



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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

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

Monday 20th May
Year 4 Dover Castle Trip

Tuesday 21st May
Year R Wingham Wildlife Trip

Weds 22nd May
Parent drop-ins Y1-6

Friday 24th May
End of Term 5

Monday 3rd June
Term 6 Begins

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

Thursday 6th June
FIRPS Fathers Day Shop

Tues 18th June
Parent drop-ins Y1-6

24th - 28th June
Year 6 PGL

Dear Istead Rise Families,

We hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter as it celebrates our fantastic pupils and their amazing achievements. It has been wonderful to read about and see how the children have applied their English and mathematical skills across other curriculum subjects such as science, DT and music. In between their regular lessons, Year 2 and 6 have been working tirelessly towards their end of Key Stage tests. All at school would like to wish them the very best of luck in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continuing support and we wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend, hopefully with an opportunity to enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs M Clark

Deputy Headteacher

Nourish
contract catering



[School Lunch Menu](#)

This link will take you to our recent letter regarding the Kent Test 2024
[Kent Test 2024](#)



George and Harry were presented with their Chief Scout Bronze Awards at the District Beaver sleepover at the weekend. It's the highest award a Beaver can earn and they've worked really hard with lots of badge work to get it over the last two years

Well done boys!

Everything You Need to Know About the KENT TEST in 2024





FIRPS Crazy Hair Day





FIRPS Crazy Hair Day



Didn't they all look fantastic!
These are the winning entries
Year R Melissa, Year 1 Sybil, Year 2 Bobby R, Year 3 Charlie S, Year 4 Maya, Year 5 Poppy, Year 6 Rosie F
Thank you to FIRPS for organising this fun event for the children



Acorns

We have been learning all about plants and our natural environment - thinking about what trees and plants need in order to grow. We took advantage of the beautiful sunshine and spent some time on our school field observing the trees and flowers around us.

We used a pencil to sketch what we saw.



We have started our own science experiment to grow runner beans.

We have placed them into bags and taped them to the window in the classroom. We know that they will need water and sunlight to help them grow, but many of the children were not sure if growing the beans in bags will work. We are keeping a close eye on how they progress.



Acorns

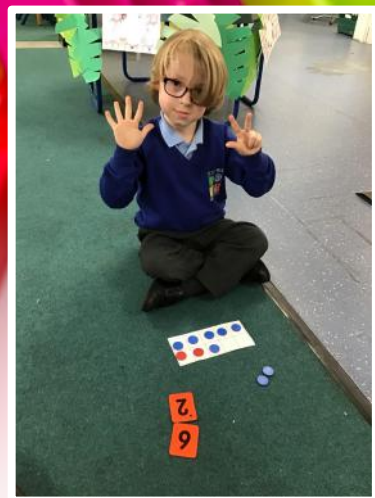


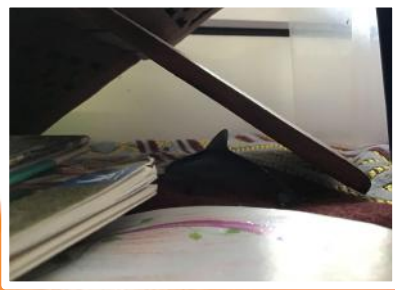
Our ladybirds have hatched! We have watched them turn from larva to pupa and then pupa to ladybirds. We were lucky enough to catch one hatching!



We have learnt all about May Day, and how historically people used to celebrate the impending arrival of summer with dances such as the maypole dance and morris dancing. We recreated the maypole dance with our own maypole, dancing and skipping. We then watched morris dancers and copied them waving handkerchiefs and bells. We had lots of fun.

In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction within 10. The children continue to amaze us with their mathematical abilities.





The children have been very busy learning to take good, clear photos in Computing. This week we will continue the learning by lighting the photos, cropping them and then uploading them to a document.



