



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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Thursday 26th January
Spanish Day

Wednesday 1st February
Parent Drop In Session

Friday 10th February
End of Term 3

Monday 20th February
Term 4 Begins

Thursday 23rd March
Parent Drop In Session

Friday 31st March
End of Term 4

Monday 17th April
Term 5 Begins

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday Monday
School Closed

Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th
May KS2 SATs (Y6)

Tuesday 23rd May Parent
Drop In Session

Dear Istead Rise families,

Wishing you a happy New Year and welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. It has been great to see all the children back at school so enthusiastic to continue with their learning, there are certainly some amazing learning opportunities and activities planned for Term 3.

At the end of last week we opened the Attendance Shop for the first time, where children excitedly exchanged their 'Attendance Credits' for a prize. The Attendance Shop will open again the first week of Term 4. The more credits your child earns, the better the prize! We are pleased to report that attendance this week has been 96.2%. Well done to Oak for their 99% attendance, with the addition of exceptional attendance from Cherry with 100%. Keep it up everyone!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Clark

Deputy Headteacher



Attendance Class Awards



W/C 09.01.23

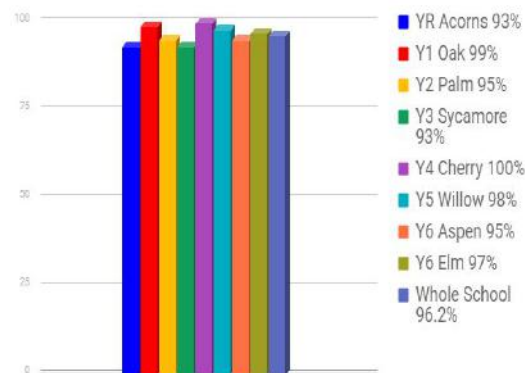
KS1 - Hero the bear **Oak**
KS2 - Trophy **Cherry 100%**

W/C 05.01.23

KS1 - Hero the bear **Acorns**
KS2 - Trophy **Cherry & Willow**



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 09.01.23



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Times Tables Rock Stars

W/E 06.01

Most Valuable Player

1st Isher of Elm

2nd Edward of Sycamore

3rd Nihaal of Sycamore

W/E 13.01

Most Valuable Player

1st Nihaal of Sycamore

2nd Freddie of Sycamore

3rd Isher of Elm

W/E 06.01

Winning Class

1st Sycamore

2nd Elm

3rd Cherry

W/E 13.01

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2nd Elm

3rd Cherry

Congratulations for all your hard work

Mathletics

**Gold
Mathletics**

W/E 13.01

Samuel L of
Sycamore

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

Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 13.01

Ollie, Abigail, Jessica S, Ruby, Jim, Tommy & Charlie of Willow. Malakhai & Tyler W of Aspen, Corben, Emily, Isher, John, Maisie, Rylan, Lilly, Fraser & Tabitha of Elm, Josh, Samuel L, Louie, Kai & Edward of Sycamore.

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 06.01

Tess of Cherry

W/E 13.01

Nihaal of Sycamore



Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 06.01

Acorns Class

Belle for Independence, Rei for Respect & Sophia for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Raelie & Samantha for Perseverance

Palm Class

George for Independence & Bradley for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Josh for Self Reflection, Katelyn for Respect
& Ruby H for Independence

Cherry Class

Molly, Harvey & Brody for Respect

Willow Class

Jessica S for Perseverance, Rosie & Abigail for Self Reflection

Elm Class

Maisie for Perseverance, Bea for Respect
& Parker for Independence

Aspen Class

Alfie for Perseverance, Charlotte & Ellenor for Independence

Week Ending 13.01

Acorns Class

Ellie & Sophia for Respect

Oak Class

Tyler for Independence, Amber & Emilia for Perseverance

Palm Class

Neveah for Independence, Amaia & Harry for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Edward for Perseverance, Louie & Emilia for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Berta for Independence, Lillie & Harry for Perseverance

Willow Class

Cerys, Parsen & Rohan for Perseverance

Elm Class

Arturo for Self Reflection, Dylan & Kamahni for Perseverance

Aspen Class

Jiya for Respect, Tyler W for Independence,
Henry for Self Reflection



Keep Mr Loe safe and do not park across or near the crossing patrol.



