



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024



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Friday 9th February
End of Term 3

Monday 19th February
Term 4 Begins

Thursday 22nd February
WW2 Workshop
Year 6

Friday 1st March
Year R
Hearing & Vision Tests

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day
FIRPS Mothers Day Shop

Parent drop-ins
Years 1 - 6

Friday 8th March
Year 5 Egyptian Workshop

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

Dear Istead Rise Families/ Queridas familias,

Thank you so much for supporting the school and your children's learning this term. We have had some amazing themed days and learning experiences; Spanish Day, Number Day, Mental Health Awareness Week, VR experiences, a trip to Chatham Dockyard and one to the Science Museum. Our pupils have come to school dressed as rock stars, flamenco dancers, matadors, Spanish footballers and some even in their pyjamas. With your support, they have fully immersed themselves in every opportunity. Please do take the time to read through the whole newsletter.

We are looking forward to next term and know that it will be just as exciting with high levels of pupil engagement and learning.

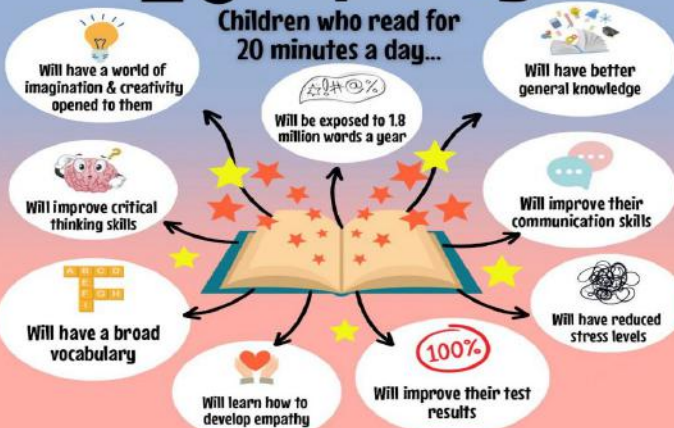
Wishing you a safe and restful half-term.
Mrs M. Clark
Deputy Headteacher

Online Safety
Newsletter
February 24



20 is plenty!

Children who read for
20 minutes a day...



Nourish
contract catering



School Lunch
Menu

Mother's Day

at Istead Rise Primary School

Once again we'll be giving our children the opportunity to pick a special present, either for their mum, or someone else they choose to celebrate, from our Mother's Day gift shop.

The gift shop will be open during school hours on the 7th March and each gift will cost £3.50.

Please complete the google form in the link above or via school app/text message if you wish to order a gift for your child.

Orders and payment will need to be received before 28th February or regrettably your child will not be catered for.

Payment

Friends of Istead Rise Primary School
Sort Code: 08 92 99
Account no: 67317325
Reference: Child's name and class
or via sealed named envelope to the school office

supported by
Friends of Istead Rise Primary School



This year's Number Day was greatly enjoyed by all children across the school. It provided the opportunity for children to use their mathematical and problem-solving skills, plus develop their team building. So far we have raised over £85 for the NSPCC. There is still time to donate Via Parent Pay. Thank you again.

**Number
Day 2024**





Number
Day 2024



Spanish Day



Istead Rise Primary Chess Competition

Round 1 Draw

Games to be played Friday 9th February 2024

Last
Year's
Winners!



Player 1	Vs	Player 2	Winner
Brody	Vs	Poppy	
Isaac	Vs	Seth	
Jack Easom	Vs	George	
Dolly	Vs	Alicia	
Blake	Vs	BYE	Blake
Molly	Vs	Abril	
Rosie	Vs	Sam	
William	Vs	Elliott	
Archie	Vs	Lyra	
Tommy	Vs	Jacob	
Charlie	Vs	Ella	
Oliver	Vs	Carlyle	
Rohan	Vs	Jeremiah	

Twitter.com/alternateshadow

Alternate Shadows presents

Mother Goose

hosted by St Barnabas Church,
Upper Avenue,
Istead Rise.
DA13 9DA

Saturday 24th February 2024
3pm

For Tickets call:
Pauline Mills on
077 29 59 6567

Family Ticket £10.00
(Two Adults & 2 Kids)
Adults £5.00
Children £ 2.50

Interval refreshments will be
Available

Meopham Leisure Centre
February Half Term Holiday Club

MONDAY 12TH FEB TUESDAY 13TH FEB WEDNESDAY 14TH FEB THURSDAY 15TH FEB FRIDAY 16TH FEB

Karate Zumba Card Making Valentines Day! Nerf Games Playdough Making

Giant Inflatables Sports & Games Giant Inflatables Arts & Crafts Giant Inflatables Sports & Games Giant Inflatables Arts & Crafts Giant Inflatables Sports & Games

