Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 17th November to take individual & sibling group photographs of the children. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate siblings from the nurseries.

Dear Families,

It has been our pleasure to welcome pupils back to school for the start of a new term. Although we have only been back for a few days, children have already been busy in many different areas of their learning. Most notably, pupils from across the school have been working on their own speeches, outlining what they would do were they to be elected Prime Minister! We look forward to hearing the finished articles.

On the subject of children's work in English, I encourage parents to take a look at pupils' recent work on poetry and on taking part in a debate - both can be viewed in videos at the bottom of this page.

Our pupils are also taking part in a journey 'Around the World' next week, where they will be learning about a different continent or region each afternoon, and comparing the differences and similarities between major nations of the world.

In our recent parent survey, some of you mentioned that you would like to be able to access information on what your children will be learning in all subjects across the year. We think it is fantastic that many parents are taking a keen interest in what their children are learning about at school, so we invite you all to take a look at our curriculum webpage, where you can find how we teach different subjects and what exactly is taught in each year group.

We thank you all for your continued support and wish you a fabulous weekend.

Steve Payne

Thank you so much again to all our children who have raised funds for GOSH by taking part in our recent Charity Fun Run. You have raised an incredible £1342, which has far exceeded our expectations.

Goodbye Mrs May

We would like to say a big thank you and best wishes to Mrs May who is leaving us today. Mrs May has worked with all year groups throughout her time with us, at lunchtimes and in the classroom. We will all miss you Mrs May!

School Calendar

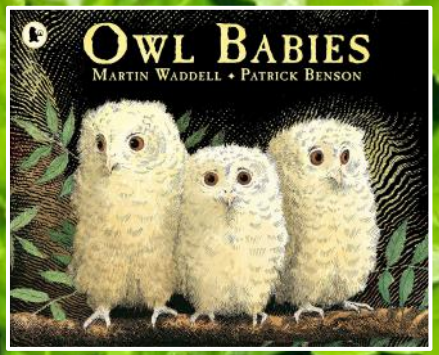
For your information, the school calendar can now be accessed via our website which contains all relevant dates and events happening in school.
School Calendar

Acorns

Acorn class have completed lots of learning in the past few weeks! In art, the children used natural resources on the playground to create their own faces. The children were also excited to celebrate their Art Attack day with Mr Eastwood, having won the Scarecrow competition.

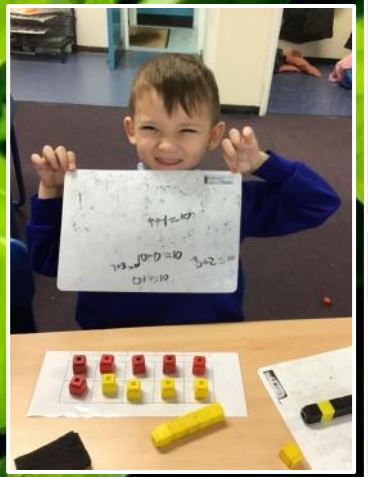
In Maths, the children have been learning about finding more and less of numbers up to 5. They used the 5 frames and objects to represent their answers. We have also been learning to sort objects based on their colour, size or shape. In Phonics, the children have been using their first five set 1 sounds to blend. We have been delighted with how independent the children have been.

Oak



The children have been very busy this week, learning about the Owl Babies in English. They used role play and cards to sequence and retell the story. At the end of their sequence of learning, they will be writing a diary entry pretending to be one of the baby owls.

During maths, children have been working on their number bonds to ten and comparing them e.g.
3 + 6 > 2 + 5
6 + ? = 3 + ?
Ask them to show you how they have worked out the answers.



Palm

Year 2 have had a great start to a new term. In English, we have enjoyed discussing ideas for our 'Prime Minister' speeches. It is great to see how much the children already know about issues happening in our country and the wider world. We have used a variety of persuasive techniques to make our speeches engaging as well as informative to listen to.

