

# Downs View Newsletter

Friday 19th July 2024

General Information Newsletter: No.5



**Ofsted**  
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## Term Dates 2023/2024

### INSETS

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## Term Dates 2024/2025

### Autumn Term

5th Sept-20th Dec

### Spring Term

6th Jan-4th April

### Summer Term

22nd April-22nd July

### INSETS

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well—finally some nice weather has arrived! Lets hope it stays for the holidays. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year. We had an incredibly busy term with lots going on across all of our sites and I hope you enjoy seeing some of the things we have been doing in this newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work over this year and I would also like to say thank you to all parents/carers for their support. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our students for being brilliant all year and good luck to the students that are leaving us at the end of term.

I would like to thank the Friends of Downs View for all they have done this year and for the fantastic fun day that was held recently. Also, I would like to thank our school governors and in particular Jacqui Shepherd one of our Chair of Governors who will be stepping down from this post at the end of term although she will be continuing as a governor. Sue Dowling will be replacing Jacqui in September as joint chair working alongside Ro St John.

I would like to thank the staff that are leaving for all of their hard work and commitment to Downs View over their time here and wish them all the best for the future. I hope you all have a great summer and we look forward to seeing all our children and young people on **Thursday 5th September**.

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**

**The Friends of Downs View update is at the end of this newsletter**

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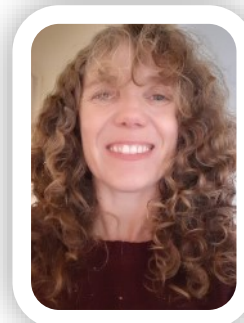
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# Downs View School Primary

Hello everyone,

Our Primary children have had a fabulous end to this academic year. Foundation Primary classes have followed a topic about the seaside in preparation for the holidays, and have had opportunity to experience sensory activities that develop many skills, including hearing seaside sounds (early phonics) and learning symbols for new vocabulary.



Children in Key Stage 2 classes have been trying different foods with a weekly colour theme. At the end of Pride month, the challenge was to 'Taste the Rainbow'!

The Pride parade and activities were a hit across the school.

We are incredibly proud of all the fantastic achievements for our pupils this year.

## Pelican Parcels

We are working with Pelican Parcels for families to donate or receive pre-loved items including clothing, equipment and new uniform for primary aged children. We currently have a donation point in Reception to collect any pre-loved, good quality non-branded uniform items such as polo t shirts, plain sweatshirts, grey/black/navy shorts/trousers/joggers/skirts/pinafore or school dresses.

Please send any uniform items for donation in a bag labelled Pelican Parcel Donations or drop into the reception area.







Pelican parcels are also providing free non-branded school uniform, black school shoes and PE trainers to children accessing Free School Meals. If you would like to access this service, please visit them at a pop up over the summer:







- Mon 5 August 10-3 at St. Martins Church, Newport Street, BN2 3HY
- Tue 6 August 10-3 at Crew Club, 26 Coolham Drive, BN2 5QW
- Wed 7 August 10-3 Moulsecomb Community Market, Newick Rd, BN1 9JG
- Thu 8 August 10-3 Manor Gym, Manor Road, BN2 5EA








We plan to work further with pelican parcels in the future.

Best wishes, Sarah

# Downs View School Primary

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 I	 like	
 I	 don't like	

 seaside	 water
 sea	 shells
 sun	 seagull

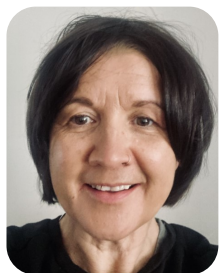
	 Red	 Salsa	 red pepper
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 I	 don't like		



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# Downs View School Secondary



Hello all

Thank you for helping make this year full of memorable times. It has been great to see so many parent/carers at our whole school events, we had the Christmas songs, Spring Parade and a very 'hot' sports day with great parent participation in the running race!

As well as celebrating the events of the year we are also saying goodbye to some of our students, who are moving on, either to the Link College for their Y11 education and others moving on to colleges further afield including Brinsbury, and GBMeT and we want to wish them all the best for the future. This year our leavers assembly was made extra special by Alisha's parents who donated the fabulous balloon arch.

Finally, a huge thank you to all students, staff, admin team, site team, parent & carers, as everyone contributes to the successes that the students achieve at Downs View

I want to wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing those who are coming back to the school site in September.

Take Care, Jackie



# Downs View Link College

Hi all,

We have had a fantastic summer term at DVLC and we are looking forward to the summer holiday. There have been lots of fun activities happening over the last few weeks which everyone has enjoyed. Yesterday there was a sports afternoon on the field and students from all classes joined in.



It was lovely to see our students receive their certificates in our Leavers Assembly last Friday and a big well done to all for their achievements this year. I want to wish our Y14 leavers lots of luck for the future, have fun.

Also, Dr Bill Leslie from Leap Then Look visited DVLC recently, they create art works, participatory projects, workshops and events for people of all ages and abilities. They focus is on working together, inspiring playfulness, inquisitiveness and experimentation. They use exciting and unconventional approaches, including object making, performance, installation, film, and photography, enabling our participants to engage in multiple processes, creating their own work. They believe that contemporary art practice should and can be made available and accessible to everyone and that we can all benefit from engaging with new ways of looking, making and thinking.

Thanks to all the staff at DVLC for their continued hard work and support for the students. Wishing everyone a fantastic summer.

Best wishes, Juliet



# Downs View Link College



## Our City Our World

A huge well done to everyone at Downs View School, Downs View Link College and Downs View Life Skills to be awarded the Bronze award as part of the Our City Our World campaign across Brighton and Hove schools and college (90% participating) to promote and encourage sustainability to all our pupils.