Arts & Crafts Painting Cooking Pancake Day! Go Karting Trampolining End of Half Term Disco

AGE 5+
£25 FULL DAY
£15 HALF DAY

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



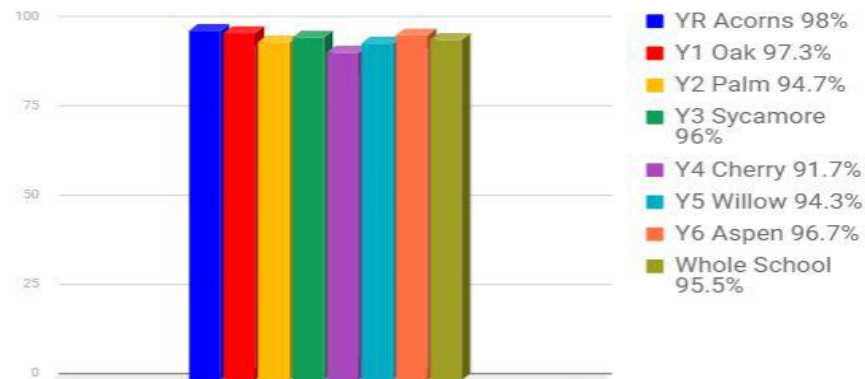
Attendance Class Awards

W/C 29.01.24

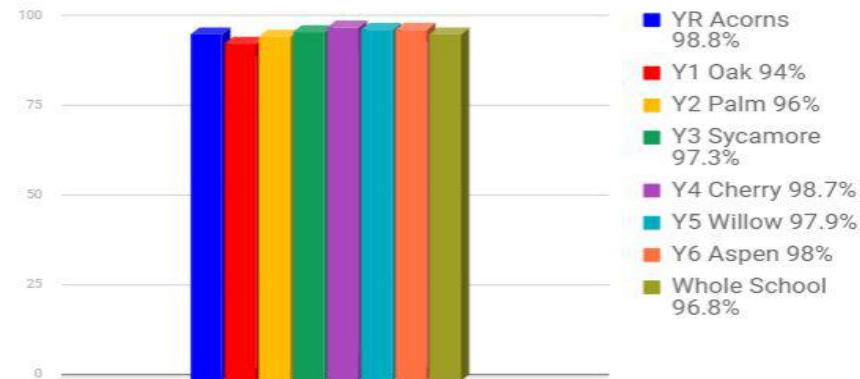
KS1 - Acorns KS2 - Aspen

W/C 05.02.24

KS1 - Acorns KS2 - Cherry



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 29.01.24



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 05.02.24

Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners



Week Ending 02.02

Acorns Class

**Amari for Self Reflection, Joshua for Independence
& Oliver for Perseverance**

Oak Class

Archie, Louie & Nathan for Self Reflection

Palm Class

**Annabelle for Perseverance, Bobby & Theo H for Independence
Sycamore Class**

Sujaan for Self Reflection, Lyla & Elliot for Independence

Cherry Class

Cooper G for Independence, Shae & Ruby WN for Respect

Willow Class

Tess for Independence, Kasey & Thomas for Perseverance

Aspen Class

Parsen, Charlie W & Holly for Perseverance



Week Ending 09.02

Acorns Class

**Louie for Perseverance, James for Respect
& Cara for Independence**

Oak Class

Adriana & Milan for Respect, Jujhar for Self Reflection

Palm Class

**Florence & Zachary for Perseverance, Iyla for Respect
Sycamore Class**

**Bradley for Independence, Samuel for Self Reflection
& Saskia for Perseverance**

Cherry

Emilia & Samuel Yanis for Self Reflection, Oliver M for Perseverance

Willow Class

Mila for Perseverance, Scarlett & Lillie for Self Reflection

Aspen Class

Abigail, Holly & Carlyle for Respect

Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

W/E 02.02

Martin, Cooper M, Delphine,
Esme, Samuel L, Oliver M,
Freddie & Otis of Cherry,
Luna, Leo H & Ronnie of Palm,
Henry, Bradley & George
of Sycamore, Alfie &
Lillie of Willow, Jacob F,
Seren & Ava of Oak

