



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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SAVE
THE
DATE

Fri 10th May
Yr 6 SATS breakfast trial run

Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May
Year 6 SATS
Breakfast 8am

Sat & Sun 18th & 19th May
FIRPS Scarecrow Weekend

Weds 22nd May
Parent drop-ins Y1-6

Weds 5th June
Y6 PGL parent meeting @
3:30pm
(letter to follow shortly)

Tues 18th June
Parent drop-ins Y1-6



Just to let you know
our uniform supplier
Simmonds has
rebranded and is now
trading as
Monkhouse. You will
be able to reach them
with the usual
website address or
[Istead Rise School
Uniform](http://IsteadRiseSchoolUniform)

Dear Istead Rise families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of Term 5. Already our pupils have had some fantastic experiences. We have had visits from two authors (one of which was a 'spaceman'); Kent Police spoke to Year 5 and 6 children about law enforcement and careers, and some of our younger children have been very brave collecting minibeasts from within the school grounds. They were true scientists and were able to identify them too.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Devine for her hardwork and commitment whilst working here at Istead Rise. She will be leaving us next Tuesday to take up a new position outside of education. We wish her all the best in her new role and for the future.

It is great to see such enthusiasm from all of our pupils and we are sure that this will continue for the rest of the academic year. Please look out for letters informing you of further visitors, school trips and special events.

Wishing you all a good weekend.
Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher

This fabulous Mary Poppins spoon was the work of Ms Llewellyn who won the staff World Book Day wooden spoon competition. Well Done Ms Llewellyn!



Nourish
contract catering



[New School Lunch
Menu for Term 5](#)

Chess Competition

Congratulations to George of Aspen for winning our recent chess competition. Second place was given to Seth followed by Archie in third place.
Well done boys!





Isaac of Aspen and Elliott of Sycamore completed the 1 mile London Mini Marathon last weekend. Isaac's time was 7 mins 50 seconds, and Elliott's was 7 mins 24 secs. A big well done boys from all of us at Istead Rise Primary School!



Can we please remind Parents/Carers to park/drive responsibly. This includes not parking on yellow lines, not blocking local residents' driveways and not stopping in the middle of the road to drop children off. Thank you to those parents who drive and park safely around the school's roads.

If you do need to report any issues please contact Gravesend Borough Council on 01322 343131 or parking.services@dartford.gov.uk



GET YOUR TICKETS



ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S

SCARECROW WEEKEND

SATURDAY 18TH MAY -
SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

10AM - 4PM

FOLLOW THE TRAIL,
FIND THE LETTERS AND
SOLVE THE PUZZLE,
A PRIZE FOR EVERY ENTRY

HEAD TO ISTEAD RISE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
FIELD TO COLLECT YOUR
TRAIL SHEET



CHARITY NO. 1005108

SCAN QR CODE ABOVE TO PREBOOK YOUR TRAIL SHEET
IT IS £3.50 TO ENTER AND ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE
CHILDREN OF ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Children are invited to come to school with crazy hair or a crazy hat, the crazier the better!

Classes have the chance to vote for the best style and there will be a prize for the winner.

Payment: Friends of Istead Rise Primary School
Account no: 67317325 Sort code: 08 92 99
or via named, sealed envelope



Please scan here to book your place

£35 a day
£175 a week

Offer:
If you pay in full, get a discounted offer of £150 per week. Family discount available on request.

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

FUN & CREATIVE
OUTDOOR AND INDOOR
ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE 8-11 YEARS OLD
8:30AM - 4PM

Week 1
29TH JULY -
2ND AUGUST
2024

Week 2
5TH AUGUST -
9TH AUGUST
2024

Week 3
12TH AUGUST -
16TH AUGUST
2024

Week 4
19TH AUGUST -
23RD AUGUST
2024

Activities

- ✓ Sports (Football, Rounders & More)
- ✓ Simple Cooking
- ✓ Drawing, Painting and Crafts
- ✓ Singing and Dancing
- ✓ Visits to the Gurdwara, Prom and Local attractions
- ✓ Weekly fun Disco on a Friday
- ✓ Trophies, Awards and Prizes to be won
- *Please bring your own packed lunch*

Location:

The Grand, Gravesend Methodist Church, 4-9 Wilfred Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2HA

To book a space, contact us on:
01474 320123

hello@thegrand.org.uk
www.wearegyg.co.uk

Payment plans available

QUALIFIED YOUTH WORKERS | DBS CHECKED | RISK ASSESSED | SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES IN PLACE

Acorns

This term our topic is minibeasts. Acorns have been very busy looking at ladybirds and spiders, learning lots of new facts.

