



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



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A big well done to Nellie of Acorns & George of Sycamore who won the 'Mr Nourish Birthday Card Competition'. The runners up were Jaxon of Oak, Florence of Palm, Poppy of Willow & Charlie of Sycamore.



Dear Istead Rise Families,

I am delighted to see the amazing opportunities that our pupils continue to be offered as part of their daily learning. They certainly look like they are enjoying themselves. Our youngest children in Acorns have shown how sensible and eager they are when completing their first 'trip' outside of school. I was impressed by their excellent behaviour too.

I would like to congratulate the children and staff in Year 4 for their fantastic achievement in the Emile MTC Championship. Congratulations on coming third. Keep up the good work!

Thank you to Miss Kite for organising the Macmillan Coffee morning and thank you to everyone who was able to donate money to this worthwhile charity. We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher

Nourish
contract catering

School Lunch Menu



Friday 20th October
Show Racism
The Red Card - wear red

Friday 20th October
End of Term 1

Monday 30th October
Term 2 Begins

Thursday 2nd November
School Photographer

Wednesday 8th November
Flu Immunisations
Whole School

Thursday 9th November
Whole School
Parent Consultations

Thursday 24th November
Year 4 Back to the Future
Theatre Trip

Friday 24th November
Year 5 Leeds Castle Trip

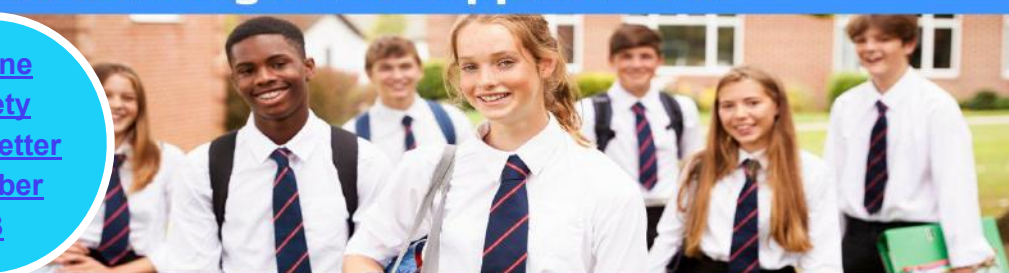
Tuesday 5th December
Parent Drop In Session
Years 1 - 6

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Dinner
& Jumper Day

Friday 15th December
End of Term 2



Secondary school applications



Applications for children starting year 7 in September 2024 are open!
To apply visit, kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Online Safety Newsletter October 2023

Parental Controls

Does your child have a games console? If you have you will get age appropriate games that contain no violence, but at the same time you will need to spend and communicate for example.

PlayStation
Set up your account as a Family manager and create a separate child account so you can control their activities. Find out more here: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/parental-controls/>

Xbox
You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: <https://www.xbox.com/en-gb/parents/parental-controls/>

Nintendo Switch
Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your child are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/parents/parental-controls/>



Does your child watch livestreams?

What is livestreaming?
Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

Who is watching livestreaming?
Research from Ofcom reported that 51% of 3-17 year olds have watched two streams and the most used platforms to watch live streams were YouTube and TikTok. The research also showed that 41% of the research also showed that the percentage watching content on livestreaming, especially in the 3-4 year olds were watching live content with this is growing to 18% in 10-17 year olds. This is expected to increase as live and interactive content and livestreaming grows.

What are the risks?
There are risks associated with watching livestreams that a parent of the child may not be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or be inappropriate as your child may come across streamers or be bullied for them, it is difficult to moderate live content in real time.