W/E 09.02

Teddy & Bradley
of Sycamore, Harry,
Ronak & Alfie of Willow,
Oliver of Acorns

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 02.02

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

W/E 09.02

Henry, Sujaan, Charlie, Harry,
Saskia & George of Sycamore,
Charlie, Millie H, Thomas,
Scarlett, Jace, Tess,
Molly & Harvey of Willow,
Jaxon of Acorns

Emerald Mathletics

W/E 02.02

Nihaal of Cherry
& Nathan of Oak

W/E 09.02

Nihaal of Cherry
& Nathan of Oak



Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 09.02

Jack R of Sycamore

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 02.02

Martin of Cherry, Nyla, Bradley,
Bobby, Jack L, George &
Amaia of Sycamore

W/E 09.02

Nevaeh, Henry, Harry,
Elliott & Constance of
Sycamore

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 09.02

Alf of Sycamore



Congratulations for all your hard work!



W/E 02.02

Winning Class

1st Willow

2nd Aspen

3rd Cherry

W/E 09.02

Winning Class

1st Cherry

2nd Willow

3rd Aspen

W/E 02.02

Most Valuable Player

1st Parsen of Aspen

2nd Ronak of Willow

3rd Edward of Cherry

W/E 09.02

Most Valuable Player

1st Ronak of Willow

2nd Nihaal of Cherry

3rd Lucas S of Cherry

Congratulations for all your hard work!

SEND & Inclusion



We have reached the end of term 3 and we're now half way through the school year. Time flies! Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our SEND coffee morning. Your children were delighted to be able to share their work with you. We hope you found the morning welcoming and informative. As always, if you have any further questions or things you wish to discuss that are SEND or inclusion related, please contact Mrs Andreou via the school office. We wish you a restful half-term break.

Mrs Andreou and Mrs Clark

FREE SEND Sports and Activities February Half Term, Bexley

- For D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent young people and their families during the February Half Term in Bexley
- All abilities/disabilities welcome
- Family and siblings are welcome to take part together.



**St Mary of the Crays Church Hall,
114 Old Road, Dartford, DA1 4DN**

Inclusive Multi Sports (6 - 16 years old)

Monday 12th February,
2-3pm



Inclusive Yoga (5 - 16 years old)

Tuesday 13th February,
11:30am-12:30pm



Inclusive Zumba (5 - 16 years old)

Wednesday 14th February,
11am-12pm

Sign up here:



<https://bit.ly/BexleyHalfTerm>

Or scan the QR Code



Get in touch:



020 7993 9883



Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk

**Sure Start
Children's Centres**
Gravesend

Half Term Timetable

**Monday
12th February**

Stay & Play at Next Steps Children's Centre

Cedar Avenue, DA12 5JT
03000 413838
9.30am-11.00am

**Tuesday
13th February**

Stay & Play at Little Gems Children's Centre

Lawn Road, DA11 9HB
03000 421125
9.30am-11.00am



Kent Family Hub Launch Event Riverside Children's Centre

Dickens Road, DA12 2JY
03000 422342
Drop in between
1.00pm-4.00pm

**Wednesday
14th February**

Stay & Play at Bright Futures Children's Centre

Packham Road, DA11 7JF
03000 420895
1.00pm-2.30pm

**Thursday
15th February**

Stay & Play at Riverside Children's Centre

Dickens Road, DA12 2JY
03000 422342
9.30am-11.00am

**Friday
16th February**

Stay & Play at Little Pebbles Children's Centre

Ordnance Road, DA12 2RL
03000 420007
9.30am-11.00am



**Kent
County
Council**
kent.gov.uk



Seat belts **ON** **Youth FOR Brake**

Youth for Brake is a youth-led programme empowering the road users and decision-makers of the future to become powerful, creative advocates for safe and healthy mobility. We raise awareness of critical road safety issues, campaign for safer roads and call for better support for road crash victims. To find out more visit www.youthforbrake.org.uk

BELT UP!

