



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you!

Once again, I'd like to extend my gratitude to the children and staff of Istead Rise, who are working so hard to ensure that we all enjoy a successful term. Adjusting to the 'new normal' can be very difficult, but our pupils have adapted quickly to the changes around the school and are showing great determination to make progress with their learning.

Staffing Changes

There is also some sad news to share with you all – Mrs Ramsay, our Inclusion Leader will be leaving Istead Rise. Many children and families will be very sorry to see her leave and will be extremely grateful for the fantastic support she has provided them over the years. Mrs Ramsay's last day with us will be Wednesday 7th October. We all wish her the very best for the future and offer our thanks for the unwavering support she has shown the children of our school.

Mrs Andreou will be taking-up the position of Inclusion Leader and has already been working alongside Mrs Ramsay to ensure a smooth handover, so will know we will be in safe hands. Our SEN children will also continue to be supported by Mrs T Murphy.

I also remind you that Mr Currie will not be with us for much longer, as he is increasingly busy at his new school. His last official day at Istead Rise will be Thursday 8th October. However, as he has moved to one of our partner schools within Swale Academies Trust, we do hope that he will find the time to visit us from time to time.

Keeping Safe

Please can I remind parents to help keep our children safe when around the school site. Please can you ensure that you enter and exit the school via the correct gate, keep as far apart from others as possible and leave the site promptly after dropping-off or collecting your children. I am grateful for your co-operation as we strive to keep everyone as safe as possible during this challenging time.

Wishing you all a great weekend
Mr S Payne

Guitar Lessons

If your child would be interested in taking guitar lessons in school on a Friday, please contact
Chris Downs on
07940 046124
for full details



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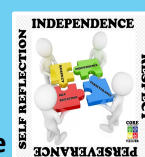
I am really excited to announce that we have linked up with an Australian Forest School. Pupils from both schools will write to each other offering messages, photographs and adventures.

Our school has started by writing a letter with information about our site. Hilder Road are currently on half term. Ms Forrest, their teacher, said they will enjoy listening to our letter and will reply when they return.

Mrs T Clark



Core Values - Congratulations to all our winners!



Week Ending 25.09

Acorns Class - Sujaan for Independence & Alfie for Respect

Oak Class - Ruby for Perseverance & Kai for Independence

Palm Class - Tess for Perseverance & Tommy for Self Reflection

Sycamore Class - Charlie C for Independence & Holly for Self Reflection

Cherry Class - Amaryah for Respect & Alfie for Perseverance

Birch Class - Elsa for Respect & Tabitha for Independence

Willow Class - Neve for Respect & Henry for Independence

Elm Class - Tymoteusz for Perseverance & Jonny for Independence

Aspen Class - Christian & Harrison for Perseverance

Week Ending 02.10

Acorns Class - Henry for Respect & Elliot for Perseverance

Oak Class - Otis & Summer for Independence

Palm Class - David for Independence & Isabelle for Perseverance

Sycamore Class - Ruby R for Perseverance & Cerys for Independence

Cherry Class - Henry for Independence & James Sin for Respect

Birch Class - Rylan for Respect & Corben for Independence

Willow Class - Lee for Perseverance & Jake for Respect

Elm Class - Megan for Respect & Whole Class for Perseverance

Aspen Class - Camron for Self Reflection & Markus for Independence

IF YOU WERE AN ENGINEER WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Pupils interviewed engineers and researched engineering in general. They were encouraged to look at the world around them, and to identify problems an engineer could solve.

Alongside their annotated drawings, an accompanying letter was required to persuade engineers to choose their design to build. Every entry was graded by engineers and educationalists. Shortlisted entries form part of the regional public exhibitions and winners from this will be presented with a trophy at a prestigious awards night.

Pass

Blake R
Emily R
Parker L
Olivia G
Alfie W
Niamh D
Esme W
Cooper G
Gabriella M
Jessica D

Merit

Chritian D
Charlie W
Isabelle M
Kaden R
Elvie Rose
Darcie B
Lacie C

Distinction

Maya W

Distinction & Shortlisted

Maisie A
Joseph H-J

Mrs T Clark and Miss Underdown are incredibly proud of everyone who entered, and wish you lots of luck if you have been shortlisted for the next round.

Special Achievements

Oliver of Elm Class has recently been offered a place in the Gravesham district under 11's team, and will play his first match against Greenwich tomorrow. Oliver has also been offered another 1 year contract with Tottenham Hotspur academy and will continue to train and play matches with them alongside the district team. He will play Charlton this Sunday for his first official match of the season. This is really fantastic Oliver, you should be extremely proud!

On Sunday 20th September, Parker of Birch class took part in a memory walk to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. He walked from home to Jeskyns and then back to his Great Nan's (approx 6 miles and just over 15,000 steps) and has raised an amazing £290! Well done Parker from all of us for raising a great sum of money for such a worthy cause.

Rosie May of Aspen Class has also recently raised a very impressive £230 for the Little Princess Trust. She also donated her beautiful long tresses to send along with the donation which will be used to make wigs for children living with cancer. Such a wonderful gesture Rosie May!

