



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Dear Istead Rise Families,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in the school! From the excitement of the scarecrow building competition (I think the Mr Payne one was the best...), to National Poetry Day, the Macmillan Coffee morning, Online Safety Workshops and Mr Eastwood's 'Art Attack', there certainly has been a lot going on!

It was also fantastic to welcome Reception parents into the school this morning for our phonics workshop. It is brilliant to see so many parents taking an active interest in supporting their children's learning.

We also offer our thanks and congratulations to all the parents and children who supported the charity fun run. You have succeeded in raising a substantial figure for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital (more details follow in this newsletter). I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Mr Tyler for organising this successful event.

Thank you also to all those parents and carers who have taken the time to complete our survey of your views on our school. It is wonderful to see such positive feedback and I can assure you that your kind words mean a lot to all of our staff members. If you haven't yet completed the survey, you can do so by clicking [here](#).

Next term, we will be inviting all parents into the school for our first parent consultations of the year. We are very glad to be able to hold such events again that allow us to strengthen relationships between school and home and enable us to best support all children. Details on exact dates and how to book your time will be shared in the near future.

As we near the end of this term, we offer our thanks to everybody who has supported our school, our pupils and our staff, and played their part in helping make Term One a great success.

Steve Payne

COVID-19 Information

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](#)



Our reluctant hero Mr Tyler ran his 3rd London Marathon. He completed the race with the incredible time of 2 hours, 32 minutes & 44 seconds. He was around the 150th competitor to cross the finish line, out of approximately 40,000 runners. We are all very proud of Mr Tyler and this fantastic achievement.

Congratulations from all of us at Istead Rise Primary School!



Famous Faces at Istead Rise Primary School



The children recently celebrated the success of their first scarecrow competition. Based on a famous person of their choice, each class across the school was challenged to design and make a scarecrow. Broadditch Farm kindly donated bales of straw to give the children a starting point. Over the course of the week, children worked excitedly to make their creations. Farmer John Harris, from Broadditch Farm, visited the school to admire and judge the variety of celebrity scarecrows. "They look amazing and it is quite hard to choose a winner," John said. "However, as I can only choose one, I would have to say Dorothy (from the Wizard of Oz) is the winner!" Reception class were delighted to hear they had won and will receive an 'Art Attack' afternoon with the school's art lead, Mr Eastwood.

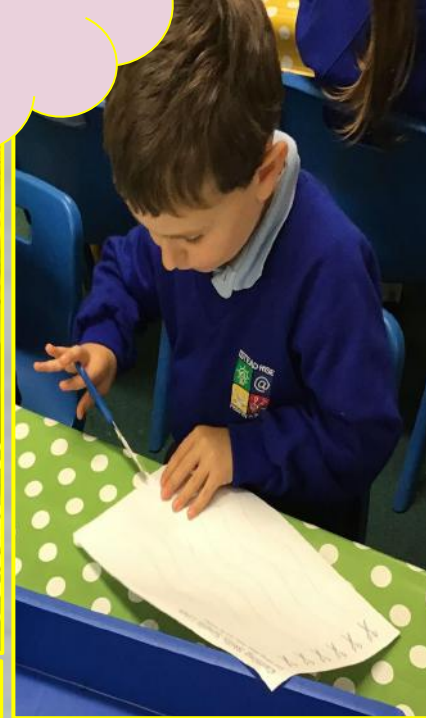
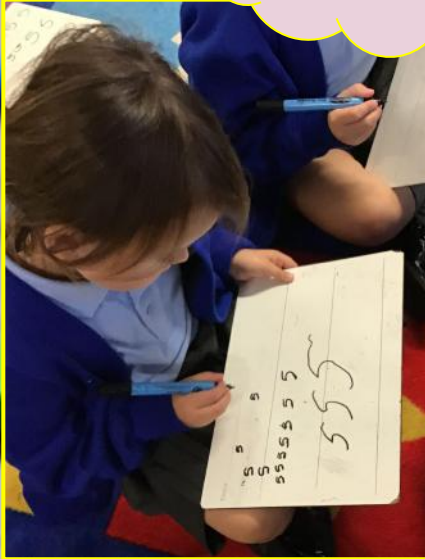


Acorns

Last week in phonics, we were learning the sounds m, a, s, d and t. We have been learning how to write the sounds and have been carrying out fine motor skills to help strengthen our wrists, fingers and hands.