How can I help my child?
• All online platforms have an age setting, ensure your accounts platforms that are appropriate to their age. For this has an age rating of 13.
• For any platforms that your child uses, review appropriate controls and privacy settings are applied.
• Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a basis, are your child to check what they are accessing.
• Encourage your child to know how to use any reporting/bullying to the app that they are using, and always please ensure that your child knows to tell a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

Further information
• <https://www.childnet.com/parents/parents-keeping-their-child-safe-online/>
• <https://www.kent.gov.uk/parents/parents-keeping-their-child-safe-online/>

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Thank you so much for your wonderful donations of homemade and shop bought cakes for our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised a fantastic £520.51 for this amazing charity. We hope you enjoyed spending time with your children.

The children have really enjoyed their first few weeks of Judo. They have learned out to throw their partners and hold them down. They even had some chance this week to have a little 'fight' with their partner with each person trying not to be thrown. The two hold downs you can see are Kesa Gatame and Yoko Shiho Gatame. Well done everyone!



A big well done to Ronnie of Palm Class who was awarded Man of the Match for his performance with the Meopham Colts on Sunday 1st October. Fantastic Ronnie!

SEND & Inclusion



We are nearing the end of term 1 and what a positive start to the year it's been! The Lunchtime Chill Zone is proving popular with KS2 children, who are enjoying a range of calming activities indoors as an alternative to the busyness and naturally noisy playground. Next term we hope to offer an after-school activity club aimed at KS1 children with SEND - watch this space! Also next term, Friends of The Forest sessions will be run by Mrs T Clark for selected children to boost self-esteem, social skills and peer cooperation. SEND surgeries continue to run each week on a Wednesday afternoon between 2pm- 3pm. 10-minute, bookable appointments are available with Mrs Andreou to discuss anything SEND and inclusion related.

Upcoming Events



Lego Club at The Meeting Place at The Orchards Shopping Centre on 19/10/2023 📅



Youth Club at Future Survival on 04/11/2023 📅



Girls Group at Dartford YMCA Café on 14/11/2023 📅



Lego Club at The Meeting Place at The Orchards Shopping Centre on 16/11/2023 📅



Youth Club at Future Survival on 02/12/2023 📅



Girls Group at Dartford YMCA Café on 05/12/2023 📅



Lego Club at The Meeting Place at The Orchards Shopping Centre on 14/12/2023 📅



Youth Club at Future Survival on 06/01/2024 📅

Please follow this link to training workshops for

[parents, carers and families.](#)

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Do you know about Kent's Local Offer for SEND?
What does it mean for you and your child?

[Click here for more info.](#)

SEND Local Offer

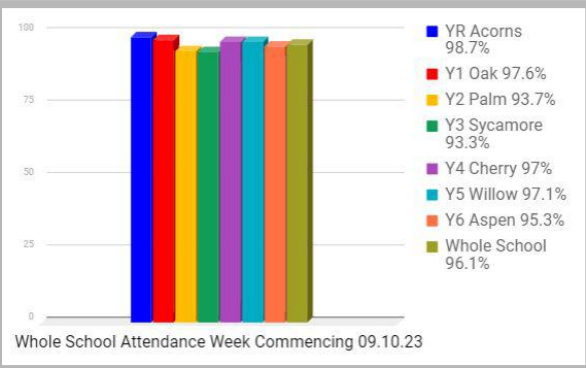
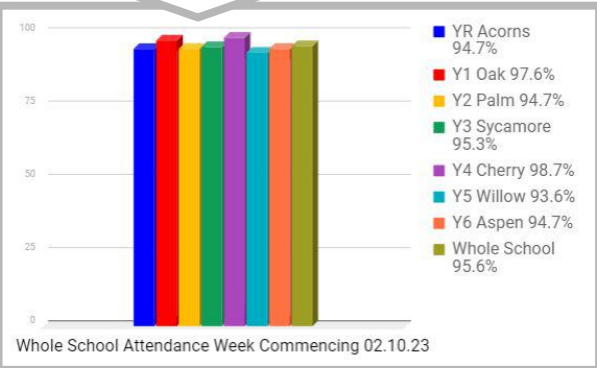
Attendance