Wearing a seat belt will hold you in your seat if you crash

This means... You won't hit the inside of the vehicle or be thrown out of the vehicle



And... It will hugely increase your chances of surviving a crash



SEAT BELTS ARE ONE OF THE MOST **EFFECTIVE** SAFETY FEATURES

Wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of death in a serious crash by

UP TO 50%

But some people still choose **NOT** to use them

On average more than a fifth of car occupants killed in road crashes in Britain are not wearing a seat belt.



Half of young drivers aged 18-24 admit being in a car with someone who wasn't wearing a seat belt.

IT'S THE **LAW**

- ▶ Wearing a seat belt is a legal requirement for **ALL** drivers and passengers.
- ▶ Drivers are responsible for making sure children under 14 wear a seat belt.
- ▶ Passengers aged 14 and above are responsible for their own belts.
- ▶ Children **MUST** use a child car seat until they are 12 years old, or 135cm tall, whichever comes first.
- ▶ Drivers caught not wearing a seat belt can be fined up to **£500**.

Road safety experts recommend **ALL** children under 150cm should use a child car seat.



NOT JUST FOR DRIVERS

Wearing a seat belt protects passengers and drivers.

In a crash, a back-seat passenger not wearing a seat belt can be thrown forward with enough force to kill the person in front of them.

Only 91% of back-seat passengers in England and Scotland wear seat belts, compared with 98% of drivers and 97% of passengers in the front seat.

WHAT CAN **YOU** DO?

Be secure

Always wear your seat belt in any vehicle where available.

Protect other people

Make sure everyone else wears their seat belt, on every journey. Children smaller than 150cm should use a child car seat.

Spread the word

Explain the risks of not wearing a seat belt to friends and family.

SEAT BELT REMINDERS



New vehicle technology can help reduce the risk of death and injury in a road crash. Seat belt reminder systems use sensors and alarms to remind drivers and passengers to fasten their seat belt. Under new European laws, these systems will soon be compulsory for all seats in new cars.

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Wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of death in a serious crash by up to 50%.

It has been brought to our attention by concerned parents, that they have witnessed that some of our children at Istead Rise are not wearing their seat belt on their journey to and from school. We urge all parents to keep their children safe on car journeys as they would at other times.

DOWTK Kids Eat Out For Less Day Out With The Kids February Half Term 2024

Morrisons - Kids under 16 eat for free at Morrisons Café when an adult spends £4.99 or more on a meal.

ASDA - Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

Sainsbury's - Kids eat for £1 with purchase of an adult hot meal from £5.20. This offer is valid daily from 11:30am until the cafe closes.

Bella Italia - Kids Eat For £1 when an adult purchases a main meal between 4pm-6pm Mon-Thurs at Bella Italia.

Dunelm - Kids Eat for Free when an adult spends £4 or more at Pausa Café.

YO Sushi - Kids Under 12 Eat for Free at YO Sushi between 12th - 23rd Feb (Mon-Fri) when an adult spends £10 or more.

Dobbies - Kids Eat for Free at Dobbies Garden Centre Cafés when an adult purchases a main meal.

Sizzling - Kids Eat for £1 at Sizzling Pub and Grill when an adult meal is purchased between 3pm-7pm Mon- Fri.

Tesco - Kids eat free when a paying adult presents their Clubcard and spends 60p in the cafe. (12th - 23rd Feb 2024)

IKEA - Pasta with tomato sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other kids meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am in their restaurants.

Beefeater, Brewer's Fayre & Table Table - Two kids under 16 eat breakfast for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.

Information correct at time of posting





Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information, Advice and Guidance Event for Gravesham

Monday 26th February 1pm – 3pm

Northfleet Youth Centre, Hall Road, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 8AJ

Parents and carers of children aged between 0-25 years, we would like to invite you to an SEND Information, advice and guidance event for Gravesham.



We will be hosting presentations from The SEND Information Hub, IASK-Information and Support Kent, SEND Inclusion advisors, Childrens Centres, Youth Hub, other local providers and a Market Place.

There will be the opportunity for a question-and-answer session and to meet other families who are on the same or a similar journey as you.



We only have 50 places available so if you would like to attend this event, please contact sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk to book your place, alternatively you can call 03000412853 and leave a message and we will call back to confirm. This is a first come first served event. In your email, please let us know whether you have any accessibility requirements. Please also say whether you would like to have the handouts from the day, along with the links to all the websites, so these can still be sent to you if we are unable to offer you a place.



SEND & Inclusion



Here's what we have coming up over the next month in
February 2024...