This week, we have been learning all about pairs. We read the story of 'Noah's Arc' and learnt how to pair animals. We are also learning how to sort objects.

Phonics



Maths



Oak

Palm



In Maths this week, we have been working on partitioning numbers into groups. We counted out cubes and then split them into either two, three or four groups. We also chose to partition these in our own ways. We decided to split 10 children into 4 groups based on their hair colour (ginger, black, blonde & brown). We partitioned 8 children into 2 groups, thinking about whether they were wearing jumpers or cardigans. We had lots of fun thinking of our own ways to partition.



Year 2 have continued to work hard and have had a fantastic start to the new year. In English, we have been writing narrative endings including lots of descriptive features, and looking at different ways to begin our sentences to make our writing interesting to read. In Maths, we have started work on addition and subtraction and have used the column method effectively to help us solve these problems.

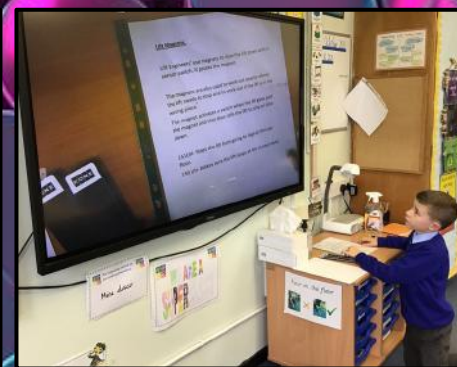
Our Science learning on materials has continued with testing how waterproof things are made. We looked at the life of Charles Mackintosh, who invented waterproof materials before testing them for ourselves out on the playground. It was great fun and thankfully Mrs Porter did not get too wet!

Sycamore

Cherry

The children have been working really hard in all of their lessons and have particularly enjoyed taking part in science experiments. Last week they investigated how strong different sized magnets were. Their challenge was to create a paperclip 'chain' using as many paper clips as they could- using only a magnet to hold them!

Year 4 have continued their science learning on magnets: They have investigated the size and strength of a magnet and explored the misconception that bigger magnets are stronger than smaller magnets. They have had fun trying to make magnets float and put into practice what they have learnt about repelling, attracting, north and south poles. They have learned that opposite poles attract and same poles repel. Charlie W used the visualizer to tell the class about how magnets are used in lifts. Fantastic work Charlie!



They're also doing really well collecting their 'Superclass' letters and have earned their first 'Superclass Afternoon'!

In geography the children enjoyed using the sorting hoops to identify physical and human geographical features of Europe. In maths the children have been adding and subtracting using 4-digit numbers, including exchanging. They are also exploring how to check answers. They have been showing great levels of perseverance in English with writing an essay on water pollution.

Willow & Holly



Year 5 had great fun on Poetry Day when they had the opportunity to write limericks in English. We found it quite tricky making sure we stuck to the complicated rules, but we showed huge amounts of perseverance and created some fantastic poems.

On Thursday, we were also lucky enough to get a visit from Martin who works for Open View Education. He delivered a workshop all about E-Safety and how we can keep safe online. From now on, we will all make sure we read the terms and conditions carefully!



This week the children have been taking part in their charity fun run.

They have been doing extremely well and have been putting in so much effort to complete the 1km. We certainly have a number of budding young runners at Istead Rise.

The run is raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital, a wonderful charity who help children with life threatening conditions. We have already collected a staggering £971. If you haven't yet had the chance to do so, you can send in sponsorship money using Parent Pay. A huge thank you to all of you who have donated already.



Aspen

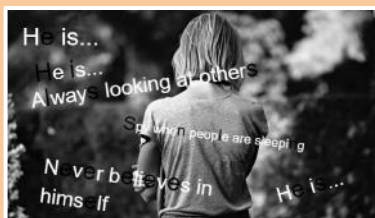
Year 6 had their first SATs experience this week and all of the children can be proud of how they conducted themselves through the tests and the effort they put in.