Safe Parking Around Our school



Please park further away and walk the rest - it's good for the heart & mind.

Check out the KCC link for parents
<http://www.responsibleparking.co.uk/index.php>

Please do not block residents' driveways.

Please do not move or damage the cones.



Please do not park on the pavement and force adults & children into the road.

Please do not drop litter.

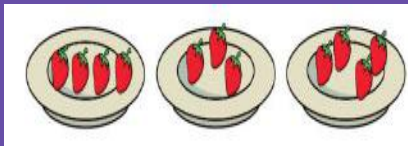
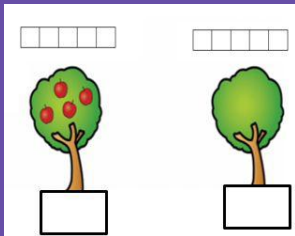
To report parking problems outside our school please call your local Parking Enforcement Office at Gravesham Borough Council
parking.office@gravesham.gov.uk
01474 333700

Acorns



Maths

In maths, we have been learning about zero. We looked at images and counted the amount we could see. Then we used counters and a digit card to represent this amount.



We have also been comparing numbers using mathematical vocabulary (more than, fewer than and the same as).



Attendance

What an excited Reception class. The children celebrated receiving prizes for their attendance last term.



Show and Tell

Christmas was a special time for the children. We have been listening to all their stories of how the Reindeers and Santa were very hungry, following their journeys to the houses all around the world. Seren brought to school her special blue hoodie and Benjamin showed everyone his watch that talks to you. The children's confidence on sharing their gifts was amazing to see.

Phonics

Following the learning of set 1 sounds, we are now starting to read our Ditty books. Each week, the children will be coming home with a ditty book. This book contains up to 3 stories. The children are learning to read these stories in class every day through choral and echo reading. Please continue to support your child whilst they read the book to you. By the end of the week, your child should be able to read their fluently through sight reading.

Please note that this book must be returned to school every day as your child will use it across the week.





Welcome back and Happy New Year!

The children have settled in fantastically to their 'new' classroom.

During English, they are learning about COP27 and writing an information text about climate change and what we can do to support our planet.

In Maths, they are working really hard on place value and knowing the value of each digit while also continuing to focus on arithmetic questions using addition and subtraction, and their times tables.

In History we are learning about Christopher Columbus and James Cook and their travels around the world. For Science, we are exploring different materials and what items are made from and how they feel. Please feel free to continue this learning at home using items around the house.

The children really enjoyed visiting the attendance shop to choose their prize. We look forward to seeing how the children get on this term with their attendance.

Palm

Year 2 have worked really hard since coming back from the New Year! In maths, they have started learning about money, identifying the different notes and coins, adding amounts together and choosing the right coins to make certain amounts. In the coming weeks, we will start looking at how to calculate change when buying different objects.

In English, we have been writing all about the environment and ways to save our planet. We have enjoyed discussing what things contribute to climate change and thinking of ways we can adapt our lives to prevent it from getting worse.

The children have spoken about a wide range of solutions from electric cars, growing food locally and future floating cities!



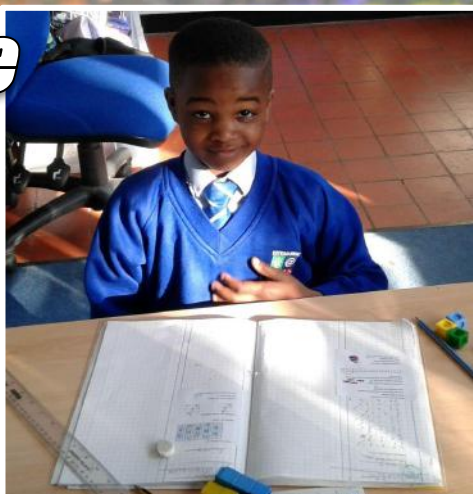
Palm enjoyed their first Forest School session on Monday afternoon.