In DT, we have been designing and making hand puppets for the characters in Little Red Riding Hood. The children have been designing, pinning, cutting and sewing their puppets before decorating them to look like their design. They have worked tirelessly, focussing really well on sewing using a needle and thread.

Thank you to all our carers for supporting the school and your children with their reading during our Snuggle and Read. Your support is greatly appreciated!

In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication and division. The children have sorted counters by putting them into groups.



Snuggle & Read

Thank you to all our parents/
grandparents/ carers for our superbly
attended Snuggle and Read

Palm



In DT, Palm class have had a blast exploring stability and what makes a structure sturdy. After gaining knowledge, they got hands-on by crafting chairs out of paper. Soon, they'll be putting their creations to the test to see just how strong they really are!

In maths we have been focusing on fractions, from halves and quarters to thirds. They've been impressively focusing, honing their skills in recognising equivalent fractions and grasping the concept of what makes a whole. It's been wonderful to see their dedication and how they've been using their division knowledge to find fractions.

Sycamore



Aspen

Year 6 have had another busy few weeks in preparation for next week's SATs tests! They have been working extremely hard.

In English, we have started a new sequence of learning - writing a persuasive letter. We have been looking at different persuasive techniques and practising how to use these; as well as learning about formal and informal language. The final letters will be written to Mr. Payne, trying to persuade him that Year 6 deserve a fun 'activity day'! I am looking forward to reading the final drafts and I'm sure he is too!



In Science, we have started to look at age, stages of development and how humans change over time, based on science and lifestyle choices. There were some really good discussions about these topics and Year 6 have already shown a really good understanding of how the lifestyle choices that humans make can impact their body.

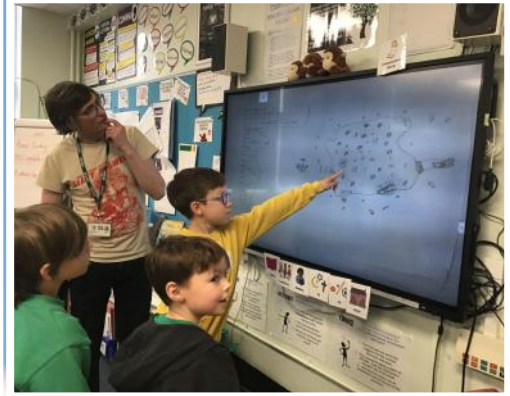
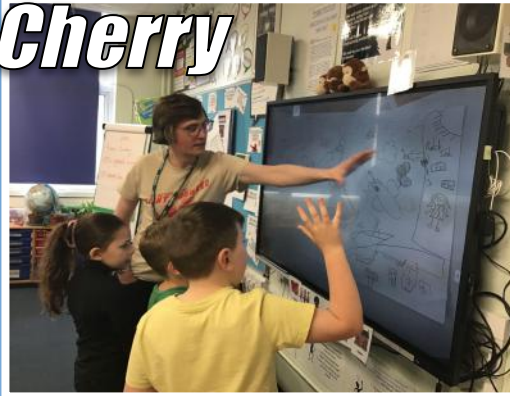
It has been a busy couple of weeks in sycamore class. The children continue to enjoy looking after the plants and watching how they grow. In English we are focussing on writing an essay about the rainforest and the children have been learning how to make a point, use evidence to back the point then give an explanation and link it all back to the point. In maths we are learning how to add and subtract money as well as give change. Geography we have been learning about climate and biomes. Much excitement was around D.T. last week as children were learning how to peel, grate, cut and chop fruit and vegetables and they also got to sample the produce.



Forest School Sycamore



Cherry



During the visit from author Darren Simpson, the children worked alongside him creating an island setting and then presented their work to the rest of the class, explaining what each part of the island was like and why they had decided on its features. In English we have been working on writing a tourist brochure for the country of Japan, this has involved looking at the features of a variety of good examples, researching the different aspects of the country and directly addressing the reader as part of the introduction. We have started drafting the leaflet on screen, and will next move to editing and laying out a final version for our redraft. In maths we have been continuing with decimals, looking at comparing and ordering decimals. In science we are still looking at plants, and have set up our next investigation into whether or not it makes a difference which liquid they are given. In DT we successfully made our torches! It was something that really needed the children to use the value of perseverance!