Attendance Class Awards



W/C 02.10.23
KS1 - Oak
KS2 - Cherry

W/C 09.10.23
KS1 - Acorns
KS2 - Willow



If you need to take your child out of school for any reason you will need to complete the attached form, many thanks

[Withdrawal From Learning Form](#)

Cause For Concern

90% Or Less

19 Days Or More Of School Missed Per School Year

Poor

90.1% - 95.9%

9-18 Days Of School Missed Per School Year

Good

96% - 97.9%

4 - 8 Days Of School Missed Per School Year

Excellent

98% Or Above

0 - 3 Days Of School Missed Per School Year

MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE HALLOWEEN OPEN SESSIONS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MEOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

FREE OPEN SESSIONS
Come down to enjoy our giant inflatables, halloween arts & crafts, halloween games, and try some new sports and activities.

FREE

Key Information:

Monday 30th October

10:00 - 12:00 SEN Session
12:30 - 14:30 Family Session

Meopham Leisure Centre, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent, DA13 0AH

01474 814199
info@meophamleisure.org
/MeophamLeisure

More Information

Meopham Leisure Centre October Halloween Holiday Club

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER	TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER	THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER	FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER	AGE 5+ £25 FULL DAY £15 HALF DAY
Inflatable Session Nerf Wars	Inflatable Session Zumba	Inflatable Session Karate	Inflatable Session Spooky Painting	Inflatable Session Pumpkin Decorating	
Halloween Arts & Crafts	Halloween Movie time	Halloween Arts & Crafts	Halloween Movie time	Halloween Arts & Crafts	
Creepy Claws Animal Display	Football Sports & Games	Halloween Baking Sports & Games	Trampolining Sports & Games	Halloween Disco (Dress up if you dare) Face painting	

To Book call us on 01474 814199

From ages 5 - 12. Full day sessions are 08:00 - 17:00 and half day sessions are from 08:00 - 13:00 or 12:00 - 17:00

For more information visit our website www.meophamleisure.org or call us on 01474 814199

Acorns



Maths

We have carried out lots of maths this term. We have matched, sorted and compared objects.

Keeping Healthy

Part of our theme 'All about Me' requires the children learning and understanding why it is important to look after ourselves. We have been super busy. We have looked at carrying out exercises and measuring our pulses, carried out belly breathing and tasted different, healthy foods. In continuous provision one of the children made dumb bells!



Expressive Arts and Design

We went for a walk around the school grounds and looked at the signs of Autumn. We noticed that leaves had begun to fall off the trees and were all different shapes and colours. There were less flowers growing. We also noticed that some trees had started to lose their branches and small twigs had fallen off the trees too. Once we understood more about Autumn, we collected natural resources to make members of our family!



Acorns



World Space Week

What a fantastic week Acorn's have had. The children have enjoyed celebrating 'Space Week' and chose to learn about the planet Mars. They found out so many facts about the planet and learnt new vocabulary such as comets, craters and gravity. They were able to recall facts about Mars such as: Mars has a volcano. It is covered in red dust and has rocks and craters. We hope you like the chalk images the children made of Mars and their rockets!



Our local Area

We have been learning about our local area. To help the children understand all the things that are available in the community, we took them on a walk around Istead Rise. The children looked at the shops - including the Co-op, Post Office, Hairdresser, Pharmacy and Dentist - and talked about why it was important to have these facilities in Istead Rise. We were so impressed by their behaviour!