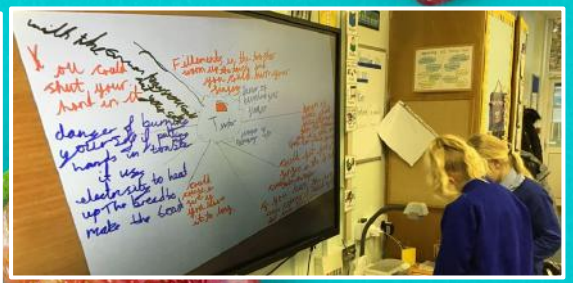
In Computing, we have learnt how everything we do online leaves a trace and this is called our 'digital footprint'.
We talked about the importance of staying safe online and what we should not post. We displayed our information on posters for others to see.

Sycamore

Cherry

Sycamore have been busy learning lots of information about forces and magnetism in science. During the last week of Term 1 they had a lot of fun playing games which relied on magnetism and were able to explain how these worked and what a non-contact force is.

Last term in English the children wrote an amazing essay about river pollution and this week will be starting work on a persuasive speech. The children will be given the opportunity to practise their oracy skills by reading their speeches and trying to persuade people that they should be Prime Minister!



The children have made a fantastic start to this term, firstly by achieving their first superclass and secondly by embracing all the new learning opportunities. In IT the children learned the difference between personal and private information.
Our maths learning is length (km, m, cm, mm). We have also started a new sequence of learning in English, learning how to write a leaders speech.

Congratulations to Seth who at the end of Term 1 was our first 'Jar of Awesome' winner!

We had lots of fun playing magnetic games and discovering how they worked at the end of last term, finishing our scientific learning about magnets.
This term we will be learning about electricity and already the children have enjoyed presenting information about how electrical items work. We explored the question, what is electricity and how is it made?

Willow & Holly

Welcome back Year 5! We have started the week off by carrying out research for our 'leader's speech' during our English lessons. The children will write a speech, explaining why they should be elected Prime Minister, detailing the problems and solutions they have identified. The children were keen to get back to their swimming lessons with Mr Tyler this week! Well done to everyone - you are all making fantastic progress each week.

Just a reminder of the home learning expectations - all children should aim for at least 1000 points on Mathletics each week, spend at least 15 minutes on Times Table Rockstars and aim to read at least 5 out of the 7 days.

Aspen

It's been a busy start to Term 2, with the start of our writing sequence for a Prime Minister's speech. It's been great looking at the different issues facing our country and young people in light of COP26, and really interesting exploring solutions to the things the pupils see as problems or worries in their lives. In maths we have made a start on fractions with equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions, and the majority of this term will be taken up with working with fractions and percentages. We have started looking at Victorian Britain in History with a timeline of events and also through our Guided Reading where we have started our work on Charles Dickens with the text of Oliver Twist. Year 6 have also addressed the expectations of online behaviour through our e-Safety lesson this week and taken part in an anti-bullying workshop, where the children were able to tackle a variety of situations.

Our Fantastic New Art Room!

The children have been really enjoying their weekly art lessons with Mr Eastwood in our fabulous new art room. The room is situated in the KS2 building and is bursting with lots of creative materials to inspire the children and bring out their creative side.

We would like to send another special thank you to the Randhawa & Basra families who generously donated £1000 to the school which has been put towards resources for the art room which will be of benefit to all of our children.

Forest School

Acorns really enjoyed eating ‘bugs’ at Forest School. They were very excited when they found out they were biscuits and not real bugs. The pumpkins were a big hit too with children making Pumpkin Pies and using them as cauldrons.

Millie was pleased to see the wind balloon spinning in the trees. It was a gift to the Forest from her and it is hanging where everyone can admire it, Thank you Millie!

Oak class had so much fun on their last visit to the Forest. Everyone was sensible as they toasted a marshmallow over the fire. Other activities were drawing with charcoal - from a previous fire. Jack did a very good interpretation of Mrs Ridley. Well done Jack. The children were also amazed to find four snails joined together.

