



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024



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Wednesday 20th March  
1:15pm - 7:00pm  
Parent Consultations

Thursday 28th March  
End of Term 4

Monday 15th April  
Term 5 Begins

Thursday 18th April  
KS1 Spaceman Visit

Friday 10th May  
Yr 6 SATS breakfast trial run

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

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

Dear Istead Rise Families,

Thank you once again for the support you have given to the pupils and our school over the past few weeks. We have celebrated some amazing activities including STEM week and World Book Day - there were some fantastic investigations and costumes.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join me at the recent parent maths workshop. If you were unable to attend and are interested in having a better understanding of how you can support your child with their maths learning, you can access the slides and links [here](#)

Please take the time to read and enjoy this version of our newsletter and take note of the road safety reminder below.

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

Congratulations to Abel & Louie of Acorns, Luna of Palm, Evelyn of Sycamore & Carlyle of Aspen for their winning entries in the STEM Poster Competition. It was a tough decision as all the entries were fantastic. Well done to you all!



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.



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

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[School Lunch](#)  
[Menu](#)





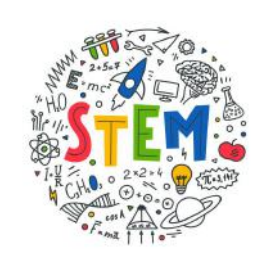


# STEM Workshops & Assembly



The amazing Ali from Sublime delivered a lively, entertaining and engaging variety of science experiments to all classes.





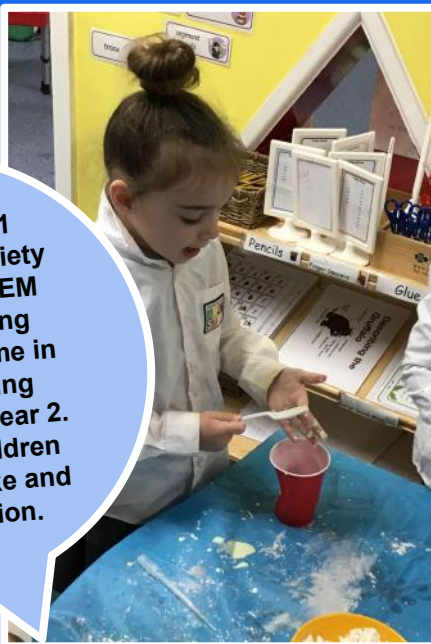
# STEM Workshops & Assembly

The children in Years 2-6 were thoroughly engaged with making and tasting sweets as well as making their own pot of slime!





# STEM Week Activities



Year R and KS1 took part in a variety of additional STEM activities ranging from making slime in Year R to making water timers in Year 2. Many of the children enjoyed the Coke and Mentos eruption.







# STEM Week Activities



KS2 children had fantastic fun in their classes this week exploring the theme 'time' for British Science Week. They made sand timers, lava lamps, flutes, paper helicopters, volcanoes, they even explored the idea of nature's future and watched an explosion of cola!





On Thursday 18th April 2024 Acorns, Oak & Palm Classes will be taking part in a 'Spaceman Workshop' with James Jefferson. You can also purchase a book by the author which he will sign for the children on the day of his visit. For full details please use this link [Spaceman Workshop](#)



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**SAVE THE DATE**

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# 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

Want to enter your own  
scarecrow?  
Please register via the  
email below.  
Prize for the scarecrow  
with the most votes.