Youth Club
with optional laser tag



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Future Survival GRAVESEND 10am-12pm

Autism Coffee Morning Gravesend
by Autism South East



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Emmanuel Baptist Church GRAVESEND 10am-12pm

Autism Café New Ash Green
with Little Legs Community Hub



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New Ash Green Village Hall NEW ASH GREEN 10am-12pm

Girls Group
"A group for girls"



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Dartford YMCA Café DARTFORD 6pm-8pm

Autistic Adults Social Group Gravesend
by autistic people, for autistic people



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Marie's Tea Room GRAVESEND 7pm-9pm

Lego Club Dartford
by Autism South East



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The Meeting Place DARTFORD 6pm-7:30pm

NO GREENHITHE CAFE OR LEGO CLUB NORTHFLEET THIS MONTH

+ Discounted twice-weekly Air-soft at Future Survival

For tickets & more information visit www.autismse.uk

Don't miss out, join our mailing list now!
join.autismse.uk



Northfleet and Gravesend SEND parent and carer group

Dates for 2024

Jan 11 Thursday	Feb 8 Thursday	Mar 14 Thursday
Apr 11 Thursday	May 9 Thursday	Jun 13 Thursday
Jul 11 Thursday	Aug 8 Thursday	Sept 12 Thursday
Oct 10 Thursday	Nov 14 Thursday	Dec 12 Thursday

Location: St Botolph's Church Hall, Northfleet, DA11 9EU

Date and time: Second Thursday of the month (10am until 12 noon)

Convened by County Cllr Dr Lauren Sullivan and in partnership with:



Lauren Sullivan is a Kent County Councillor for Northfleet and Gravesend West and sits on SEND Scrutiny Sub-Committee at Kent County Council and is Leader of the Opposition.

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Or Mobile: 07976 808809

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Acorns



Over the past few weeks, Acorn class have enjoyed various activities including Spanish Day and Number Day. We have been very proud of all the learning the children have been doing!



Circle Time
We have been concentrating on our listening and attention skills and played a lovely game with the children called 'Bug In a Rug'. Why not ask your child about the game they played so that they can share with you the fun that they had!



Oak



The children have had a very creative few weeks in Oak class. They have been making rockets after writing their own instructions. For Science, we have continued with learning about materials and have been on a materials hunt around the school grounds. For Spanish Day we counted to ten, and read the Hungry Caterpillar before completing some art work in the style of Gaudi.



In Art, they have been working collaboratively to design and make a spider! They had to remember all the techniques they have learned during our art lessons. At the end of the topic, they worked as a team to paint the spider.



Oak



The children really enjoyed dressing up, playing games and the puzzle company activities for Maths Number Day and being rockers for the day!
Have a lovely Half Term :-)





Palm class rocked their numbers day! Dressed as Time Table Rockstars or covered in numbered stickers, they dived into numbers-only activities! The highlight of their day was the numbers workshop, they had to put their problem-solving skills to the test and work together to find solutions! It was a day full of fun and learning!

Our young scientists have been diligently researching animals and their habitats, then using their newfound knowledge to design their own habitats. Each creation reflects their understanding of their chosen animal's needs and preferences. It's been inspiring to see their dedication to learning in action!

