



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024



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Tuesday 5th March
Yr R Stay & Play
(Including WBD spoons)
2pm to 3pm

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day
FIRPS Mothers Day Shop

Parent drop-ins
Years 1 - 6

Friday 8th March
Year 5 Egyptian Workshop

Thursday 14th March
Parent Maths Workshop
9am - 10am

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

Thursday 28th March
End of Term 4

Monday 15th April
Term 5 Begins

Nourish
contract catering

School Lunch Menu

**Online Safety
Newsletter
March 24**

Dear Istead Rise Families,

We are immensely proud of all the children this week. As you are aware, we received a two-day visit from Ofsted earlier in the week. The inspector spent time visiting classrooms, speaking to children and looking at their work. Everychild behaved in an impeccable manner and the Ofsted inspector was very impressed with the children's love of learning and their pride in being a pupil at our school.

Thank you very much to those who were able to complete the questionnaire; giving such positive feedback about the school. All staff are grateful for the support and recognition you have offered them. We will share the report with you as soon as it is available.

We hope you enjoy this version of the newsletter and wish you a good weekend.

Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher

Online Safety Newsletter March 2024

Managing Screen time from Internet Matters

Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because it features moderate violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when using games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Battle Royale, which is free to play (although in-app purchases are available). In Battle Royale up to one hundred players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

- Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- In-app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game or make sure you don't store your card details within the game device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls:

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including enabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Further Information:

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available: <https://www.virginmedia.com/parental-controls/gaming/fortnite>

Does your child need a mobile phone?

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find this advice from Family Lives useful as it discusses things you need to consider: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/guidance/should-i-buy-my-child-a-mobile-phone>

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EASTER BUNNY HUNT

HOP INTO EASTER FUN AT GRAVESEND PROMENADE!

Egg-citing Easter Bunny Hunt
Join us on Good Friday 29 March
from 11 am to 3 pm

The Band Stand, Fort Gardens
Gravesend Promenade
£5 per Child (an Easter Egg for every playing Child is included)

QR code for booking

ellenor.org charity sector

Gravesend 11 11
REGISTRATION

Thank you so much to all of you who supported the Usborne Book Fair this week. Your purchases so far have come to a total of £1012 which will allow us to purchase around £800 in books for our school. Thanks again for your continued support.

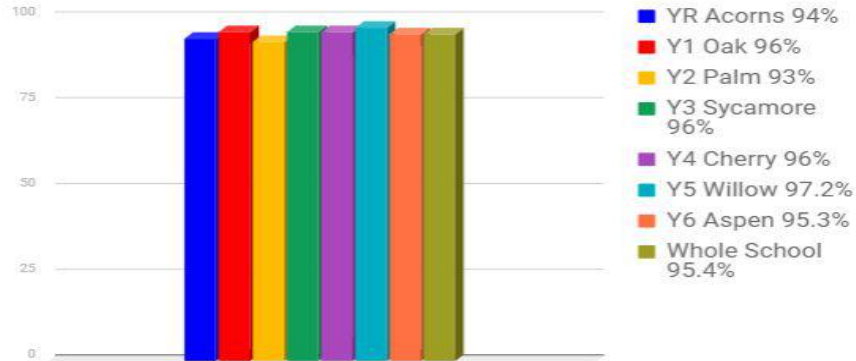




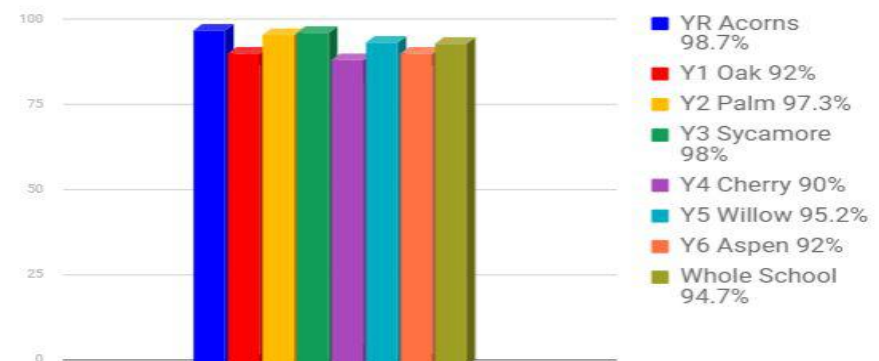
Attendance Class Awards

W/C 19.02.24
KS1 - Oak KS2 - Willow

W/C 26.02.24
KS1 - Acorns KS2 - Sycamore



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 19.02.24



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 26.02.24

Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 23.02

Acorns Class

Oliver for Perseverance, Melissa & Lillie for Respect

Oak Class

Arlo for Perseverance, Eliza for Independence & Aubany for Self Reflection

Palm Class

Rajah for Respect, Chase & Ashiya for Independence

Sycamore Class

Harry for Perseverance, Nevaeh for Self Reflection & George for Respect

Cherry Class

Maya for Perseverance, Freddie & Kai for Independence

Willow Class

Jace for Self Reflection, Harry & David for Perseverance

Aspen Class

Holly, Jack & Ollie for Self Reflection

Week Ending 01.03

Acorns Class

Ikyro & Jaynie-Mae for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Oscar for Self Reflection, Sophia & Elena for Perseverance