TO PREBOOK YOUR TRAIL SHEET EMAIL [FIRPS@ISTEADRISE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FIRPS@ISTEADRISE@GMAIL.COM)  
IT IS £3.50 TO ENTER AND ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE  
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Primary School

## MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE APRIL HALF TERM PLANNER - WEEK TWO

MONDAY 8TH APRIL	TUESDAY 9TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL	THURSDAY 11TH APRIL	FRIDAY 12TH APRIL	£25 FULL DAY £15 HALF DAY
Nature Crafts	Playdough	Painting	Just Dance	Biscuit Decorating	
LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES	LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES	LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES	LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES	LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES	
Trampolining	NEW Giant Inflatables	Karate	Creepy Claws	End of Half Term Disco	

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FROM AGES 5 - 12. FULL DAY SESSIONS ARE 08:00 - 17:00, HALF DAY SESSION 08:00 - 13:00 OR 12:00 - 17:00  
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## MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE APRIL HALF TERM PLANNER - WEEK ONE

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL	WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL	THURSDAY 4TH APRIL	FRIDAY 5TH APRIL	£25 FULL DAY £15 HALF DAY
Nerf Wars	Easter Baking & African Drumming	Easter Bonnets & Circus Workshop	Finger Painting	
LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES	LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES	LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES	LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES	
Easter Card Making	Easter Baking & African Drumming	Easter Bonnets & Circus Workshop	Easter Egg Hunt	

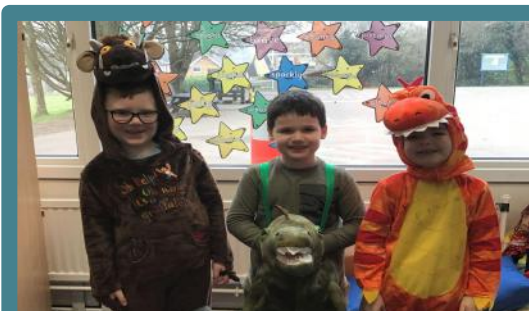
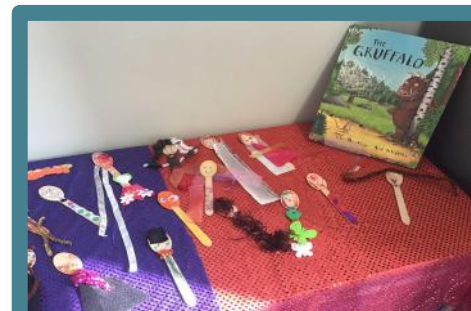
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# Acorns



**STEM week**  
We have been experimenting with making slime this week as part of STEM week. We enjoyed exploring the best way to make slime (or not) - making predictions about the outcome along the way.. it was lots of messy fun!



We had such fun dressing up as our favourite story characters. We enjoyed a day of reading different stories

WORLD BOOK DAY



**Stay and Play**  
We had lots of fun with our parents/carers who came to help us create our World Book Day spoon characters. We have seen some really imaginative and creative pieces. What fantastic teamwork!





# Acorns



Understanding of the World  
We have been learning about different religions and celebrations that take place. This week we have learnt lots of facts about Hinduism and the celebration of Holi. We loved looking at the different colours and created our own Holi pictures. We dropped paint onto our paper and used a straw to blow the paint. This allowed the children to experiment with different techniques and see the colours blending together.

Time  
We have looked at the days of the week and learnt a song to help us remember. Ask the children at home to sing it to you!

Acorns have been really busy in Maths. We have had lots of fun exploring height and time, and learning about the numbers 9 and 10



P.S.E.D  
We have been learning about different ways to keep our bodies healthy. The children have shared their own extra curricular activities with each other - bike riding, swimming, horse riding etc. We then made our own healthy packed lunch - recognising the importance of a balanced diet.



Numbers 9 and 10  
We have been exploring and developing our understanding of numbers 9 and 10. We can represent the numbers and identify them. We are able to find different ways to make 9 and 10 and have begun to use number sentences.



Height  
In Maths we have explored length. We have compared lengths using different resources around the classroom!





## Forest-School-Oak



At Forest school, Oak class have been working hard at remembering the name of the trees around the school. So far they have learnt the Cherry, Sycamore, Elder and Ash trees. I am really impressed with them. This week, Oak class used the Bow Saw to cut a wood cookie from a piece of Sycamore tree. Everyone remembered the safety talk we had beforehand.