Understanding of the World

We have been learning about the life cycle of a ladybird. In class we have been lucky enough to watch our own ladybirds grow from eggs to larvae, and now some have turned to pupa. We have been excitedly checking everyday to see if our ladybirds are fully grown. We have created our own work on the ladybird life cycle which is hanging proudly in the classroom.



Stay & Play

We had lots of fun at our minibeast stay and play session. The children (and adults) produced some fantastic crafts. Thank you for joining us.



We have been reading 'What the Ladybird heard' by Julia Donaldson. In the story, the thieves use a map of the farm to navigate their way round - which inspired us to create our own farmyard map. Before we started, we gained an understanding of local farms in Kent, using google maps to discover what crops are grown and what animals are kept.

Acorns



Library Visit
Acorns really enjoy their visit to our school library each week.



Space Visit
We were really excited to be visited by the author James Jefferson. He was able to share with us all of his knowledge on space and read us one of his stories.



Maths

In Maths we have been looking at numbers beyond 10. We used cubes to explore and build towers of 11-13 and then used Numicon in a cityscape to explore numbers 14-20.



The children have enjoyed spending time in the library, snuggled up on beanbags, reading their favourite books with their friends.

Our topic for DT is textiles, and we will be making puppets this term. Yesterday the children thoroughly enjoyed designing their puppet, cutting it out of felt and pinning the two pieces together. The children were extremely sensible doing this!

Year 1 have been working really hard towards being at school everyday; they have enjoyed choosing their prizes from the Attendance Shop.



We had a special visitor come to see us last week. Mrs Mackie brought her dog to see us, which the children really enjoyed.





Palm class have begun to explore the concept of survival in the animal kingdom. To provide a hands-on learning experience, the young scientists have taken on the responsibility of caring for a group of stick insects. Each day, a different child is tasked with nurturing and observing these creatures, gaining valuable insights into their behaviour and survival strategies. They have loved being responsible and caring!

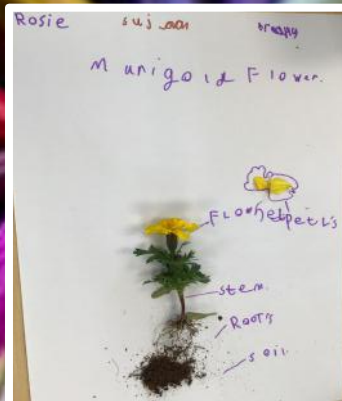


KS1 had a visitor last week: James the Astronaut, who taught the children about space. He read one of his stories to the children and got them to act out parts of the story. At the end of the session, the children had the opportunity to have their books signed. They all had a wonderful morning!

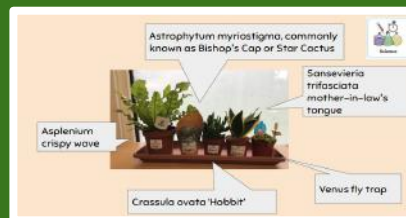




It has been a great first two weeks back, full of some amazing learning! In English we have been writing a formal letter to complain about the state of the Istead Rise shelter that we have to use when there is a Kaiju (giant monster like Godzilla) attack and comparing it to a much nicer shelter in Gravesend. The children have worked really hard on ensuring that their use of English is standard and formal in these sessions and seem to have really enjoyed the subject matter. In Maths we have been learning about decimals, focusing on tenths and hundredths and their fraction equivalent, as well as dividing one and two digit numbers by ten. In Science we have started our learning about plants, beginning with the different parts of a plant and the conditions needed by different plants so that they will grow successfully. In DT we have looked at several different designs of torches and have now designed our own torches to fit with a specific audience criteria. In Music this week we started to learn the song Blackbird by The Beatles, and will continue this (including adding instruments) over the course of this term. In History we have learnt about different types of castle and have started looking in to the history of Dover castle - which will lead into our trip at the end of the term. If you have not completed the form for the trip yet, please ensure you do as soon as possible.



Sycamore class have made a fantastic start to term 5 and are enjoying the themed learning around the rainforest. In English we are just drafting our narrative poem about the rainforest layers, the children have worked hard to describe the various layers using figurative language. We continue the theme of the rainforest in geography and the children were thrilled to be using an atlas to find out information. In maths we have just finished our work on fractions and are moving onto learning about money. There was a lot of excitement in science around the unusual plants that we are going to be looking after. Please look at the photo below for the names of plants. The children had lots of discussion about plants as they dissected a marigold to understand the different parts of a flowering plant. We used atlases again to learn that plants come from different places around the world.





