



Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children from Year 3&4 who represented Western Downland at the cross-country races held at Gang Warily on Tuesday. Tuesday was indeed a glorious day for running. Over 450 athletes from 21 schools were present to take part in the four separate races. The course was approximately 1000 m long for Year 3 and 1100 m long for Year 4. All the children worked really hard to complete their race. Western Downland had a fantastic outcome with a team of year 3 girls achieving a second place overall (Sophia, Mabel and Sarah). We were delighted when they received their silver medals.

Our results were as follows:

Year 3 Girls race approx. 100 runners	Year 3 Boys race approx. 110 runners	Year 4 Girls race approx. 110 runners	Year 4 Boys race approx. 130 runners
Sophia 10 th Mabel 11 th Sarah 15 th Darcey 16 th Kitty K 21 st Kitty C 22 nd Elodie 34 th	Ralph 15 th	Millie 11 th	Rocco 101 st Jenson 110 th Sam 113 th Eddie 114 th



The children can be proud of their individual performances and their amazing results.

Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Oakley, Mr Phillips, Mrs Pass and Mrs Paterson for their help and support on the day.

Mrs Donald



Chicks

We have new fluffy friends in Acorn class ! This week our chicks have hatched bringing about much excitement .



Important Information about Lexia

For the 2024-2025 school year, Lexia Core5 and PowerUp will require **iPadOS 15 or higher**. This change will go into effect in summer 2024.

Core5 and PowerUp will **no longer be compatible** with these older devices: **iPad mini 2, iPad mini 3, Original iPad Air.**

iPad users will need to update to iPadOS 15 or higher to use Core5 and PowerUp.

iPad users will need to download the summer 2024 Core5 or PowerUp iPad app updates to continue use of the program.





EARA



A group of children are working with Hampshire as part of the New Forest EARA (equality and rights advocates group).

The EARA group aims to address many of the nine characteristics protected under the Equalities Act of 2010. They consider how prejudicial attitudes and behaviours towards those who share those characteristics impact on our school community. The group decides which aspects to focus on and discuss ways in which to advocate within their school.

Fundamental to the ethos of the group is the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the articles contained therein. The group uses the convention as a tool to underpin and empower the work they undertake to promote the rights of every child. Participation is a key driver for the Convention (Article 12) and thus the EARA group provides young people with a platform to have their voices heard and to provide those vulnerable groups within their school and wider community with an opportunity to be heard also.

Our EARA group attended the first termly meeting on Thursday. This provided an opportunity to share good practice across the county. We look forward to hearing more about their work in the future.

E-Safety

This week the cyber ambassadors have expressed concerns about the types of video games being played and have some advice about age-ratings. Every game comes with a PEGI rating which indicates how suitable a game is for a certain age in terms of content, not ability. A game with PEGI rating of 16 or 18 would have themes of violence, bad language and fear. The biggest risk to ignoring age-ratings is that children will be exposed to inappropriate and even traumatic content. Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto are often games that are talked about amongst peers, and both these games have extreme levels of violence and incredibly mature content.

To summarise:

Games come with PEGI ratings of 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18. The higher the rating the more mature content there is. It does not indicate difficulty level.

Year 5 Taster Days

The Burgate School– Tuesday 25 June 2024

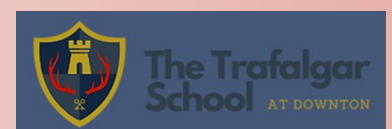
Trafalgar School - Tuesday 2nd July 2024

The Burgate school & Trafalgar school are inviting Year 5 pupils to their taster days in June. The children will enjoy a fun themed day with educational lessons and a picnic lunch.

Bookings are now open via the Burgate & Trafalgar school websites.

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Walk to School Week

Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (20-24 May). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.



This year’s challenge, The Magic of Walking, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various magical beings along the way, they'll learn about the important reasons to walk and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week.

What do I need to do as a parent/carer? We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on the week commencing 20th May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive, try parking the car ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

Attendance

Class	Percentage
Whole School	96.1
Acorn	95.2
Willow	96.1
Maple	96.2
Birch	97.0
Rowan	97.1
Beech	96.1
Oak	94.8

Show Jumping



Three Western Downland riders attended Moreton Equestrian Centre last weekend to compete in their first Show jumping competition for the school! Holly and Clemmie together with Millie were among over 75 riders from 13 local schools competing. They did amazingly well. All three managing double-clear rounds and Millie individually placing 2nd in the 75cm class. Riders from The Burgate School team were delighted that Western Downland riders had come to join them and were a great support in learning the courses and cheering them on.

News from the Friends of Western Downland

The Friends will run a **second-hand uniform** sale at the end of every half term. We would appreciate donations of uniform at either site office. All proceeds help the school. Contact Caroline Saunders at caroline@alderholt-technology.co.uk if there is any uniform you require.

Recycling Shed at Damerham

This is currently closed for maintenance but will be re-opened as soon as possible.