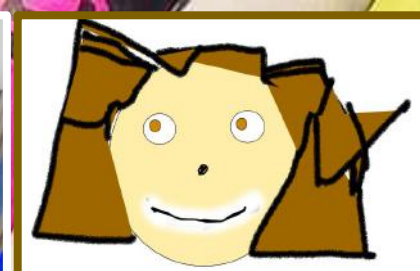


Forest-School-Acorns



Reception have really settled in well to the Forest School routine. They enjoy singing their song as they walk across the field to enter the Forest - 'We're on our way to forest school, forest school, forest school. We're on our way to forest school on a 'sunny' Thursday!'. They then walk sensibly into the Forest to start their adventure. We started with a story called 'squirrel me timbers' - a story about Acorns which the class enjoyed listening to. This week some children continued to make a habitat for an animal - something all of them loved doing last week. The mud kitchen was very busy with lots of forest baking happening where tasty treats were being made from mud, yum yum! Some of the class showed off their balancing skills whilst walking across the 'Rocket tree' and others searched for mini-beasts. The children are very resilient and careful when handling them. Well done Acorns!

Oak



The children have been using a program called Sketchpad to draw a self portrait. They had to overlay the shapes to ensure their faces looked like them.



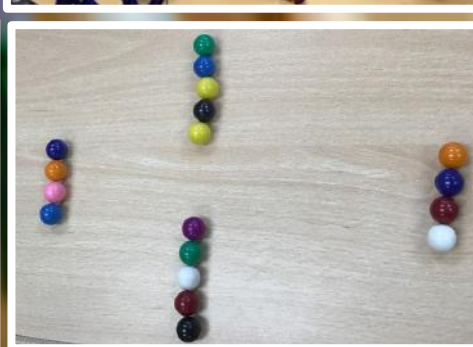
Over the last two weeks, the children have continued with their fantastic learning. They have acted out the story of the Owl Babies and have written a diary entry from the viewpoint of Bill, the baby owl. In Science, we have been learning about animals and putting them into groups of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.



Palm

This term, Palm class have been learning about Sikhism for RE. They have shown great interest in it, especially Diwali which Sikhs celebrate. They learnt that during Diwali, Sikhs create Rangoli patterns and Palm class designed their own, then covered the KS1 playground with their beautiful designs using crayons, they loved it!

In Science they tested out waterproof materials by throwing water balloons at Mrs Devine wearing waterproof clothes and an umbrella! Palm class were able to explain how and why the water dripped off the material.



This week we have been learning figurative terms in English for our stormy sea writing. The children look forward to sharing their descriptive writing with you soon. In maths we continue to explore addition and subtraction. The children have recently been shown how to add and subtract using column method. In science this week we concluded our work on forces and magnets. The children thoroughly enjoyed working scientifically by playing magnetic games and using scientific vocabulary to explain how the games worked. This term the children have enjoyed learning how to greet people in Spanish. Why not ask your son or daughter how to say hello, my name is, how are you feeling? In Computing this week children enjoyed learning about the term packet data - it is the method used to transfer digital information over the internet. They discovered what happens when the packets reach their destination. They are assembled back together in the correct order to make a complete file.

Cherry



Year 4 have now completed their second English sequence, writing a non-chronological report on the 'real' tooth fairies, and have worked hard on their use of conjunctions. In maths we have moved on from working on place value and are now working on addition and subtraction using column method, and where exchanging (carrying) is required. We have completed our unit on Forces, looking at the poles of a magnet and are looking forward to next term. In Art we have completed our pictures based on our initial ideas using

Henry Moore's technique of 'drawing with scissors'. We have completed our final piece of work in Geography for this term by looking at the different time zones across the world, why they are needed and the role of the prime meridian. It has been a really busy but fun first term!

Over 120,000 pupils from over 2,100 schools took part in this first MTC Cup (Multiplication Tables Check). A huge congratulations to Year 4 who came 3rd! An outstanding achievement for their first MTC competition of the year. In addition to this remarkable achievement, the following members of Year 4 have been given special recognition by *Emile Education* (who organise the competitions) for achieving the following placings:

Samuel-Yanis - Top 20
Nihaal - Top 20
Edward - Top 50
Freddie - Top 50
Ruby W-N - Top 100
Cooper G - Top 100
Shae - Top 100
Martin - Top 100
Cooper M - Top 100
Delphine - Top 100
Katelyn - Top 100
Emilia - Top 100
Otis - Top 100





Willow have been really busy learning lots of new things. In science the children carried out an experiment to prove that light travels in straight lines and they used mirrors, CDs, torches and coloured lasers to do this.