In English, we have begun our next writing sequence, which is writing an expository Essay. The question they have been set is 'Are video games harmful to children?', and the writing style and structure follows the model they will need to use in secondary school, so this is excellent practise for them.

In History, we have continued our study of the Maya, looking in particular at how they sustained themselves through farming, including the range of crops they grew and how they used different techniques to make their fields useable, from terraced fields to slash and burn deforestation.

Swimming continues to be successful, and the children look forward to making more and more progress each week.

On National Poetry Day (Thursday 7th October), we looked at personification poetry and how an emotion could be personified. We then presented the poems using Google Slides so that the image, font and size suited the emotion subject of the poem. Can you work out which emotion has been represented in these examples?



National Poetry Day

On Thursday 7th October, the children took part in **National Poetry Day**, a UK-wide celebration of poetry, where normal English lessons were replaced with Poetry. While poetry is taught in every year group during the course of the year, it was a great opportunity to try something a little different!



Each year group selected a different poetry type to look at, and write/perform with acrostic poems in Year 1; rhyming poetry (couplets) in Year 2; narrative poetry in Year 3; performance poetry of works by Benjamin Zephaniah in Year 4; limericks in Year 5 and Personification poetry in Year 6.

As expected, the children rose to the challenge and participated in some great activities by creating a huge range of amusing and emotive writing, which really stretched their ability with language.

Can you work out which emotion the 2 featured poems by year 6 represent?

*He is...
Sitting alone in
His chair thinking.
Serene thoughts flow
By. He smiles,
reaching
for them.*

*He is...
(Lee, Y6)*

*He is...
Walking merrily,
Spreading a grin on his face
And showing it to others.
Always making new friends,
And always giggling.
Always being silly,
And always having a good time.*

*He is...
(Dylan, Y6)*

Forest School



Year 1 used the hammer to make a print of a leaf which they turned into a flag. Some of the children enjoyed making bird feeders and searching for bugs.



Mrs T Clark was so impressed with Reception's first visit to the Forest last week. Everyone had fun climbing trees, getting muddy, making music and searching for fairies. Some of the children extended their classroom learning and used the Forest Phonic board to practice their sounds. Well done Acorn Class!



HOUSE POINTS

Bronze

Isaac, Mia, Oliver, Jessica & Cerys of Cherry

Mathletics

Gold - Mathletics

Week Comm 04.10

Charlie W - Cherry,
Harvey & Luc - Aspen

Congratulations for all
your hard work!

Congratulations to our Artists of the week!

Week commencing 11/10:

Ruby H of Palm & Archie M of Cherry

Week commencing 04/10:

Constance of Oak &
Scarlett of Sycamore



A date for you diaries...

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.

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SCARECROW WEEKEND

SATURDAY 13TH - SUNDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER 2021

Follow the trail, find the
letters and solve the
puzzle for a chance to
win £25!

Collect pre-paid trails,
Krispy Kremes &
refreshments 10am-
2pm at 84 Lewis Road

PREPAID
TRAILS £3.50
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Core Values Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 08.10

Acorns Class

Henry for Independence & Darcy for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Keira for Self Reflection & Alicia for Perseverance

Palm Class

Oliver F for Self Reflection & Delphine for Respect

Sycamore Class

David for Perseverance & Mila for Independence

Cherry Class

Elsie for Respect & Jessica D for Perseverance

Willow Class

Tabitha for Respect & Rylan for Perseverance

Holly Class

Tyler-James & Niamh for Respect

Aspen Class

Jake & Phoenix for Perseverance

Week Ending 15.10

Acorns Class

Annabelle for Independence & Lyla for Independence

Oak Class

Evelyn for Respect & Margaret for Perseverance

Palm Class

Cooper M for Respect & Emilia for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Millie H for Perseverance & Alfie for Independence