Forest School Sycamore



Year 3 will be visiting the Forest this term. We will focus on flora and fauna. This links in nicely to their class Science lessons where they are learning all about plants. This week we used the Outdoor Classroom for our session.

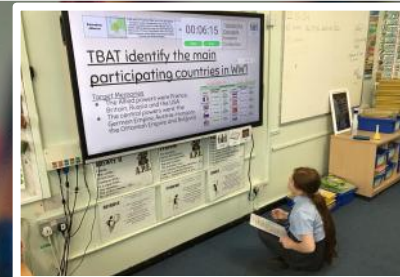
This space allows us to explore a different part of the school. The children were excited to go on a Bug Hunt, looking for worms, snails, slugs and millipedes. Some of the class chose to make a clay model of a minibeast. When exploring flora, some of the children started to make a forest craft flower using two sticks and some wool. First, they weaved the wool around the two sticks. A longer stick acting as the stem. George managed to finish his this week by adding the leaves. Others will be able to finish theirs in the next session.





Year 5 have had a brilliant start to term 5. They've been working hard in English, learning how to write a descriptive narrative and in maths we have been learning about line graphs in statistics.

We have also started a new topic in history: World War I and the children have been undertaking their own historical research to find out about the causes of the war,



Years 5 and 6 had a visit from Kent Police last week. Kent Police delivered an interesting and informative assembly, covering a range of topics relevant to both year groups. Lots of children came up with some really good questions and were keen to share their experiences.

Year 6 have been busy in preparation for SATs. They have been working very hard and we're really proud of them. Keep it up, Aspen! Well done to so many of you who completed revision work at home during the Easter break.

In English, we have been busy finishing our descriptions of a bombed street in The Blitz. We have now moved on and will be writing a set of humorous instructions about how to be a Victorian pickpocket!

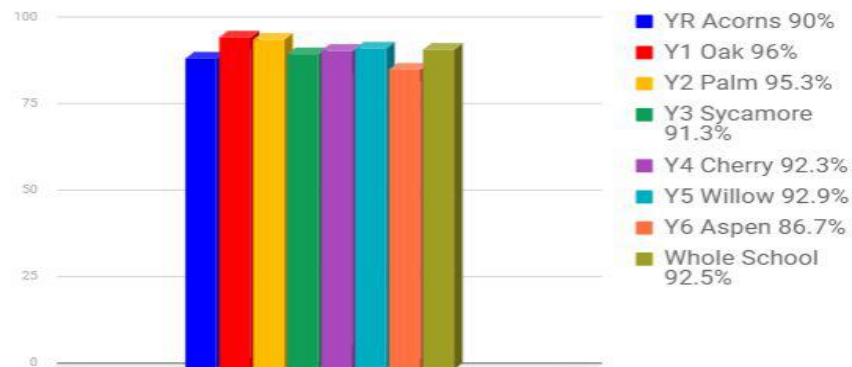




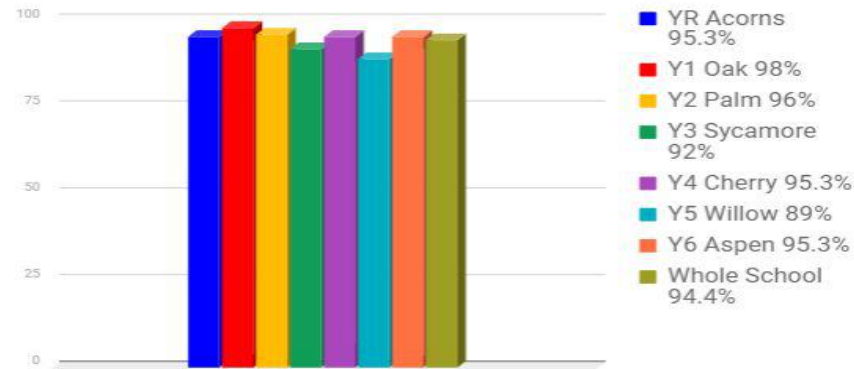
Attendance Class Awards

W/C 15.04.24
KS1 - Oak KS2 - Willow

W/C 22.04.24
KS1 - Oak KS2 - Cherry & Aspen



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 15.04.24



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 22.04.24

Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 19.04

Acorns Class

Nellie & Khenrab for Perseverance, Jeremias for Respect

Oak Class

Carter, Charlie & Ava for Self Reflection

Palm Class

Freya for Respect, Leo H for Independence
& Amber for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Nyla & Bradley for Respect, Bobby for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Edward & Ruby for Perseverance, Summer for Respect