# Oak



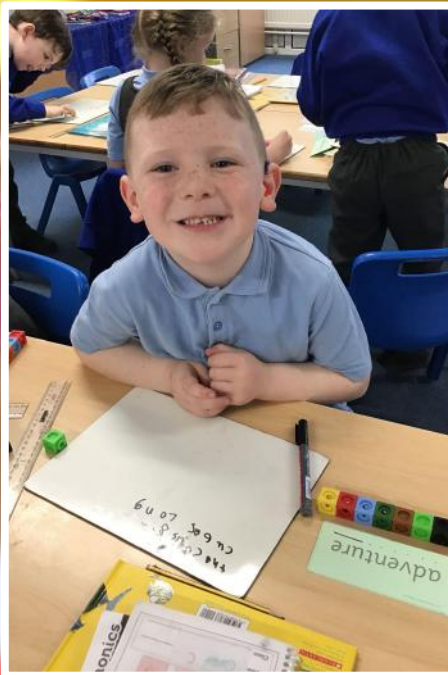
The children enjoyed going for a road safety walk to cross the road with Mr Loe. They listened carefully and were very sensible. During the last week of term we will be going for a walk around Istead Rise marking symbols on a map to ensure they have understood their learning.



In Maths, we have been learning about length and height. We have used objects such as cubes and paperclips to measure length and are just beginning to look at measuring using rulers and centimetres.



For Computing, the children have been using role play to support them in giving and understanding instructions. They really enjoyed pretending to be Beebots!





# Palm



In Geography, the children have been learning about compasses and labelling them.

They have put their knowledge to the test by navigating various routes.

It's been an exciting journey for them!



In science, the young scientists have been scouring the school grounds, discovering the wonders of micro-habitats! From under rocks to inside hollow logs, they have been uncovering a world of tiny creatures and plants, sparking their curiosity and fascination with the natural world.





# Aspen

Year 6 have been busy with a new learning sequence in English. We are working towards writing a short story and have been focusing on the different ways dialogue is used to convey character as well as advance the plot of the story.

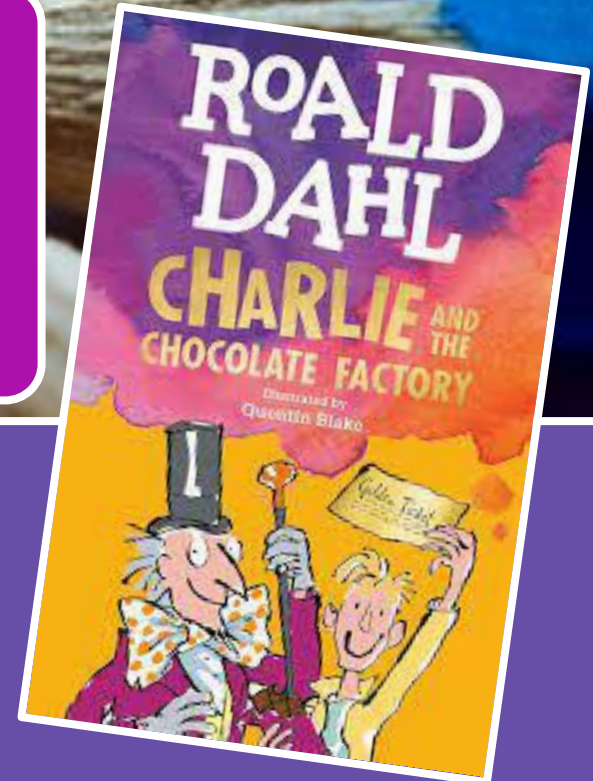
In Science, we have continued our learning about Earth and Space. This week we looked at rotation and revolutions. Year 6 are very curious about this topic and came up with some great questions during the lesson.



