



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Over the past two weeks, we have certainly been making the most of the recent warm and sunny weather, and of course enjoying our generous outdoor spaces. Learning has been taking place all over the school grounds. We have seen children carefully sketching flowers in art lessons, children collecting soil samples to analyse in science, whole class reading in the outdoor classroom and even singing under the cool shade of a tree in Music!. We hope that this warm weather continues, especially for our forthcoming sporting events and Year 6 Leavers' activities (information about these will follow separately).

As children commence the countdown towards the end of an unusual year at school, and Year 6 pupils are preparing themselves for the transition to a whole new chapter of their learning journey, staff are busy with parent consultations, report writing and making plans for the new academic year. Details of where children will be heading in September 2021, and who their teaching adults will be, are communicated in a separate attached letter.

There has been excitement and much discussion about the Euro 2020 championships amongst pupils and staff. Although not everyone is a football fan, these games can help us acknowledge differences in the variety of teams that people support and how acceptance and losing are part of everyday challenges. If you are a fan, we hope you enjoy watching the games, and we would like to wish all of you a great weekend!

Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher

**CAPTAIN
TOM 100**
DO IT YOUR WAY



Well done to all the children who completed the 'Captain Tom 100' challenge, you have raised a fantastic £326 so far. There is still time to donate any outstanding sponsor money via Parent Pay.

**Hands of
Compassion
Zambia Day**



Thank you to everyone who donated via Parent Pay. We have raised £187 so far to send to the school. If you would still like to donate you can do so up until Sunday 20th June, many thanks.



Year 5 Parents/Carers, just a reminder we are currently booking next year's residential trip to PGL

Marchants Hill. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the following google form [PGL 2022](#) Please note spaces are limited.



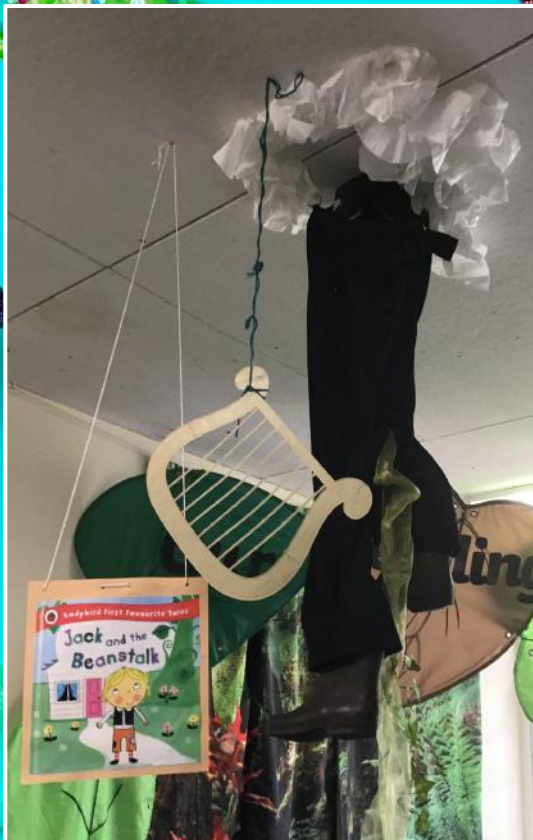
PCR & Lateral Flow Covid Tests

This link will take you to the NHS website for full guidance on which covid test you should be taking.

[Lateral & PCR Covid Tests](#)

Acorns

At Forest School the children have been interested in making dens using material and giant pegs. They have had to think about whether their material would fit between the trees in their chosen area. Some children even made furniture and fireplaces for their dens.



This term started with a popular children's tale - The Three Little Pigs. It has been great listening to the retelling of the story in different ways. Acorn class wrote the story in their own words in small groups.



This week we have listened to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We drew a story map to help remind us of the order of the story. We are even growing our very own magic beans. Hopefully there are no giants at the top of our beanstalks!



