



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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**Year 5  
Parents/Carers,  
we still have 3 places for  
next years residential  
trip to PGL Marchants  
Hill available. If you  
would like your child to  
attend can you please  
pay the £45 deposit via  
their Parent Pay  
account.  
Many thanks.**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Since our last newsletter, pupils at Istead Rise have been exploring and learning a whole range of skills. From telling the time, analysing different seeds, learning facts about tigers and what life was like as a child evacuee during WW2. Children have been extremely busy. This Thursday, pupils from Year 4, as part of their Hogwarts day, were 'flying' around the playground during a quidditch game and showing their budding acting skills as part of a 'charms' lesson. We know that the next two and a half weeks will be just as busy for all staff and pupils, as we fit in sports events and transition sessions. Further information relating to these transition days and when your child will meet their new teacher, will be shared shortly. It is important that all children arrive at school on time each day, so they do not miss out on any learning opportunities or any other events that are planned as part of the school day.

Thank you to all who were able to take part in parent consultations with teachers over the past two weeks to discuss your child's/ children's progress. We have received positive comments from both parents and teachers on how these appointments went. To maintain strong and effective communication links between home and school, we would like to receive your opinion on the format of these consultations in the future, so that we ensure they are accessible to all. There will be a google form sent out to all parents by the end of next week, your response would be much appreciated.

Please remember that all adults are requested to wear a face mask and social distance, whilst on the school premises, and also follow the one way systems that we have in place. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated and helps everyone to feel and keep themselves safe.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Mr S Payne & Mrs M Clark

To all the budding artists at Istead Rise, this year Mr Eastwood along with Mrs T 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.

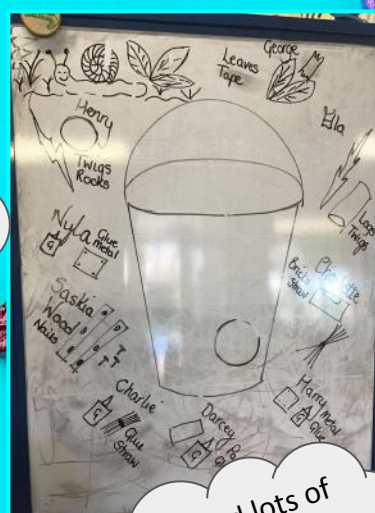
<https://hansonbox.org/don-hanson-charitable-foundation>



# Acorns

# Oak

We learnt the song  
There's a Hole in My  
Bucket and tried to think  
of our own ways to  
fix the bucket.



We have found lots of  
different eggs and  
researched using the  
computer to find out what  
had laid them.

At Forest School we have  
been practising maths,  
counting insects and other  
objects we found. We also  
thought about what  
shapes things  
were.

Last week, Year 1 had been learning to tell the time: o'clock and half past the hour. The children enjoyed using the clocks to show the time. They then moved on to drawing the hands on a clock to show the time to o'clock and half past. Although this was tricky for some, they all used the school's core value of Perseverance.

Well done year 1!

This week, we have been learning about beaches that are close to Istead Rise. Did you know that Bawley Bay and Northfleet beaches are the closest to our school? Take a look at the maps we drew and some of our very own collages of the beach.





# Palm

Year 2 have been learning all about seeds and bulbs in our Science learning on plants this week. We cut open different fruits to try and find the seeds inside. We were shocked at how many seeds were inside a kiwi and a tomato, compared to only one in a cherry!

Later, we were given a mystery seed to plant and grow. We are going to watch them over the next few weeks and make a 'Plant Diary'. We made predictions what the seeds might be, based on our observations and prior knowledge. Some of us had curly seeds and thought it might become a banana or some vines. Others had a big seed that we thought could be a cherry or a sunflower as they can be giant! We are excited to see what they might grow into!



# Sycamore

In English, we have been learning how to write an information text about tigers. The children have really enjoyed learning lots of facts about these animals and have asked some really good questions about deforestation and climate change. We have been super impressed with their progress in geography in the last few weeks too. They have been learning how to locate and identify the world's countries and have used their own initiative by using the class world map and other resources to help them. In maths we have been learning how to interpret and present data in pictograms and bar charts and the children have really enjoyed this.





