the updates in this newsletter.

It was lovely to see some of you at our recent coffee morning and Pupil Progress Meetings. Hopefully some of you will be able to pop in on Friday for our Macmillan Coffee Morning—we would love to see you. We would also welcome any donations of sweet or savoury bakes, further details are at the end of this newsletter.

Please can I remind everyone to please notify the school/college and not the class teacher if your child is going to be absent—the numbers to contact are below. Also, if you have any spare cycle helmets at home they would be gratefully received.

Have a lovely half term.

Best wishes, Vanessa

## Absence From School/College

If your child is going to be absent from school/college please call on the numbers below and leave a voicemail before 8am. It is important that you do this so that we can arrange safe staffing levels for every class.

School—01273 601680

Link College—01273 507719

Life Skills - 01273 551028



# Downs View School

Hello all,  
Welcome back to all.

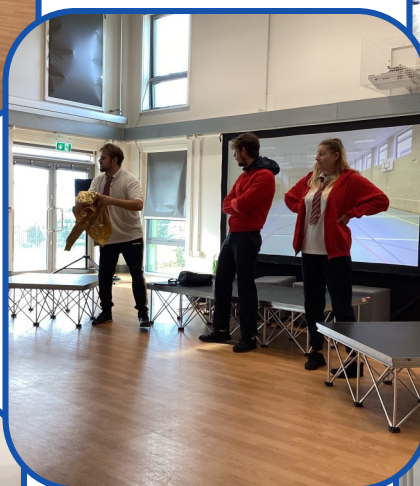
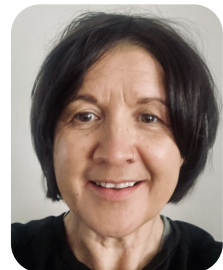
It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent parent/carer meeting. Yet another busy term, getting to know the new pupils across the school and seeing them settling in to the life of Downs View.

The children have been enjoying playing on the new climbing frame and getting together at our weekly assemblies, which have focused so far on the Queen, healthy food, celebrations and also a special assembly to remember Asair, who was in Y11 and tragically died at the start of term.

This week as well as the school photographer visit, some of our secondary students attended a road safety drama show (some photos below) and others have been busy producing the 1st edition of a student newsletter-so get ready to hold the front page! So lots of exciting activities for all students to support their learning.

Enjoy the half term.

Take care, Jackie



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# Downs View Link College

This term, Year 11 at the Link have been learning about the book *Angelica Sprockett's Pocket's* by Quentin Blake. For the last 2 weeks, we have been sewing our own pockets, choosing the material, the shape and the thread that we like the most. We decided to sew them onto a cardigan so that we could all be 'Angelica'. We will also be looking at what we would like to put in our pockets for every eventuality!



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# Downs View Life Skills College

Dear learners, parents and carers,

This term has gone very quickly and fairly smoothly. During the first weeks, I enjoyed seeing the newcomers settling down well and enjoying being part of college life. It looks like they have been here for longer than a term already! Learners from all classes have joined the Learners Board to share their work with others and discuss weekly topics. This continues to be one of the favourite parts of the week for most learners, it is stunning to observe how they all develop a feeling and awareness of belonging to the Life Skills community.



I would like to appreciate all staff who have worked very hard consistently to support all learners to re-engage in the college routine after the summer holidays.

We have already had a busy term with various educational trips in the community. In partnership with Fabrika, learners attended a workshop in the city and worked closely with artists. They created stunning art pieces for their art awards booklet. Some learners started their work taster sessions as gardeners with City Parks, working at Junk Food Project and at the Fab Cafe at Preston Tennis Club. We also started a litter picking project in the community and the local Co-op was so impressed that they donated litter-pickers!

In reconnection and engagement with nature, we have re-started a series of outdoor trips. For example, Room 7 went to Stanmer Park and room 6 went to Nymans. They created a 3D art work inspired by nature.

It was remarkable to see the re-start of the coffee mornings. Many parents/carers attended the first parents/carers coffee morning to discuss future pathways post college and we had our annual open evening. The events were very successful and we will be looking into organising coffee mornings more regularly. You will receive further information after half term.

A gentle reminder, please feel free to donate cakes or come to the MacMillan Cafe on Friday 21st October.

Thank you to all learners for your hard work at college and welcome to all newcomers!

Best regards, Raul

# Downs View Life Skills College

Learners board during Great Big Green week. We learned how to respect the environment, through recycling and limiting the use of plastic.



# Downs View Life Skills College

Every time we go out in the community we do litter picking to ensure our community is clean.  
The manager of Co-Op in Patcham saw Teejay working hard so he decided to donate two brand new litter pickers to the college.



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# Downs View Life Skills College

We are happy to announce a new placement for work experience at Cake the Difference.

Here is Nathan attending a work interview at Cake the Difference.



## **Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support**

Downs View School will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on the last day of this half term, Friday 21st October 2022. And we'd love you to get involved.

Whether that's through making your own or donating shop bought sweet or savoury bakes... or simply coming along to our 'bakeaway' service throughout the day. We'd love to see you. We'll be kicking things off from around 09:30.

**MAKE, BAKE  
OR DONATE**



**Fundraising for**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**





## FRIENDS OF **DOWNS VIEW SCHOOL & LINK COLLEGE**

Friends of Downs View,

Where has this half term gone?! Hard to believe we are nearly at the halfway point already!

We hope all your young people have settled into school or college life happily by now and are enjoying themselves and a particularly warm welcome to any new DV families.

We are very much hoping to get some events in the diary for the second half of this term and are meeting with Vanessa to discuss this, along with the best way the Friends can support DV going forward. We want to ensure we use the money that has been so generously raised by all of you in the most appropriate way to benefit all the students.

So keep your eye on Ping and our Facebook page for more information.

We will also be holding our AGM before Christmas which is a great way to get involved, find out more about the Friends and have your say. We are always keen to have new faces on board! We really want to grow the Friends in this coming year, so come and be part of it and make a difference!

We look forward to meeting you!

***Lisa Burgess***

***Chair of Friends of Downs View***

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# THE GRANGE

ART GALLERY • MUSEUM • TEA GARDEN

## Into the Sea

Schools Art Exhibition 2022

The Grange Gallery is thrilled to be hosting a schools art exhibition over the October half term holiday. Showing work by young artists from Downs View Link College, Longhill High School, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Saltdean Primary School and St Margarets C of E Primary School. The gallery will be flooded with children's artwork and creativity following this years theme ***Into the Sea.***

Please come and support our young artists. Admission Free



**Exhibition dates: 19th - 30th October**

**Gallery Opening Hours:**

Wednesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm. Sunday 1pm - 4pm.

(Open until 5pm on Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st)

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# KIDS FLY FREE

This October Half Term!



**BRITISH AIRWAYS**  
i360 Viewing Tower  
Brighton's best views

From Friday 21st to Monday 31st October up to two children per one paying adult fly free at BA i360.

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# KIDS EAT FREE

from 21st - 31st October

One free kids main with the purchase of any adult main.

[westbeachbarandkitchen.com](http://westbeachbarandkitchen.com)