Palm Class

Tyler & Emelia for Independence

Sycamore Class

Stanley for Self Reflection, Ella & Darcey for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Delphine for Respect, Matilda & Martin for Perseverance

Willow Class

Millie C for Self Reflection, Freddie & Ronak for Independence

Aspen Class

Jack, Jessica D & Jim for Perseverance



Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

W/E 23.02

Cooper M, Samuel L, Martin, Edward, Freddie & Oliver M of Cherry, Luna of Palm, Sophia, Jaxon & Ava of Oak, Teddy & Evelyn of Sycamore, Harry, Ronak & Alfie of Willow

W/E 01.03

Isaac of of Aspen, Edward of Cherry, Sophia, Jaxon & Ava of Oak, Evelyn, Nevaeh, Jack L, Teddy, Elliott & Bradley of Sycamore, Ronak & Finn of Willow

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 23.02

Otis, Esme, Katelyn & Delphine of Cherry, Leo D, Leo H, Ronnie & Felix of Palm, Abel, Oliver & Jaxon of Acorns, Seren of Oak, Sujaan, Charlie, Henry, Harry, Sasia & George of Sycamore, Charlie, Millie H, Tess, Molly & Harvey of Willow

W/E 01.03

Delphine, Otis, Samuel L, Oliver M, Cooper M, Martin & Esme of Cherry, Leo D, Leo H, Ronnie & Felix of Palm, Henry, Sujaan, Saskia & George of Sycamore, Molly & Lillie of Willow, Oliver & Jaxon of Acorns, Seren of Oak

Emerald Mathletics

W/E 23.02

Matilda, Samuel-Yanis, Nihaal & Lucas of Cherry, Tyler of Palm, Nathan & Neda of Oak, Thomas, Scarlett & Jace of Willow

01.03

Samuel-Yanis, Lucas, Nihaal, Katelyn & Matilda of Cherry, Tyler of Palm, Charlie & Harry of Sycamore, Charlie, Millie H, Thomas Scarlett, Jace & Tess of Willow, Nathan & Neda of Oak



Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 23.02

Lyla of Sycamore Kai, Abril, Cooper G & Shae of Cherry

W/E 01.03

Ella, Charlotte & Dolly of Sycamore, Samuel-Yanis & Oliver M of Cherry

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 23.02

Darcey of Sycamore, Delphine & Cooper M of Cherry, Anais, Jace, Grace, Tess, Molly, Lillie, Scarlett, Lyra, Poppy, Ronak, Harvey, Mila, Tommy & Thomas of Willow

W/E 01.03

Saskia of Sycamore & Katelyn of Cherry



Congratulations for all your hard work!



W/E 23.02
Winning Class
1st Sycamore
2nd Cherry
3rd Willow

W/E 01.03
Winning Class
1st Cherry
2nd Willow
3rd Sycamore

W/E 23.02
Most Valuable Player
1st Charlie S of Sycamore
2nd Martin of Cherry
3rd Katelyn of Cherry

W/E 01.03
Most Valuable Player
1st Edward of Cherry
2nd Martin of Cherry
3rd Ronak of Willow

Congratulations for all your hard work!

Cygnnet Parenting Support Programme

A free parenting support programme for parents and carers of autistic children and young people aged 5-18.

Parents of autistic children face the usual positive and difficult challenges of parenting and quite a few more. Attending Cygnnet gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to support their child.


It also provides the opportunity to meet other people in a similar position and hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere. The core Cygnnet programme is delivered over seven, two and a half to three-hour sessions which include:

- Introductory session
- Autism an overview
- Sensory needs
- Communication
- Understanding behaviour
- Supporting behaviour
- Choice decided by parents/carers.