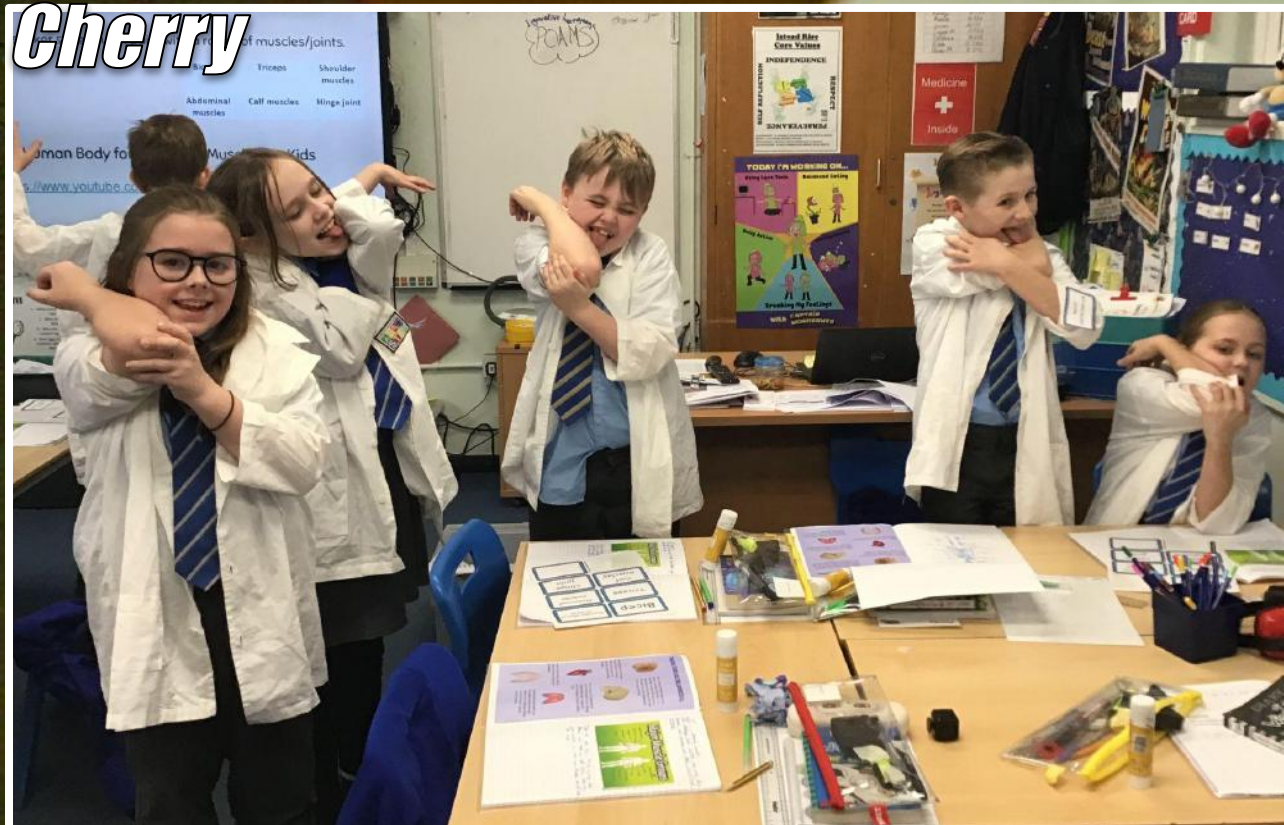


Sycamore

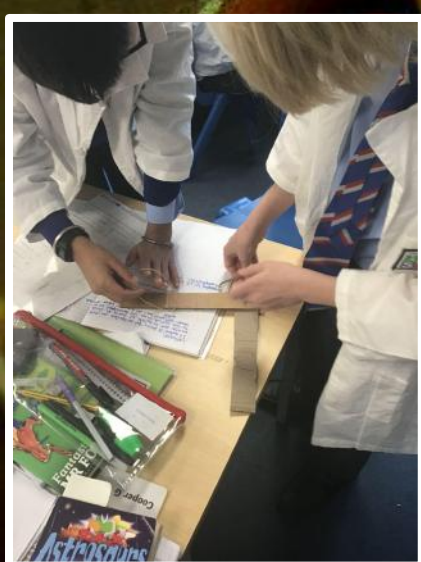


Sycamore class enjoyed numbers day last week and took part in a variety of problem solving and reasoning challenges. In maths, the children have finished the topic length and perimeter. In English they have finished learning about Mary Anning and have written a diary entry. Art, the children worked with large materials in groups to apply what they have learned about abstract sculpture and constructed their own artwork inspired by playground equipment. In science they explored the mouth and identified different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. We had great fun using the giant teeth model and dental mirrors. We also identified which teeth to use when we eat different foods. Our history topic about the Greeks ended with a fantastic VR experience.





Over the past two weeks we have continued to work hard! In English we have been working on our final writing sequence for this term, writing a newspaper report based on the arrest of the master-criminal Goldilocks. In Maths we have now completed our sequence on multiplying and dividing and will begin next term by working on perimeter. In Science we have been learning about the muscles and how they contract and relax so that we can move, and this week looked at the role that our different types of teeth have. Last week we took part in the National Finals of the Emile MTC world cup. The children did brilliantly, coming 4th out of 60 schools. They can be proud of their achievements, as even though we came 3rd in the previous competition, this time our percentage of correct answers and overall score was much higher. In History we have completed our work on Vikings, ending with the expeditions to Greenland and Newfoundland.