Willow Class

David for Respect, Harry for Self Reflection & Jacob for Perseverance

Aspen Class

Charlie W, Lily & Maisey for Respect

Week Ending 26.04

Acorns Class

Louie & Willow H for Self Reflection, Louie for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Nathan & JJ for Perseverance, Louie for Independence

Palm Class

Rajah & Luna for Respect, Felix for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Elliott for Self Reflection, Amaia for Independence & Rosie for Respect

Cherry Class

Samuel Yanis & Cooper G for Perseverance, Arabella for Self Reflection

Willow Class

Scarlett & Freddie for Perseverance, Jace for Respect

Aspen Class

Rosie for Independence, Jim for Self Reflection
& Mia for Perseverance



Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

Mathletics

W/E 19.04

Amaia, Jack L & Darcey of
Sycamore, Abril & Kai of Cherry,
Kasey of Willow, Devan &
Khenyang of Palm,
Khenrab of Acorns

W/E 26.04

Amaia & Samuel of
Sycamore, Kai of Cherry,
Devan & Khenyang of Palm,
Khenrab of Acorns

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 19.04

Evelyn, Teddy, Elliott & Bradley of
Sycamore, Edward & Freddie of
Cherry, Ronak, Alfie & Lillie of
Willow, Sophia, Jaxon
& Ava of Oak

W/E 26.04

Evelyn, Jack L, Darcey, Elliott &
Bradley of Sycamore, Harry,
Ronak & Alfie of Willow, Sophia,
Jaxon & Ava of Oak

Emerald Mathletics

W/E 19.04

Henry, Sujaan, Saskia & George of
Sycamore, Otis, Edward, Delphine,
Samuel L, Cooper M, Martin, Esme,
Katelyn & Edward of Cherry, Charlie, Tess
& Molly of Willow, Leo D, Leo H, Ronnie &
Felix of Palm, Oliver of Acorns

W/E 26.04

Henry, Teddy & George of
Sycamore, Mia & Nathan of
Aspen, Cooper M, Otis,
Edward, Esme, Samuel L
& Martin of Cherry, Lillie of
Willow, Oliver of Acorns

Diamond Mathletics

W/E 19.04

Sujaan, Charlie & Harry of
Sycamore, Nihaal, Matilda &
Samuel-Yanis of Cherry, Millie H,
Thomas, Scarlett, Jace & Harvey
of Willow, Leo D & Tyler G of
Palm, Nathan & Neda of Oak

W/E 26.04

Sujaan, Charlie, Harry & Saskia of
Sycamore, Oliver of Aspen, Matilda,
Lucas, Katelyn & Samuel-Yanis of
Cherry, Millie H, Thomas, Scarlett, Jace,
Tess, Molly & Harvey of Willow, Leo D,
Leo H, Ronnie & Felix of Palm, Neda of
Oak, Jaxon of Acorns

Epic Mathletics

W/E 19.04

Tyler of Palm
& Nathan of Oak

W/E 26.04

Nihaal of Cherry, Tyler of
Palm & Nathan of Oak



Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 26.04

Adriana, Archie, Arlo, Aubany, Ava, Benjamin, Charlie, Daisy, Elena,
Eliza, Ellie, Frank, Jacob F, Jacob T, Jaxon, Lennon, Louie, Milan,
Nathan, Neda, Olivia, Oscar, Rei, Seren, Sophia & Valerie of Oak

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 26.04

Jack E of Sycamore

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 19.04

Margaret & Alicia of
Sycamore, Lucas, Kasey,
David & Blake of Willow

W/E 26.04

George, Bradley & Bobby
of Sycamore,
Lucas of Cherry

Platinum Peg Up Points

W/E 19.04

Alf of Sycamore, Thomas, Tess,
Scarlett, Ronak, Molly, Mila, Lyra,
Lillie, Jace, Harvey & Grace of Willow

W/E 26.04

Darcey of Sycamore &
Delphine of Cherry



Congratulations for all your hard work!



W/E 29.03

Winning Class
1st Cherry
2nd Willow
3rd Sycamore

W/E 29.03

Most Valuable Player
1st Nihaal of Cherry
2nd Ronak of Willow
3rd Edward of Cherry

W/E 26.04

Winning Class
1st Sycamore
2nd Cherry
3rd Aspen

W/E 29.03

Most Valuable Player
1st Nihaal of Cherry
2nd Sujaan of Sycamore
3rd Samuel Yanis of Cherry

**A tournament
was not set for
week ending
19.04**

Congratulations for all your hard work!