# School Council



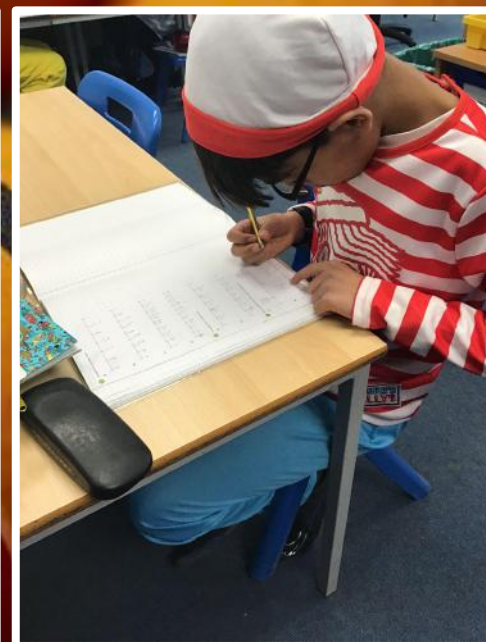
Well done to the School Council who led an e-safety assembly for both KS1 & KS2



# Sycamore

Sycamore Class have been amazing this term. As part of our guided reading sequence the children are enjoying reading the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In English they have finished writing a description of the chocolate factory and have started a sequence writing a character description of Willy Wonka. The past week in maths we have been learning about mass and capacity. In history we continue to learn about the impact the Romans had on Britain. We have had lots of fun during STEM week and enjoyed the workshop with mad scientist Ali and activities back in class making sand timers and helicopters.





Over the past 2 weeks have have completed our narrative in English, which focused on the use of subordinate clauses, and was about a dragon being discovered in a cave. The children really enjoyed this unit - especially the clips for inspiration showing the dragon! In maths we have been working on fractions, looking at how to convert from mixed number to improper fractions and vice versa. In science we have completed our work on digestion - which I think the children are really pleased about! In Spanish, we are looking at classroom objects and the contents of a pencil case - learning both the vocabulary and how to explain what objects they have and do not have. World Book Day was spent in a locked room (not literally!) as they worked together to solve the different escape room puzzles based on the Eerie-on-Sea Mysteries series of books. You can also tell from our photos that even book characters have to carry on learning!"



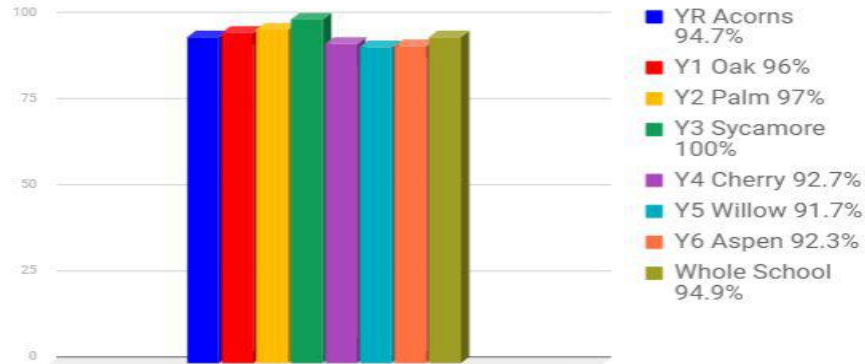
# Willow



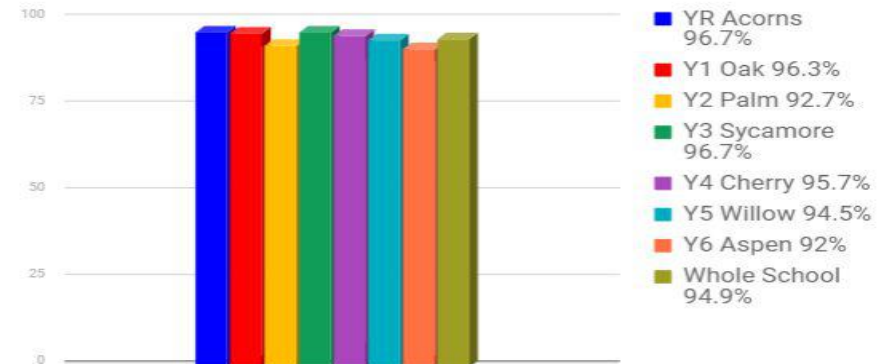
Willow enjoyed their Ancient Egyptian workshop last Friday. They learnt so much about the gods and goddesses, Tutankhamun and mummification. Thank you to everyone who dressed up in amazing costumes!







Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 04.03.24



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 11.03.24

## ***Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners***

### **Week Ending 08.03**

#### **Acorns Class**

Jaxon for Respect, Jeremias & Rosie for Independence

#### **Oak Class**

Annalise for Self Reflection, Rei for Independence & Benjamin for Respect

#### **Palm Class**

Tyler & Ronnie for Independence, Ashiya for Respect

#### **Sycamore Class**

Henry & Jack L for Perseverance, Margaret for Independence

#### **Cherry Class**

Lucas for Perseverance, Otis & Shae for Self Reflection

#### **Willow Class**

Molly for Self Reflection, Carter & Anais for Respect

#### **Aspen Class**

Isabella, Mia & Elsie for Respect

### **Week Ending 15.03**

#### **Acorns Class**

Evie for Perseverance, Florence for Independence  
& Khenrab for Respect

#### **Oak Class**

Frank & Olivia for Respect, Lennon for Self Reflection

#### **Palm Class**

Iyla for Respect & Annable for Independence

#### **Sycamore Class**

Evelyn & Charlie for Perseverance, Samuel for Respect

#### **Cherry Class**

Abril, Nihaal & Esme for Perseverance

#### **Willow Class**

Harvey for Respect, Charlie & Grace for Perseverance

#### **Aspen Class**

Parsen, Rosie & Charlie C for Self Reflection





## Mathletics

### Gold Mathletics

W/E 08.03

Elliott, Bradley, Samuel, Darcey & Evelyn of Sycamore, Harry, Ronak, Alfie & Finn of Willow, Devan of Palm, Jaxon & Ava of Oak, Freddie of Cherry

W/E 15.03

Amaia, Evelyn, Nevaeh, Samuel, Jack L, Darcey, Elliott & Bradley of Sycamore, Harry & Alfie of Willow, Freddie of Cherry, Devan of Palm, Daisy, Jaxon & Jacob F of Oak

### Platinum Mathletics

W/E 08.03

George, Sujaan, Teddy & Henry of Sycamore, Lillie of Willow, Leo H, Ronnie & Felix of Palm, Sophia & Seren of Oak, Abel & Oliver of Acorns, Edward, Esme, Martin, Cooper M, Samuel L & Delphine of Cherry

W/E 15.03

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

### Emerald Mathletics

W/E 08.03

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

W/E 15.03

Sujaan, Charlie, Harry & Saskia of Sycamore, Millie H, Thomas, Scarlett, Jace, Tess, Molly & Harvey of Willow, Samuel\_Yanis, Lucas, Katelyn & Matilda of Cherry, Leo D, & Tyler of Palm, Neda of Oak, Jaxon of Acorns

### Diamond Mathletics

W/E 08.03

Nathan of Oak

W/E 08.03

Nathan of Oak & Nihaal of Cherry



### Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 08.03

Samuel of Sycamore

W/E 15.03

William & Rosie of Sycamore, Maya of Cherry

### Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 08.03

Freddie & Ruby WN of Cherry

W/E 15.03

Stanley & Evelyn of Sycamore, Edward of Cherry



***Congratulations for all your hard work!***



W/E 08.03

Winning Class  
1st Cherry  
2nd Willow  
3rd Sycamore

W/E 15.03

Winning Class  
1st Cherry  
2nd Willow  
3rd Sycamore

W/E 08.03

Most Valuable Player  
1st Martin of Willow  
2nd Ronak of Willow  
3rd Samuel Yanis of Cherry

W/E 08.03

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

***Congratulations for all your hard work!***