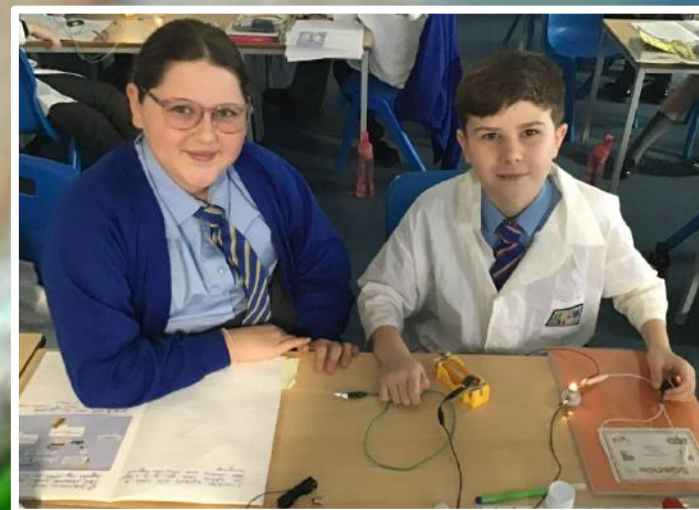
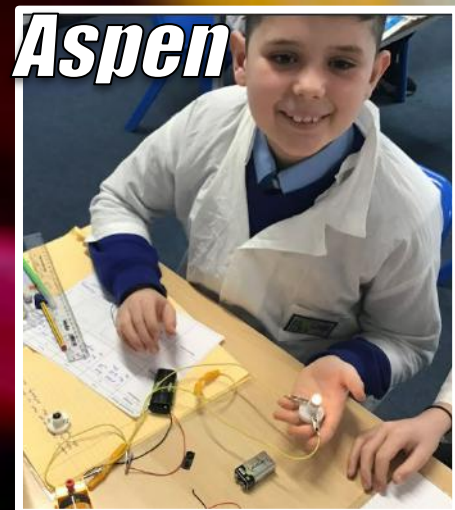


Willow



Willow class has been enjoying lots of different activities in the past few weeks. On Numbers Day the children came in wearing some amazing costumes and took part in a fantastic puzzle solving workshop. They have also been learning about electricity in science and have been building circuits during lessons.

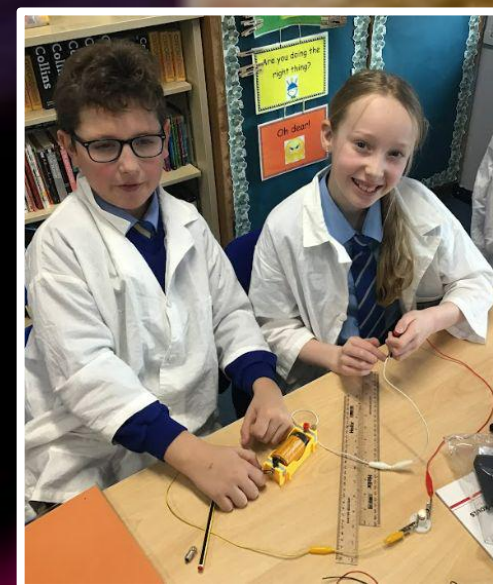




This week in Science, Year 6 have been busy testing out voltage on a variety of components. We investigated how changing the voltage in a circuit affects the output of the component. Year 6 also tried out a new component - a buzzer!

In Maths we have been learning how to convert between different units of measure, as well as our daily arithmetic practise.

Year 6 are reading so well and with such fluency. We are now enjoying reading 'The Outlaw Varjak Paw' - the sequel to the first Varjak Paw that we read. The children are loving it already and were keen to start reading it straight away! Some Maths revision will be sent home this week. Please try and find some time over the half term to complete this. Many thanks and have a wonderful half term break!





Forest-School-Willow



It was a pleasure to have Year 5 in the forest for the whole day last week. It gave them the opportunity to reflect and adapt the dens they have been building. There was even a competition between two of the projects. The children were able to manage their own risk whilst completing small achievable tasks such as toasting a marshmallow or cooking soup over the open fire. Some of the class used their knots and lashings to hang the hammock up and to make a rope to climb, which many enjoyed having a go at. Children even took part in a forest yoga session. All of the children were engaged and spent the day taking part in many exciting adventures.





Forest-School-Willow