SEND & Inclusion

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




-  **Lego Club Northfleet**
by Autism South East
-  **Youth Club**
with optional laser tag
-  **Autism Café Greenhithe**
with Greenhithe Community Café
-  **Girls Group**
"A group for girls"
-  **Autism Coffee Morning Gravesend**
by Autism South East
-  **Autism Café New Ash Green**
with Little Legs Community Hub
-  **Lego Club Dartford**
by Autism South East
-  **Autistic Adults Social Group Gravesend**
by autistic people, for autistic people

British Summer Time Begins
Easter Holidays

-  **1** St Botolphs Church Hall
NORTHFLEET 5:30pm-7pm
-  **2** Future Survival
GRAVESEND 10am-12pm
-  **13** St. Mary's Church
GREENHITHE 10am-12pm
-  **14** Dartford YMCA Café
DARTFORD 6pm-6pm
-  **15** Emmanuel Baptist Church
GRAVESEND 10am-12pm
-  **19** New Ash Green Village Hall
NEW ASH GREEN 10am-12pm
-  **21** The Meeting Place
DARTFORD 6pm-7:30pm
-  **26** Marie's Tea Room
GRAVESEND 7pm-9pm



For tickets & more information visit www.autismse.uk

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AUTISM FRIENDLY SESSION

LOBBY ACTIVITIES

RETRO GAMING

LASER TAG

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH

10AM - 12PM

FROM £5.95



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Lego Club
Dartford

Join us for a creative play Lego session.
Lego will be available for imaginations
to run wild!



Every third Thursday of the month*
6pm-7:30pm
*Except February & April
18/01/24, 29/02/24, 21/03/24, 25/04/24,
16/05/24, 20/06/24 & 18/07/24

£4
per child

BOOK NOW
AUTISMSE.UK/LEGOCUB

Suitable for ages 3-16 years.
Pre-diagnosis and siblings welcome.
Parents are required to remain
throughout.
Drinks will be available for a donation.

The Meeting Place
Orchards Shopping Centre
Dartford
DA1 1DN

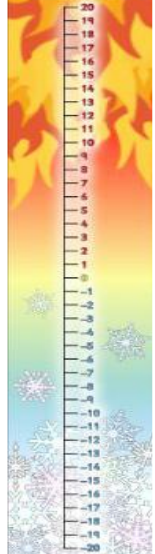
Acorns



This week we have been learning about Julia Donaldson and her incredible books. We started with Room on the Broom and now we are reading The Gruffalo. We have used arts and crafts to make the characters, retold the story with costumes and even made The Gruffalo himself out of playdoh!



Number Line



In Maths, we have been looking at the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have made compositions of the numbers, looked at the doubles to 8 and started to add groups together using ducks in our water tray.



To help us understand the world, we have learned about the festival Ramadan. We talked about the festival, how and why the Muslim community fast, and we looked at the mosque. For our learning, we created beautiful pictures of mosques, with paint and shiny mosaic tiles.

Ramadan



Oak



Before the half term holiday, the children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Chatham Dockyards. They learnt a lot about the ships around the time of Christopher Columbus and Captain James Cook. They made some rope as a class (with Mr Tyler's help!) which we have brought back to school. The children enjoyed learning all about the different types of lifeboats and we also had great fun trying to climb through the submarine.



Oak



In Geography we have been learning how to use a compass by remembering the four main points.

Naughty Elephants
Squirt Water!



In Computing, the children have been learning about Beebots and how to programme them to move in different directions.



We have started our new project in Art and our first lesson was learning how to wrap. In the next few weeks the children will be making a loom out of cardboard boxes.





What a fantastic start to the new term it has been in the Forest. Oak class had so many adventures this week that they cannot wait to go back and continue them next time. For their first activity, children collected sticks to make a tall tower. If a stick was too long, they engineered a way of using the tree to snap it. The children then worked together to make their towers. Some even found a bug or two to move in. I think we have some engineers of the future in Year 1. Using a banana and some bird seed for their second activity, the children poked a stick through the banana to make a bird feeder. The birds are going to loves these I am sure.



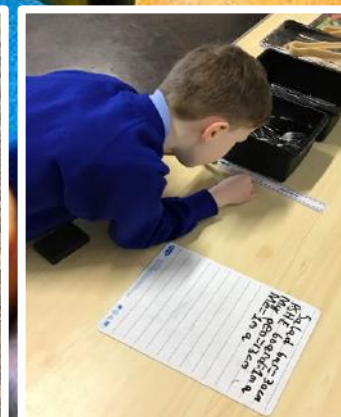
Judo



Palm



Our Judo Club children are progressing well and looking fabulous in their new kit!



In science, Palm class were squirming while looking for Woodlice to see what habitat they lived in! It was great to see them work scientifically outside and they can now all tell me that woodlice prefer "damp, dark and sheltered habitats"!

Sycamore



Sycamore Class have made a fantastic start to term 4. In English we are writing a powerful description of the chocolate room from the story Charlie and the Chocolate factory. In maths we have been exploring fractions and understanding key vocabulary such as numerator and denominator. Our theme in Spanish this term is fruit. In History we have started our topic about the Romans, we have explored a time line and written about some of the Roman Emperors. The children described learning about digestion in Science as disgusting, gross and incredible fun. They investigated how the body digests food practically and then this week wrote about their findings.