# Birch & Cherry

Year 4 have had a very busy couple of weeks and have been given the opportunity to try out some new skills too. Firstly, we were extremely pleased to receive a response from Mr Payne to our persuasive letters. Our hand delivered letter assured us that he had taken our requests for new play equipment into consideration and will be addressing them in the near future. The highlight has definitely been our Hogwarts day, when we became pupils of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Coming to school dressed as different characters from the books, we took part in a range of activities including: selection of houses with the sorting hat, drama, quidditch, Marauder map making and potions class. We ended the day with a Harry Potter quiz. We all had a great day!





# Willow

In our English lessons we have begun our next learning sequence focusing on writing a formal letter. The class will be writing their letters to the Secretary of State for Environment, George Eustice, on the subject of worldwide deforestation and the effects it is having on the climate and the habitats of many different species of animals.

We also had a fun packed day during our RE day, exploring Islam.

Learning all about how they worship and celebrate, as well as creating colourful prayer mats which produced some fantastic results!

A huge thank you to Jana, who was our resident expert, who was able to help us explore and understand her religion.

The caterpillars that we have in class are whoppers now!

They are starting to go into cocoons and the children have been very fascinated at how quickly they have grown.

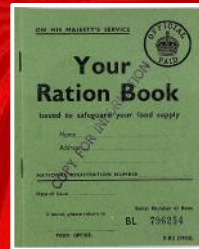


# Aspen & Elm

Year 6 have enjoyed learning about child evacuees in WW2 over the past week.

We studied why and how the children were evacuated, as well as looking at some artefacts such as; a ration book, gas mask and ID card. Both classes are looking forward to studying more artefacts over the next couple of weeks!

We also learnt about the Blitz and created a non-chronological report about different aspects of this. The children liked learning about how the air raid shelters were used and also the tactics used by the people of Britain to protect themselves, such as the blackout. Our history work has helped to inform our English writing too. We have started to write a letter from the point of view of a child evacuated to the country during WW2. Both classes have produced some very well written pieces of work.



In Science, we created fact files about unusual species such as the 'axolotl' amphibian and the venus fly trap. This was a really interesting lesson!



## Core Values Congratulations to all our winners!



**Week Ending 25.06**

**Acorns Class**

**Rosie & Samuel for Independence**

**Oak Class**

**Oliver F for Perseverance & Martin for Independence**

**Palm Class**

**Finn for Perseverance & Jacob for Self Reflection**

**Sycamore Class**

**Lacie & Jessica D for Independence**

**Cherry Class**

**John & Eden for Independence**

**Birch Class**

**Abishai for Independence & Emily for Self Reflection**

**Willow Class**

**Harvey for Perseverance & Jana for Independence**

**Elm Class**

**Sonny for Independence & Beth for Perseverance**

**Aspen Class**

**Rowan for Independence & Balraam for Self Reflection**

**Week Ending 02.07**

**Acorns Class**

**Stanley for Perseverance & Alicia for Independence**

**Oak Class**

**Louie for Independence & Ruby WN for Respect**

**Palm Class**

**Grace for Independence & Berta for Respect**

**Sycamore Class**

**Jim & Jack for Respect**

**Cherry Class**

**Malakhai for Respect & Darcie for Perseverance**

**Birch Class**

**Mia & Corben for Perseverance**

**Willow Class**

**Bettie for Respect & Layla for Independence**

**Elm Class**

**Logan for Self Reflection & Jessica R for Independence**

**Aspen Class**

**Blake for Perseverance & Jessica D for Independence**



Year 3 thought logically and successfully made a shelter for their chosen animal as well as making clay hedgehogs in the Forest this week.

All the children were very proud of what they achieved.



# Forest School



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](mailto:parking.office@gravesham.gov.uk)  
01474 333700

# Let's see what's for lunch

Week 1 w/c  
5th July

## 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](http://www.schoolfoodplan.com)

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

Week 1:

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

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

Week 2:

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

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

Week 3:

26<sup>th</sup> Apr, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> Jun, 28<sup>th</sup> Jun, 19<sup>th</sup> Jul, 13<sup>th</sup> Sep, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

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

Available Every Day

Fresh Fruit Putter 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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