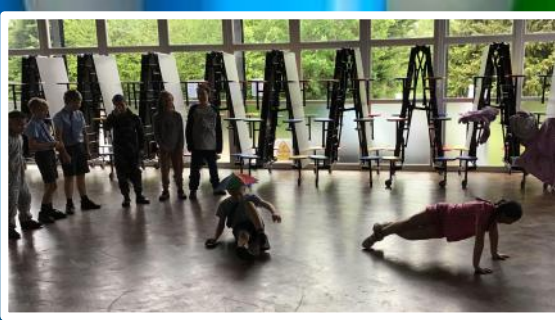
A huge thank you to everyone who attended our book fair, took part in the sponsored read or ordered a book from our visiting author Darren Simpson! That's a fantastic amount raised for library books!



USBORNE Book Fair

Thank you for taking part in our
Usborne Book Fair

We have received
£1494
in free books for our school.



Willow class has been busy writing a descriptive narrative about the three witches from Macbeth in English, and did some very creative acting to help them! They've also been working hard to learn how to measure and draw angles using a protractor in maths. We've also been learning all about blood and the circulatory system in science and last week we made our own 'blood' in plastic bottles. We also enjoyed our Superclass afternoon!





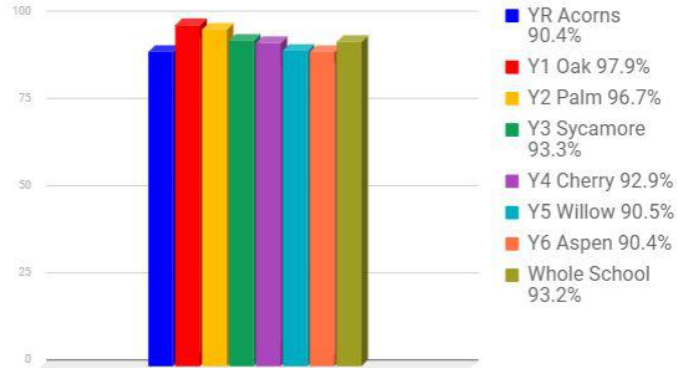
Attendance Class Awards

W/C 29.04.24

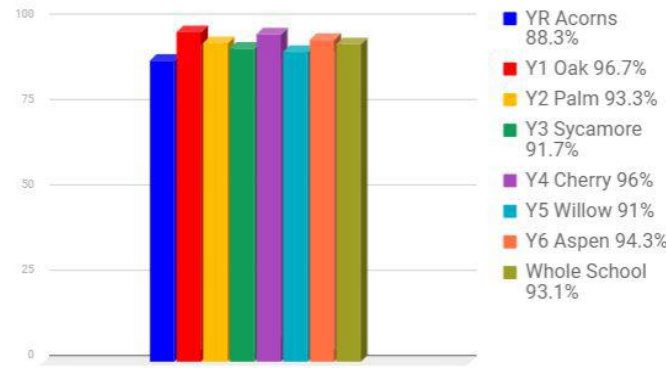
KS1 - Oak KS2 - Cherry

W/C 06.05.24

KS1 - Oak KS2 - Sycamore



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 06.05.24



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 29.04.24

Well done to Oak, Cherry and Sycamore classes for their fantastic attendance. Let's hope the weeks ahead will see higher attendance across the whole school.

Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 03.05

Acorns Class

James for Independence & Rosie for Respect

Oak Class

Daisy for Perseverance, Milan & Adriana for Independence

Palm Class

Zachary for Independence, Theo B & Raelie for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Lyla & George for Perseverance, Charlotte for Self Reflection

Cherry Class

Samuel L for Respect & Joshua for Perseverance

Willow Class

Molly for Respect, Anais for Independence & Thomas for Self Reflection

Aspen Class

Carlyle, Rohan & Charlie W for Respect

Week Ending 10.05

Acorns Class

Eden & Harper for Perseverance, Melissa for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Seren for Perseverance & Jacob F for Independence

Palm Class

Khenyang & Tyler for Respect, Darcy for Independence

Sycamore Class

Harry for Respect, Ella for Independence & Constance for Self Reflection

Cherry Class

Jeremiah for Independence, Katelyn for Perseverance & Ruby WN for Self Reflection

Willow Class

Carter for Independence, Grace for Respect & Tommy for Self Reflection

Aspen Class

Carlyle, Tommy & Jessica D for Self Reflection



Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

Mathletics

W/E 03.05

Kai of Cherry, Ellie, Daisy,
Jacob F & Olivia of Oak,
Khenrab of Acorns

W/E 10.05

Alicia, Samuel & William of
Sycamore, Ellie & Daisy of Oak,
Khenrab of Acorns, Mia of Willow

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 03.05

Amaia, Evelyn, Jack L, Darcey,
Elliott & Bradley of Sycamore,
Alfie of Willow, Devan &
Khenyang of Palm, Jaxon
& Seren of Oak

W/E 10.05

Evelyn, Jack L & Darcey of
Sycamore, Abril, Kai & Oliver M of
Cherry, Devan & Khenyang of Palm,
Jacob F, Harry & Alfie of Willow

Emerald Mathletics

W/E 03.05

Henry & Teddy of Sycamore,
Martin, Esme, Delphine, Edward,
Otis, Samuel L & Cooper M of Cherry,
Ronak & Lillie of Willow, Leo H,
Ronnie & Felix of Palm, Sophia & Ava
of Oak, Oliver of Acorns

W/E 10.05

Cooper M, Delphine, Samuel
L, Martin & Edward of Cherry,
Ronnie & Felix of Palm,
Sophia, Jaxon & Ava of Oak,
Oliver of Acorns, Ronak of
Willow

Diamond Mathletics

W/E 03.05

Sujaan, Charlie, Harry, Saskia
& George of Sycamore,
Katelyn, Matilda & Samuel-Yanis
of Cherry, Charlie, Millie H,
Thomas, Jace, Tess,
Molly & Harvey of Willow,
Jaxon of Acorns

W/E 10.05

Henry, Sujaan, Harry, Saskia &
George of Sycamore, Lucas,
Esme, Katelyn & Matilda of
Cherry, Leo H of Palm, Jaxon of
Acorns, Charlie, Millie H, Thomas,
Scarlett, Jace, Tess, Molly &
Harvey of Willow

Epic Mathletics

W/E 03.05

Nihaal for Cherry, Tyler of
Palm, Nathan & Neda of Oak

W/E 10.05

Charlie of Sycamore, Nihaal &
Samuel-Yanis of Cherry, Tyler of
Palm, Nathan & Neda of Oak



Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 03.05

JJ of Oak

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 03.05

Nyla, Jack L, Elliott,
Constance, Amaia &
Henry of Sycamore

W/E 10.05

Harry & Nevaeh
of Sycamore,
Martin of Cherry

Platinum Peg Up Points

W/E 03.05

Saskia of Sycamore, Tommy
& Brody of Willow

W/E 10.05

Ruby WN & Cooper M
of Cherry



Congratulations for all your hard work!



W/E 03.05

Winning Class

1st Cherry

2nd Sycamore

3rd Willow

W/E 10.05

Winning Class

1st Sycamore

2nd Cherry

3rd Willow

W/E 03.05

Most Valuable Player

1st Samuel Yanis of Cherry

2nd Charlie S of Sycamore

3rd Edward of Cherry

W/E 10.05

Most Valuable Player

1st Elliott T of Sycamore

2nd Charlie S of Sycamore

3rd Nihaal of Cherry

Congratulations for all your hard work!



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
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CHILDREN OF ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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KIDS SUMMER CAMP



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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,
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