We have started to look closely at the life of Florence Nightingale in our History lessons and will be comparing her to Mary Seacole this term. We enjoyed seeing the impact Florence Nightingale has had on hospitals today, by making sure they are clean and hygienic for the doctors, nurses and patients.



Sycamore



Welcome back to term 3! Sycamore has settled back into the routine of school really well. They have been working extremely hard in all of their lessons, especially in maths, where they have been learning different methods for multiplication and division. They have shown perseverance and independence during these lessons and collaborated well together, supporting each other with trickier problems.

In English, we have been researching COP27 with the aim of writing our own information text on this topic. The children have come up with some brilliant ideas about how we can help to slow down the process of climate change and be more caring towards the world we live in. In these lessons, children have had thought provoking discussions about inventions that could help clean up plastic waste and ways to make farming more sustainable by planting lots of trees around fields.

We have started a new topic in history, 'Ancient Greece' and we are looking forward to the Ancient Greek Workshop that will be taking place in a few weeks time.

Cherry



Welcome back and Happy New Year to all in year 4. The children have settled back into school routine well and have been working hard in all their lessons. We have started learning about factors in maths and have recently moved onto multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. The children have been working hard in maths and persevering. We continue to practise our times tables each day and there has been some improvement in individual scores.



In English we have started a new sequence of learning about climate change and COP27. The children have embraced this learning and are enthusiastic about saving the planet. They have had many fantastic conversations with each other and have come up with lots of ideas on what we can do to help make a difference.

This term in art we are focussing on painting and mixed media, we have already investigated tints and shades as well as using tints and shades to give a three-dimensional effect when painting. In science this term we are learning about living things and their habitats. The focus the past two weeks has been on classification.

Willow

Welcome back! To begin this term in English, we have been writing an information text on COP27 and have linked our Guided Reading to this through non-fiction texts on 'Rubbish' and the 'History of the Aeroplane' as these were two issues raised by the children regarding climate change.



In Maths we have been working on multiplying, beginning with multiplying by a single digit before working through multiplying 2-digits by 2-digits. This is something new to the children in Year 5, but they have demonstrated our value of Perseverance well, moving onto multiplying 3 and 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers this week.

In Science we have started this term's theme by learning about inheritance and how someone's features may be passed down to the next generation.

In Computing we have started our unit on the Mars rover by looking at the distance to Mars (and how many non-standard units this would be, such as the distance in double decker buses) and this week by looking at how information is communicated through binary - the game we played to help practice this is still available on Google Classroom if they want to play it again.

Elm & Aspen

Year 6 have had a busy start to the new term. We have started a new topic in Spanish - 'los planetos' and have been learning how to name the planets in Spanish. We will soon be moving on to describing the planets and writing about them in Spanish.



In Computing, we have started to look at different media. Last week, we used a piece of sound software to tinker with different sounds, learn how podcasts and radio plays are made and also looked at how different sound effects are used in films and TV. Both classes really enjoyed using this software and created some really interesting projects. This week we are looking at the history of computers! We will be researching how computers have evolved over time and looking at the advancements in technology.



We had an interesting science lesson this week for our new topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We discussed what inheritance and variation are and then carried out a task showing how children can inherit different characteristics from their parents.

In PSHE, we are focusing on dreams and goals. We have set out our goals for the end of year 6 and have now discussed and planned the different steps we need to take to achieve these goals.



Forest School Oak Class



Happy New Year everyone. It is fantastic to be back in the Forest. Year 1 were so excited to visit the forest this week. The whole class were well behaved and sensible. The class enjoyed getting muddy after challenging themselves to see which team could build the biggest tower. Once the tower was tall enough, they had to balance a ping pong ball on top and hope it didn't fall off. If it did, this gave the group a chance to improve their towers. Children worked well as a team by communicating and using all of the group's ideas. I could see lots of STEM in their builds. Well done Oak class.