If your child has a cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell you are required to carry out a PCR test before they can return to school. Unfortunately, we cannot accept lateral flow results for children with symptoms (as per government guidance Gov UK Guidance). If your child does test positive, their siblings can still attend school, but you are advised to get a PCR as a precaution, even if they are not showing symptoms.
NHS Guidance

HOUSE POINTS

Bronze w/c 18/10

**Tabitha of Willow, Nihaal of Palm
Nathan, Maisey, Ruby, Carlyle,
Jack, Jude, Isabella, Margaret,
Olivia, Rohan & Jim of Cherry**

Bronze w/c 01/11

**Emilia, Lucas, Ava,
Delphine & Ruby H of Palm
Harry, Maisie & Parker of Willow
Ollie & Isabelle of Cherry
Poppy, Grace, Finn, Theo, Mila,
Jacob, Thomas, Lyra & Scarlett of
Sycamore**

Mathletics

**Gold - Mathletics
w/c 18/10**

Neve of Aspen
Mia of Willow
Harry of Oak

w/c 01/11

Maisey of Cherry
Neve of Aspen
Kasey of Sycamore

Readiwriter

**Gold - Readiwriter
w/c 01/11**

Calan of Aspen

Congratulations for all your hard work!

Congratulations to our Artists of the week!

Week commencing 18/10:
Samantha of Acorns
& Rylan of Willow

Week commencing 01/11:
Florence of Acorns
& Nathan of Cherry

Core Values Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 22.10
Acorns Class
Bobby for Independence & Theo B for Self Reflection
Oak Class
Samuel & Alfie for Perseverance
Palm Class
Joshua for Respect & Kai for Perseverance
Sycamore Class
Berta for Self Reflection & Molly for Independence
Cherry Class
Charlie C for Independence & Cerys for Self Reflection
Willow Class
Mia for Perseverance & Fraser for Independence
Holly Class
Henry for Independence & Kian for Perseverance
Aspen Class
Nicole & Luella for Independence

Week Ending 05.11
Acorns Class
Luna for Respect & Leo H for Perseverance
Oak Class
Darcey for Respect & Rosie for Self Reflection
Palm Class
Ruby H for Respect & Otis for Independence
Sycamore Class
Carter for Self Reflection & Jacob for Independence
Cherry Class
Jim for Independence & Jessica S for Respect
Willow Class
Arturo for Perseverance & Florence for Independence
Holly Class
Darcie for Perseverance & Bobby for Independence
Aspen Class
Jana for Self Reflection & Archie for Perseverance

Let's see what's for lunch...

Week 2 w/c 8th November

Meat Free Monday (MF)

Meat Free Monday is a great way to improve health and well-being by naturally increasing your vitamin and mineral intake. One day a week can make a real difference - www.schoolfoodplan.com

MF Monday

Main Meals
- Margarita Pizza with Potato Salad V
- Sweet Potato & Vegetable Dhal with Rice Ve
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve or Cheese V

Vegetables
- Sweetcorn & Green Beans Ve

Dessert
- Cinnamon & Sultana Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard Ve

Tuesday

Main Meals
- Beef Burger in a Bun with Oven Baked Wedges
- Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Oven Baked Wedges Ve
- Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve

Vegetables
- Peas Ve & Coleslaw V

Dessert
- Marble Sponge with Custard V

Wednesday

Main Meals
- Roast Chicken Fillets in Tomato Sauce with Roast Potatoes
- Chick Pea & Cauliflower Bake with Roast Potatoes Ve
- Wholemeal Pasta with Cheese Sauce V

Vegetables
- Carrots & Cabbage Ve

Dessert
- Waffles with Berry Compote V

Thursday

Main Meals
- Chicken & Beef Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy
- Vegan Mince & Vegetable Pie topped with Mashed Potato Ve
- Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese V

Vegetables
- Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve

Dessert
- Carrot Cake V

Friday

Main Meals
- Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips
- Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Ve
- Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve

Vegetables
- Baked Beans & Peas Ve

Dessert
- Pear & Berry Crumble Ve with Custard V

Freshly Baked Break:
Pumpkin & Carrot V Wholemeal V

Week 1:
1st Nov, 22nd Nov, 13th Dec, 3rd Jan, 24th Jan, 14th Feb, 3rd Mar, 23th Mar

MF Monday

Main Meals
- Mac n Cheese with Garlic Bread V
- Vegetable & Bean Stew Ve with Garlic Bread V
- Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese V

Vegetables
- Broccoli Florets & Carrots Ve

Dessert
- Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V and Fresh Fruit Platter Ve

Tuesday

Main Meals
- Chicken Fajita with Rice
- Vegetable Fajita with Rice Ve
- Wholemeal Pasta with Cheese Sauce V

Vegetables
- Green Beans & Sweetcorn Ve

Dessert
- Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce V

Wednesday

Main Meals
- Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken Fillets with Roast Potatoes & Gravy
- Sweet Chilli & Vegetable Stirfry Noodles V
- Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans Ve or Cheese V

Vegetables
- Cauliflower & Peas Ve

Dessert
- Orange & Lemon Drizzle Cake Ve

Thursday

Main Meals
- Sweet Potato Topped Cottage Pie
- Spinach, Courgette & Feta Filo Tart with Mashed Potato V
- Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve

Vegetables
- Carrots & Cabbage Ve

Dessert
- Cherry Cookie Ve

Friday

Main Meals
- Battered Fish Fillets with Oven Baked Chips
- Vegan Bean Burrito with Oven Baked Chips Ve
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve or Cheese V

Vegetables
- Baked Beans & Peas Ve

Dessert
- Chocolate & Courgette Sponge with Chocolate Sauce V

Freshly Baked Break:
Courgette, Oat & Thyme V Wholemeal V

Week 2:
8th Nov, 29th Nov, 20th Dec, 10th Jan, 31st Jan, 21st Feb, 14th Mar, 4th Apr

MF Monday

Main Meals
- Quorn Sausages with Potato Wedges V
- Squash & Butterbean Curry Ve with Naan Bread V
- Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve

Vegetables
- Peas & Cauliflower Ve

Dessert
- Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V and Fresh Fruit Platter Ve

Tuesday

Main Meals
- Beef Chilli Con Carne with Rice
- Vegan Chilli Con Carne with Rice Ve
- Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese V

Vegetables
- Sweetcorn & Carrots Ve

Dessert
- Banana Flapjack Ve

Wednesday

Main Meals
- Herby Roast Chicken Fillets with Roast Potatoes & Gravy
- Vegan Sausage Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Ve
- Wholemeal Pasta with Creamy Salmon or Cheese Sauce V

Vegetables
- Green Cabbage & Roasted Root Vegetables Ve

Dessert
- Maryland Sultana Cookie V

Thursday

Main Meals
- Turkey Vegetable Casserole with Pasta
- Roasted Ratatouille Pasta Bake V
- Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans Ve or Cheese V

Vegetables
- Green Beans & Carrots Ve

Dessert
- Vanilla Shortbread Ve with Homemade Lemon Curd V

Friday

Main Meals
- Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips
- Spinach & Tomato Pastry Pocket with Oven Baked Chips V
- Pasta with Cheese Sauce V

Vegetables
- Baked Beans & Peas Ve

Dessert
- Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie V

Freshly Baked Bread:
Sunflower, Rosemary & Tomato V Wholemeal V

Week 3:
15th Nov, 6th Dec, 27th Dec, 17th Jan, 7th Feb, 28th Feb, 21st Mar

V - Suitable for vegetarians
Ve - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians

All products are subject to availability.

Available Every Day
Fresh Fruit Platter Ve
Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V

Pabulum Salad Bar
Children can help themselves to an unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salads. Our new salad bar features all of the children's favourites, is completely free of the 14 recognised allergens, is suitable for vegetarians and vegans and packed full of fibre and nutrients.

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