NEW OFFERS!
*ONLY VALID DURING OUR OPEN WEEKEND

BOOK 5 DAYS OF
PLAYSCHEME FOR
THE PRICE OF 4

10% OFF ALL
BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

**MEOPHAM
LEISURE
CENTRE**

**OPEN
WEEKEND**

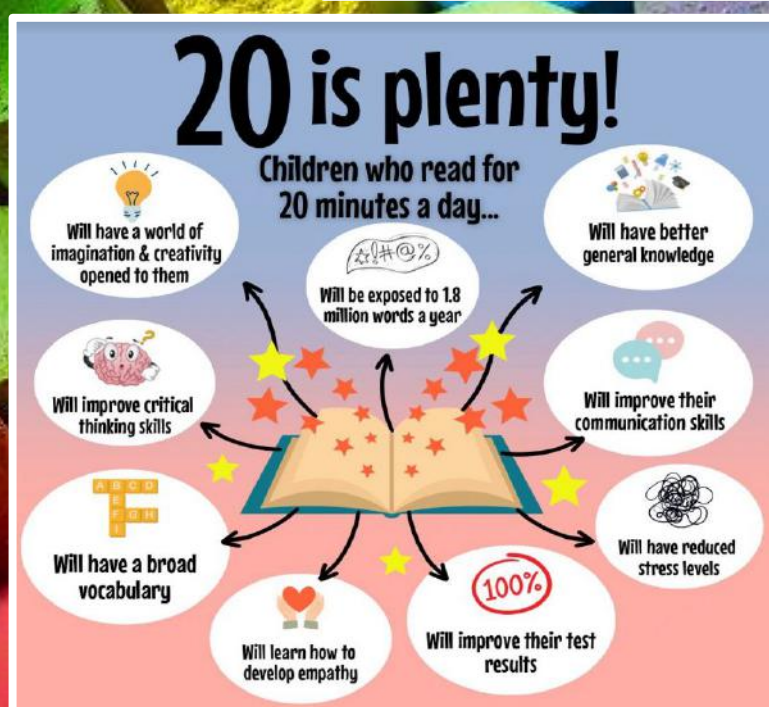
JOIN OUR GYM & PAY
NOTHING UNTIL APRIL!
AND RECEIVE 1 FREE PT SESSION!

**SAT 2ND
& SUN 3RD
MARCH**

PAY NOTHING UNTIL
APRIL ON ALL SPORTS
COURSES!

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

It's been a great start to the new term! We have started our Guided Reading with 'How to Train your Dragon', and are enjoying the novel so far. In English we have been writing non-chronological reports on dragons around the world, focusing on writing in the present tense and conjunctions to join facts and ideas. In maths we have spent the last two weeks learning about perimeter and measures, which has been a really enjoyable topic - several of the children have even commented that it's their favourite topic in maths so far! Next, we will be moving onto fractions. In RE we have started looking at Buddhism, starting with the life of Buddha, and will next move onto important pilgrimages for Buddhists; while in Geography we are learning about settlements and the reasons why places are chosen for settlements - looking so far at the settlements of the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and also the place names in Britain today that were originally named by these settlers.



ALL ACTIVITIES FREE!

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FREE CASUAL GYM 9:00AM - 4:00PM	FREE CASUAL GYM 9:00AM - 4:00PM
PT TRIAL SESSIONS 9:00AM - 12:00PM	PT TRIAL SESSIONS 9:00AM - 12:00PM
GYMNASTICS TASTER 9:30AM - 11:30PM	HIIT SUNDAY LAUNCH 08:30AM - 09:30AM
FREE FACE PAINTING 12:30PM - 3:30PM	WALL PILATES LAUNCH 10:00AM - 11:00AM
FAMILY INFLATABLES (SEND) 12:30PM - 1:30PM	FOOTBALL TRIALS 11:30AM - 12:30PM
FAMILY INFLATABLES 1:30PM - 2:30PM	BASKETBALL TRIALS 1:00PM - 2:00PM
FAMILY INFLATABLES 2:30PM - 3:30PM	PICKLEBALL LAUNCH 2:00PM - 4:00PM

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CALL TO BOOK!



Willow class has been learning all about the earth and space in their science lessons and this week they all made their own Solar System model.

Before half term, they also created their own installation art work using classroom objects, along with some PE equipment!



Year 6 have been busy with a new sequence of learning in English this week. We are working towards writing a description about an abandoned haunted mansion. So far, we have practised writing high level similes, metaphors and adding personification to our sentences. I was very impressed with the sentences that Year 6 came up with during this lesson - well done!

In Science, we have been looking at earth and space. This week, we looked at the different sizes of the planets in the solar system and then created our own solar systems which was great fun!



Last week, Year 6 had a superb World War Two workshop all day. The children learnt lots of different things about WW2 which will support their learning in History this term. The workshop was very 'hands on' and Year 6 were able to take part in many activities such as: soldier drills, bomb evacuations.