Forest School Cherry Class



Cherry Class enjoyed Forest School by exploring the Outdoor classroom/area. Even though it was wet and a little muddy, everyone enjoyed searching for flora and fauna. Groups of children went on a minibeast adventure and explored where they live. Others looked at the trees we have around us and matched them to names on wooden cookies. Back in the classroom where it was a little dryer, children designed and made their own paper minibeast and posters. A super adventure had by all. Well done Cherry Class.

Let's see what's for lunch...



Week 3
Week Commencing 16th January

Monday	Main Meals Chicken & Beef Sausage with Mash & Onion Gravy Tex Mex Vegetarian Sausage Hot Pot V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Vegetables Sweetcorn & Peas Ve Dessert Coconut & Vanilla Sponge V
Tuesday	Main Meals Mild Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice Sweet Potato & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vegetables Cauliflower & Green Beans Ve Dessert Orange Shortbread Ve
Wednesday	Main Meals Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy BBQ Roast Sweet Potato & Bean Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Seasonal Greens & Carrots Ve Dessert Apple & Oaty Topped Crumble Ve with Custard V
Thursday	Main Meals Beef Burger in a Bun Homemade Vegan Burger in a Bun Ve Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Vegetables Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve Dessert Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie V
Friday	Main Meals Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Burrito Wrap Ve Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Peas & Baked Beans Ve Dessert Maryland Cookie V
Freshly Baked Bread: Garlic & Herb Bread V Wholemeal Bread V		
Week 1: 29th August, 19th September, 10th October, 31st October, 21st November, 12th December, 2nd January, 23rd January, 13th February		

Monday	Main Meals BBQ Chicken Pizza Margherita Pizza V Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Vegetables Sweetcorn Ve & Coleslaw V Dessert Chocolate & Courgette Sponge with Chocolate Sauce V
Tuesday	Main Meals Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Steamed Rice Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Cauliflower & Peas Ve Dessert Oat & Cherry Cookie Ve
Wednesday	Main Meals Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cauliflower & Cheese Bake with Roast Potatoes & Gravy V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Vegetables Seasonal Greens & Carrots Ve Dessert Banana Flapjack Ve
Thursday	Main Meals Beef & Bean Chilli with Rice Vegan Chilli Con Carne with Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vegetables Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve Dessert Apple & Parsnip Sponge V
Friday	Main Meals Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Goujon with Oven Baked Chips Ve Pasta with Roasted Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Baked Beans & Peas Ve Dessert Cherry Cookie Ve
Freshly Baked Bread: Carrot & Thyme Bread V Wholemeal Bread V		
Week 2: 5th September, 26th September, 17th October, 7th November, 28th November, 19th December, 9th January, 30th January, 20th February		

Monday	Main Meals Cottage Pie topped with Sliced Sweet Potato Macaroni & Cheese V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vegetables Peas & Carrots Ve Dessert Sticky Banana Bread V
Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Pasta Vegetable Jambalaya Ve Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise	Vegetables Cauliflower & Broccoli Ve Dessert Chocolate Shortbread Ve
Wednesday	Main Meals Thyme Roast Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Roasted Ratatouille with Crumble Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Vegetables Seasonal Greens & Mashed Swede Ve Dessert Waffles with Berry Compote V
Thursday	Main Meals Beef Burger in a Bun Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vegetables Sweetcorn Ve & Coleslaw V Dessert Jammy Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard V
Friday	Main Meals Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips BBQ Vegetable Quesadilla V Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Baked Beans & Peas Ve Dessert Chocolate Sponge V
Freshly Baked Bread: Tomato & Herb Bread V Wholemeal Bread V		
Week 3: 12th September, 3rd October, 24th October, 14th November, 5th December, 26th December, 16th January, 6th February, 27th February		

V - Suitable for vegetarians
Ve - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians

All products are subject to availability.

Pabulum Salad Bar
Children can help themselves to an unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salads. Our new salad bar features all of the children's favourites, is completely free of the 14 recognised allergens, is suitable for vegetarians and vegans and packed full of fibre and nutrients.

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Available Every Day
Fresh Fruit Platter Ve
Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V

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