



*Saturday 14 March
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News

Saturday Hobby:

The beginning of this term saw the reinstatement of the railway hobby. The children have been busy with Mr Cook, Mrs C, Tim, David and Pete getting hands on at the railway. They have fixed the track, allowing them to drive trains along to the buffer and been busy digging and damming the abundant waterways around the site. All participating children have been able to drive the train, being taught by those who have already achieved their “Necker”. Sausages and hot chocolate have kept everyone warm on these fun chilly mornings. Some lovely photos are available on both the school and railway Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Downs-Malvern-Prep-School/137303563014092>

Through the Tunnel - Phase 1 Update:

The diggers will be arriving later in the spring to commence work on Mr Shardlow’s drainage scheme. The children have been preparing the way by helping to move the stones lining the track. But now we really need your help. Please come and help on **Saturday 14 March** from 9 am at the station. Muscle power desperately needed! We need willing parents to lift the larger stones and move them via train to the storage area. Come prepared – sensible shoes and gloves etc. There will also be window painting and general tidying for anyone with a bad back ... or smaller biceps!

Shop until you drop:

And for those of us less blessed with muscle power, some retail therapy could be just the thing. Donate whilst you shop on line by registering at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk. By selecting the Downs Light Railway Trust as your charity, major retailers such as John Lewis, Sainsburys, Amazon, Boden, Next, M&S and many more will donate a percentage of your spend directly to your nominated charity.

Save the date:

The Summer Ball in aid of the Railway is on **Saturday 20th June**. Ditch your sensible shoes and get your glad rags on for a gala evening ... Black tie, marquee on the meadow, dinner, band and disco..... a true mid-summer delight. Reserve your tickets via Pam in the school office.

Have you heard?

Music sweet music. Kodaline's album "Coming up for Air", featuring The Downs Malvern School Choir, was recently Album of the Week on Radio 2. The choir sings the backing vocals on the track "Unclear". As a thank you to the school Mr Toher, parent and producer of the band, has made a most generous donation to the Railway.

Become a Trustee:

If you are interested in the Railway and would like to be part of its continuing success why not consider becoming a Trustee? There are currently two vacancies for Trustees. The trustees meet four times a year at school and work to preserve the railway and provide educational activities for the children. Any interested parent or member of the school community can obtain more information from Tim Pennock tepennock@aol.com.



Our fundraising Target is

£3000

No amount is too small, and all donations are very gratefully received.

You can donate now online at www.dlrtrust.btck.co.uk/Campaign

- £2 will buy a track screw and rail clip
- £5 will buy a sleeper
- £20 will buy a ton of ballast
- £50 will buy enough coal to power an engine for a year
- £100 will buy geotextile to lay under 200 yds of ballast
- £250 will buy two rails to form one section of track
- £1500 will buy a replacement point

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Thank you

Thank you to so many parents and friends who continue to support the Railway with time, effort and money.

The Downs Light Railway Trust

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