We have started this term looking at the artist Henri Rousseau and his jungle paintings. We discussed how he uses varying artistic techniques in the fore- and backgrounds to create different depth perceptions. We then made our own using pastels, pen, felt and tissue paper.

In English, we have been writing a journal entry about a day to the beach. We have thought about our own memories from days at the seaside, as well as the many unusual creatures we could find in rock pools. We have worked hard on using past tense correctly as well as different ways to describe event using adjectives and similes. We continued this learning in our Geography lessons by looking at photos of the coast, identifying the features we could see and deciding which things were natural or manmade.



Year 1, have been talking about the importance of Father's Day this coming weekend. The children decided that they wanted to create rockets making links to Mars. They wrote lovely messages to a special person in their life. We have also been reading the story of the 'Rainbow Fish' which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Their imagination led them to write their own story and create their own Rainbow Fish.

Sycamore

We have been busy writing a playscript in English since Term 6 started and the children are looking forward to acting out their scripts. We have also spent a lot of time in the outdoor classroom reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* in the mornings as part of our reading lessons.

In science this week the children also collected samples of soil from different locations around the school and have been analysing them as part of their investigation.

On Thursday we had our Superclass reward and the children had a brilliant time with Mr Tyler!



Birch & Cherry

The first two weeks of Term 6 have been very productive for children in Year 4, despite the extreme heat! Within English, the children have written letters to Mr Payne regarding some ideas they have for lunchtimes. They have certainly used their strong powers of persuasion and are looking forward to receiving a response. During science lessons the children have completed the topic 'Rocks', and are now looking forward to starting their next topic States of matter (solids, liquids and gases). As part of their contribution to the school's art exhibition, the children have created some amazing artwork using a mix of media. We are sure you'll be impressed with their efforts when the work is shared as part of the exhibition. Learning about how medicine and scientific discoveries have evolved over the past three hundred years has resulted in some quite gruesome finds in history lessons. The children had no idea people used to be diagnosed for illnesses based on the characteristics of their phlegm (yuk!). They also learned about vaccines, which of course is very topical at the moment.

Congratulations to Emily of Birch class who recently received a personal letter and a Blue Peter green badge for her Save the Planet poster. Well done Emily from all of us at Istead Rise!



Dear Emily

Thank you for sending us your fantastic 'Save the Planet' poster. We can see that you've put a lot of work into it and like it so much that we're awarding you a Green Blue Peter Badge which is especially for Blue Peter viewers who care about the environment and nature. We hope you'll enjoy wearing it!

You'll also receive a Blue Peter Badge Card to gain free access to over 200 Blue Peter Badge Attractions throughout the UK. Please be aware that Badge Cards are issued on a monthly basis and it could take up to 6 weeks for you to receive yours.

With best wishes from Lindsey, Richie, Mwaksy, Adam, Henry and all of us at Blue Peter.

Yours sincerely

Ellen Evans
Editor
BLUE PETER



Willow

In science we have learned about the classification of animals by looking at their physical features and discovering that there are a wide variety of creatures that belong to the same family. The children also discovered some very interesting facts about some unusual animals, for example, the duck billed platypus does not have a stomach! We are soon going to have live caterpillars in class and the children will be able to watch their life cycle as they develop into beautiful butterflies over time.

In English lessons the children have been compiling a fact file about their chosen beast-like creature, they have been hard at work researching, using their computer skills to check the factual content and make them interesting to read.

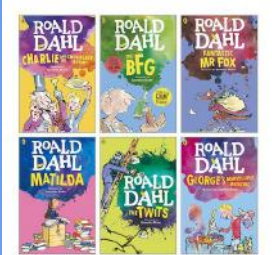


Our topic in Term 6 is 'Beast Creator'. The children have started designing a mythical beast mask, which they will then make using paper maché. It has been very exciting for them to explore all different combinations of creatures to mix up and invent! Spider's eyes with shark's teeth, cat features with red horns!