In English they have been learning how to write a newspaper report and spent a lesson interviewing each other as NASA engineers and scientists.

They're also still enjoying their music lessons and working hard to learn how to play the recorder to 'Livin' on a Prayer'.



Aspen

This term has been a busy and hard-working one and we're nearly at the end! Well done to every single one of Year 6 - you started the new school year with a positive, hard-working attitude and this continued throughout the whole term.

In English, we have started a new learning sequence. We are writing a biography about Mary Seacole. So far, Year 6 have carried out independent research and will soon be moving onto order events in chronological order, as well as writing a catchy introduction to engage the reader.

In Maths, we have been learning about squared and cubed numbers as well as continuing with our daily arithmetic sessions.

Aspen have been really enjoying Geography this term and this week, loved finding out about different landmarks in America such as Niagara Falls, The Grand Canyon and Angel Falls.

During Computing, we have looked at 'computing heroes' and researched many different people who have had an influence on the world of Computing today.

Keep up the great work, Year 6!



Something was cooking in the Forest this week for year 6. I was very pleased with the class for remembering the fire triangle and how we build a fire in the forest. Last year the children had a go at starting a small fire with cotton wool and the fire striker. The class used these skills to toast a marshmallow over the fire before sandwiching it between two chocolate biscuits to make a delicious smore. Some were more toasty than others but still just as yummy! Jack and Olivier continued the cooking theme when they were in the mud kitchen where they too cooked up tasty mud doughnuts. Congratulations year 6 for being very sensible and respectful in the forest.



Forest School Aspen





IRCA
PRESENTS

£3
ENTRY

Halloween Party



SCAN ME



SUNDAY
29TH OCTOBER

**SPOOKY TUNES, GAMES, SPOOKY STALLS,
FISH & CHIP VAN, KIDS CINEMA SCREENING**

4PM - 8PM

Istead Rise Community Centre
Worcester Close
Istead Rise
DA13 9LB



W/E 06.10

Most Valuable Player
1st Samuel Yanis of Cherry
2nd Martin of Cherry
3rd Charlie of Sycamore

W/E 06.10

Winning Class
1st Cherry
2nd Sycamore
3rd Willow

W/E 13.06

Most Valuable Player
1st Edward of Cherry
2nd Samuel Yanis of Cherry
3rd Grace of Willow

W/E 13.06

Winning Class
1st Cherry
2nd Sycamore
3rd Aspen

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



Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners



Week Ending 06.10

Acorns Class

Willow H for Respect, Aria for Perseverance & Melissa for Independence

Oak Class

Valerie & Milan for Perseverance, Jacob F for Self Reflection

Palm Class

Pixie-Belle for Independence & Leo D for Respect

Sycamore Class

Stanley for Independence, Henry for Respect & Bradley for Self Reflection

Cherry Class

Oliver F for Perseverance, Ruby H for Respect & Shae for Independence

Willow Class

Brody for Independence, Alfie for Perseverance & Mila for Respect

Aspen Class

Cerys, Mia & Maisey for Independence

Week Ending 13.06

Acorns Class

Abel for Independence, Mya & Khenrab for Respect

Oak Class

Jujhar & Lennon for Independence, Ava for Perseverance

Palm Class

Darcy & Sophie for Independence

Sycamore Class

Rosie for Perseverance, Alicia for Self Reflection & Dolly for Respect

Cherry Class

Delphine for Independence, Cooper G for Self Reflection & Kai Perseverance

Willow Class

Jace for Perseverance, Grace for Independence & Ronak for Respect

Aspen Class

Charlie C for Perseverance, Seth for Independence & Isaac for Self Reflection