

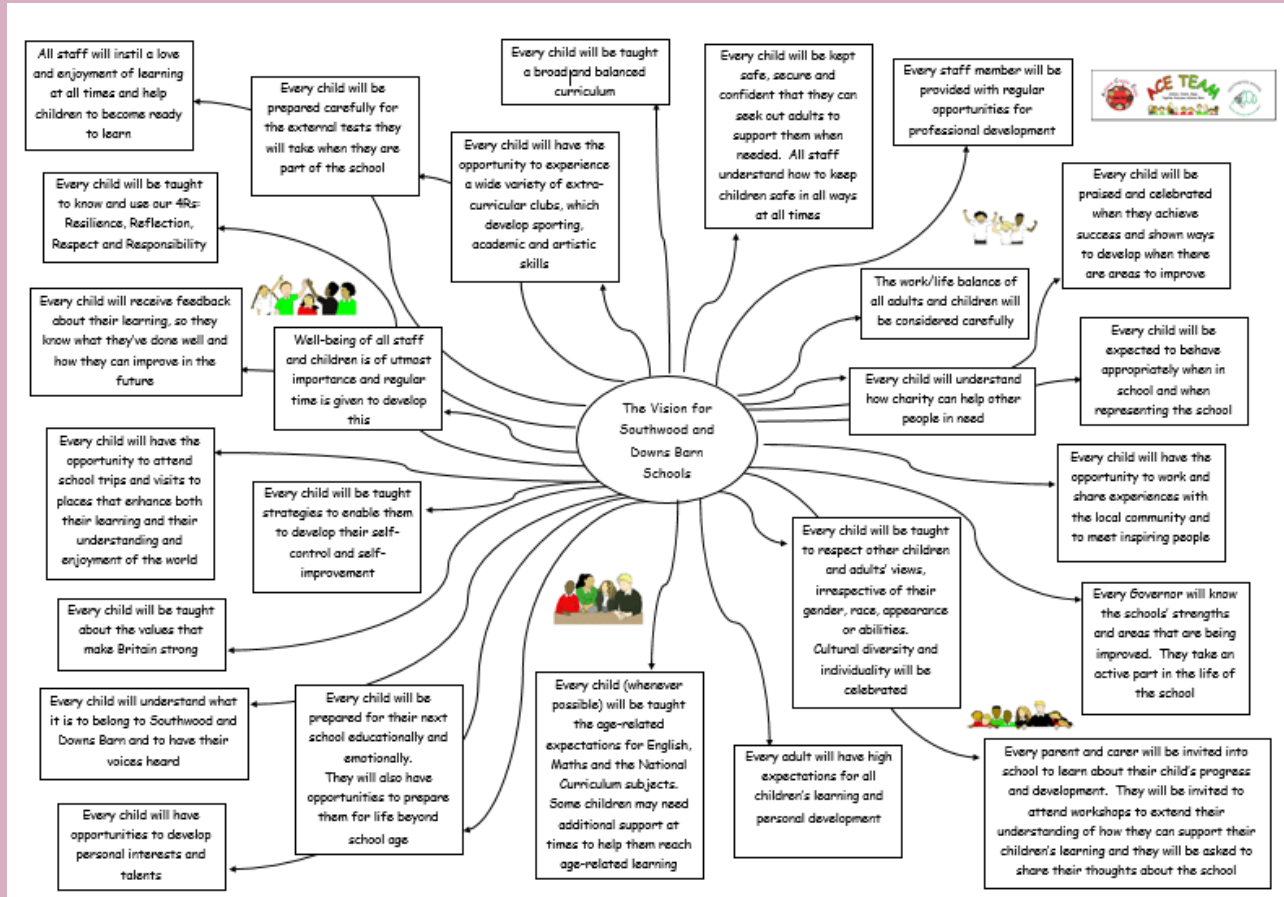


Downs Barn Extra

September 2019



Downs Barn and Southwood Schools' Vision



At Downs Barn and Southwood Schools, the children and staff members have been working on what we feel we want as a vision for everyone who learns, or works at the two schools. We will be displaying this vision on both sites and will continually work to ensure we meet every aim.

Playground Equipment



We were delighted that Councillor Zoe Nolan, Councillor, who is the Cabinet Member for Milton Keynes responsible for Children and Families, was able to come and open the new Playground equipment at the beginning of term.

Please remember that if your children are playing on the equipment before the beginning of school, or at the end of the day, their safety is your responsibility.

Attendance

Please remember that holidays during school term time will not be authorised and that a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued by Milton Keynes Local Authority in these cases.

Last year, several families received Fixed Penalty Notices at Downs Barn School and our overall attendance for the year for children in KS1 (Year 1 and 2) was 95.3%. The expectation is 97%.

If you need further clarification, please visit Milton Keynes Council's website for the information: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/information-for-parents/milton-keynes-council-school-attendance>

Royal Institute of Science

On 9th October, we have been lucky enough to invite The Royal Institute of Science into Downs Barn School. The children will be educated and entertained during the school day, the teachers are having a special session to help the teaching of Science and we will also have a Community performance from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL, to which parents are warmly invited (it is a free event!). We are really looking forward to it.

Science in schools shows

Create a buzz about science at your school with explosive shows from the Royal Institution. Support children's science education, meet CPD requirements for teachers, and raise funds for your school.



Early Years Outside Area

Now that we have finished the playground equipment for the KS1 Playground, we will now be turning our attention towards the Early Year outside area. We will be using some of this year's Sports Premium to help develop the area for health and fitness, buying some additional resources and we may also be asking parents for help one Saturday in the coming months to help with a bit of painting, or gardening! We'll let you know when we've set a date!

Library Opening for Families



Don't forget the Library is open every Friday from 8.30 to 8.55am, for families to come and share books together.

Dates for your diary:

Tue 1st October: TLCs
Thu 3rd October: TLCs
Thu 24th October: End of Half Term
Mon 4th November: Children return to school
Fri 15th November: Children in Need
Fri 20th December: End of Term

BLOG!

Keep checking our blog site to see what each class has been doing recently: [boulevardblogs.net](http://www.boulevardblogs.net)

It can also be accessed by clicking the pencils link on the school website. Look for this picture:

Visit the school's website for general school information and copies of recent letters.

<http://www.boulevardprimarypartnership.org.uk/Home-db>