Cherry Class

Charlie W & Oliver for Perseverance

Willow Class

Ann for Independence & Corben for Perseverance

Holly Class

James Sil & Sienna for Independence

Aspen Class

Thyme & Kira-Leigh for Independence



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

**Week 2
w/c 18th
October**

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 Roasted Vegetable & Bean Hotpot V Sweetcorn & Courgette Fritter with Side Salad V Pasta with Cheese & Chive Sauce V	Vegetables Peas V Dessert Apple & Cinnamon Sponge with Custard V
	Main Meals Beef Lasagne Vegan Mince & Vegetable Pasta Bake V Jacket Potato with Cheese V or Salmon Mayonnaise	Vegetables Chinese Cabbage V Dessert Strawberry Cheesecake V
	Main Meals Roast Chicken Fillets with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegan Cornish Pasty with Roast Potatoes V Pasta with Roasted Tomato & Pepper Sauce V	Vegetables Green Cabbage & Carrots V Dessert Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce V
Tuesday	Main Meals Cumberland Sausage with Mash & Gravy Courgette & Potato Pattie with a Pitta & Garlic Mayo V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans V or Cheese V	Vegetables Green Beans & Cauliflower V Dessert Fruit Burst Jolly V
	Main Meals Fish Finger Bap with Homemade Tartare Sauce & Side Salad Vegetarian Finger Bap with Homemade Ketchup & Side Salad V Pasta with Creamy Mushroom Sauce V	Vegetables Baked Beans & Sweetcorn V Dessert Chocolate & Orange Cookie V
	Freshly Baked Bread: Pumpkin & Carrot V Wholemeal V	

Week 1:

12th Apr, 3rd May, 24th May, 14th Jun, 5th Jul, 26th Jul, 30th Aug, 20th Sep, 10th Oct

MF Monday	Main Meals Cauliflower Macaroni & Cheese with Homemade Garlic Bread V Tofu Sweet & Sour Mixed Vegetables with Steamed Rice V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans V or Cheese V	Vegetables Green Beans V Dessert Coconut & Jam Sponge with Custard V
	Main Meals Beef & Bean Chilli Con Carne served with Baked Potato Vegan Chilli Con Carne served with Baked Potato V Pasta with Spinach & Onion Sauce V	Vegetables Sweetcorn V Dessert Berry Crumble Slice V
	Main Meals Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Potato & Leek Frittata V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans V or Cheese V	Vegetables Roasted Butternut Squash & Kale V Dessert Orange & Poppy Seed Sponge V
Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice Lentil & Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread V Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce V	Vegetables Carrots & Cauliflower V Dessert Cherry Cookie V
	Main Meals Oven Baked Battered Fish with Baked Chips Roasted Vegetable & Chick Pea Wrap V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans V or Cheese V	Vegetables Baked Beans & Garden Peas V Dessert Vanilla & Sultana Sponge with Custard V
	Freshly Baked Bread: Courgette, Oat & Thyme V Wholemeal V	

Week 2:

19th Apr, 10th May, 31st May, 21st Jun, 11th Jul, 6th Sep, 27th Sep, 18th Oct

MF Monday	Main Meals Chick Pea & Vegetable Curry with Rice V Homemade Vegan Burger with Baked Sweet Potato V Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce V	Vegetables Broccoli Florets V Dessert Carrot & Apple Flapjack V
	Main Meals Spaghetti Bolognese Carrot & Pea Risotto V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans V, Cheese V, or Bolognese V	Vegetables Carrots & Peas V Dessert Lemon Drizzle Cake V
	Main Meals Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Lentil & Bean Vegan Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy V Wholewheat Pasta with Cheese & Leek Sauce V	Vegetables Green Cabbage & Roast Carrots V Dessert Banana & Sultana Cake with Custard V
Tuesday	Main Meals Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Salad Margherita Pizza with Potato Salad V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans V or Cheese V	Vegetables Sweetcorn V Dessert Chilled Rice Pudding with Berry Compote V
	Main Meals Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable & Lentil Croquette with Oven Baked Chips V Pasta with Lentil & Bean Sauce V	Vegetables Baked Beans & Garden Peas V Dessert Chocolate & Raisin Shortbread V
	Freshly Baked Bread: Sunflower, Rosemary & Tomato V Wholemeal V	

Week 3:

26th Apr, 17th May, 7th Jun, 28th Jun, 19th Jul, 13th Sep, 4th Oct

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

Available Every Day

Fresh Fruit Pudding V
Fresh Natural Yogurt with Fruit Purée 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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