Aspen & Elm

Year 6 have been working very hard over the past couple of weeks. What a warm start to Term 6 it's been! In English, we have been looking at the life and works of Roald Dahl and are now writing a biography about his life. Both classes enjoyed learning more about this popular author and have created some very detailed biographies. Did you know that Roald Dahl's first children's book was not very successful? So for many years, he wrote stories for adults before 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' was published in 1961. In maths, year 6 learnt how to interpret data from pie charts and line graphs. They then constructed their own, working out and measuring the angles with a protractor.



In History, we have started to learn about World War Two and for our first lesson, looked into the reasons why the second world war started. Elm & Aspen were very interested in 'The Treaty of Versailles' and we had many great discussions!

We are looking forward to learning more about this subject this term.



To all the budding artists at Istead Rise, this year Mr Eastwood along with Mrs Clark of Forest School are launching a plastic artwork competition with various prizes offered by the Don Hanson charitable foundation.



The task is to create your very own plastic artwork or sculpture from waste plastic bottles! Winners will be announced in August. If you would like to enter you will need to create your sculpture or artwork, take a photograph and send it to Mrs T. Clark, or Mr Eastwood via the school office before the end of term.

<https://hansonbox.org/don-hanson-charitable-foundation>

Well done to the children who tried to be more active on their journey to school at the end of last term during 'Walk to School Week'. We even had a number of children who live far away take on the challenge of park and stride, where they asked their parents to park further away from the school and walk the last part of the journey. Palm class won the challenge for Key Stage 1, whilst Sycamore class had most children walk to school in Key Stage 2. For their reward, both classes took part in activity mornings, where they took part in lots of fun games on the top field.



Core Values Congratulations to all our winners!



Week Ending 11.06

Acorns Class

Amaia & Taylor for Independence

Oak Class

Freddie & Martin for Independence

Palm Class

Anais for Perseverance & Tristan for Independence

Sycamore Class

Margaret & Charlie C for Self Reflection

Cherry Class

Alfie for Respect & Alice for Perseverance

Birch Class

Ellie & Arturo for Independence

Willow Class

Layla for Perseverance & Jake for Self Reflection

Elm Class

Mateo & Gaby for Independence

Aspen Class

Rees for Independence & Camron for Perseverance

Week Ending 18.06

Acorns Class

Darcey & Saskia for Perseverance

Oak Class

Cooper G & Joshua H for Independence

Palm Class

Molly for Independence & Blake for Respect

Sycamore Class

Maisie & Abigail for Independence

Cherry Class

Sienna & Tyler C for Self Reflection

Birch Class

Masen for Respect & Fraser for Independence

Willow Class

Violet & Luella for Perseverance

Elm Class

Tommy for Perseverance & Jacob for Self Reflection

Aspen Class

Brooke for Independence & Alfie for Perseverance

Forest School



Year 3 and 6 enjoyed using knots and lashings to make a stickman. Mrs T Clark was very impressed with their knot tying skills. Year 6 took part in a trust exercise. In pairs one had to close their eyes and be led around the forest. They were told or guided to move forward, left and right towards a tree. At the tree, still with their eyes closed, they had to feel the tree, smell the tree and be led away. Once they opened their eyes they had to go and find 'their tree.' The children really embraced this activity and went on to take turns. Other activities completed by Year 3 included: tree climbing, building hurdles and reading the news at a Forest Cinema.



Keep Mr Loe safe and do not park across or near the crossing patrol.



Safe Parking Around Our school



Please park further away and walk the rest - it's good for the heart & mind.

Check out the KCC link for parents
<http://www.responsibleparking.co.uk/index.php>

Please do not block residents' driveways.

Please do not move or damage the cones.



Please do not park on the pavement and force adults & children into the road.

Please do not drop litter.



To report parking problems outside our school please call your local Parking Enforcement Office at Gravesham Borough Council
parking.office@gravesham.gov.uk
01474 333700

Let's see what's for lunch

Week 2 w/c
21st June

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 Yoghurt 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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