It has been an amazing start and a real recognition of all the hard work done by both pupils, parents, governors and staff to embed and continue learning about sustainability in a way which is meaningful to all.

We will push onto the silver award and hopefully the gold award in the next few years where we can continue to make a real change as a whole community across our great city of Brighton and Hove.

# Downs View Life Skills College

Dear Parents, Carers & Learners,

What a pleasure it has been to have spend this past year learning, having fun and working together. I would like to say goodbye to all of our leavers, we are very proud of them and all they have achieved during their time at Life Skills. I would like to thank all staff for the hard work and passion they put in at college on a daily basis.

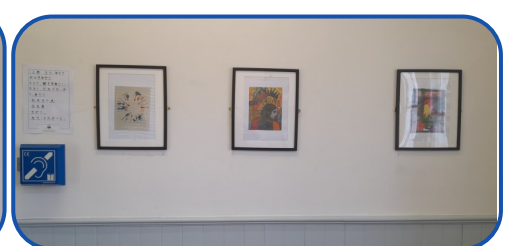
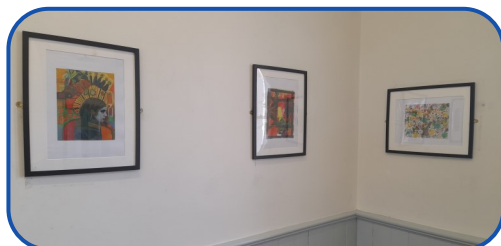


Please find below the pictures from Hove and Portslade train station. Learners discussed as a team, chose some art work, one for each style and wrote an explanation so we could use them in our recent Open House.

Also below is a picture of our garden spot in Portslade station with some learners doing some fantastic work.

Best regards and have a wonderful summer

Raul and all the Life Skills team



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# Downs View School Governors' Update

## The Co-Chairs' Year in Review

This year was Ro and Jacqui's first year co-chairing the Downs View Governing Board. It has been a pleasure to support the school and college throughout the year and keep a strategic overview of the happenings across both sites.

The highlights of course have been interacting with the wonderful pupils and staff that bring it all to life. We also loved meeting some parents at the new playground opening with the addition of an impressive accessible wheelchair swing that was being well utilised!

We had the opportunity to see some inspirational high quality inclusive teaching and learning in Lewis and Juliette's classes on a learning walk in the spring term. Lewis' pupils were very pleased to have visitors and demonstrate their enjoyment of phonics through listening and matching environmental sounds as part of a fun and engaging game. While we saw music being the vehicle used to improve and encourage key skills such as waiting and turn taking in Juliette's class which was lovely to see. All of the pupils were joyously working on their own individual targets with various levels of support from staff while a calm and gentle encouragement to be an independent as possible was evident.

Jacqui and Ro would like to thank Vanessa and her excellent staff team for all they do and continue to do to improve the outcomes for the children and young people and their families.

On behalf of the Governing Board, we wish you all a happy and healthy summer holiday.



# Downs View School Governors' Update

## Meet staff governor Chloe Sly

For our final governors' update of this school year, we would like to introduce you to Chloe Sly who is a Staff Governor.



Chloe has been working in education for over ten years now and she has been fortunate enough to experience it in a variety of roles. Each of these positions have involved working with SEN pupils. She is passionate about ensuring that these pupils have the best opportunity to make their lives as big as can possibly be, and this looks different for each individual pupil even if they have the same diagnosis. Chloe was lucky enough to gain a place on an apprenticeship at Downs View in 2016. She has been here ever since and has learnt so much about how to support pupils and parents within the school. She

decided to become a staff governor for the school because she wanted to know more about how the school runs. Chloe has a good understanding of it from the classroom, but she wanted to learn more about the budget side of things. It's been an interesting journey and Chloe is looking forward to a few more years of working with SEND pupils.



## FRIENDS OF DOWNS VIEW SCHOOL & LINK COLLEGE

### FRIENDS OF DOWNS VIEW – BIG THANK YOU!

#### Summer Fun Day

The sun came out at the end of June for the Summer Fun Day and it was a lovely afternoon.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers, both parent/carers and staff, who gave their time and made the event a success. Thank you to all the families too for coming along. There was a great atmosphere. The bouncy castle was very busy all afternoon!

#### Sensory Room, Link College

The refurbishment of the sensory room at the Link College is all set to take place during the summer break, which is really exciting!

It is being funded by the Friends of Downs View, thanks to your continued support. Every raffle prize you donate, every ticket you buy, every cake purchased, in fact any Friends event you attend, means you are raising funds so that projects like the sensory room can happen.

We are thrilled that there is now a new playground on the school site and soon to be a refurbished sensory room for the Link College students.

These projects come about due to your generosity, so a big thank you from the Friends!

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in September for more fundraising!

Lisa Burgess, on behalf of FODV

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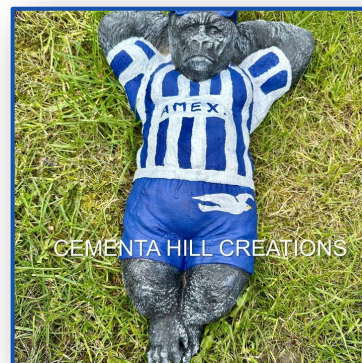
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# FRIENDS OF DOWNS VIEW SCHOOL & LINK COLLEGE

## FRIENDS OF DOWNS VIEW

### Summer Fun Day



One of our Parents, owner of Cementa Hill Creations, donated this fantastic garden ornament to the Summer Fun Day raffle. It was won by a staff member who was thrilled with it.

Thanks for the donation!

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