



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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**Wednesday 1st February**  
Parent Drop In Session  
Years 1 - 6

**Friday 3rd February**  
NSPCC Number Day

**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

**Monday 8th May**  
Bank Holiday Monday  
King Charles Coronation  
School Closed

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



Dear Istead Rise Families,

I have been delighted to see the range of fun activities taking place around the school over the last fortnight. Every year group has managed to take part in a variety of fun learning experiences. Some children have learnt about Chinese New Year, while as a whole school we celebrated Spanish culture and customs with a Spanish day and Spanish themed lunch menu. During this time we have had visits from an ancient Greek reenactment company and Open View Education who ran wellbeing workshops. Feedback from these events was very positive (both from children and staff).

We are very pleased that our new Reading Nook has been set up (thank you Mrs Andreou), for children to enjoy quiet reading with Monty, our visiting therapy dog. Monty was impressed with the children's reading and rather liked the giant bean bags too. Thank you to all parents/ families who donated books for this area of the school. We are sure you are in agreement with us that regular reading/ sharing of a quality book is important for all children.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Mrs M Clark - Deputy Headteacher

## Attendance Class Awards



W/C 16.01.23

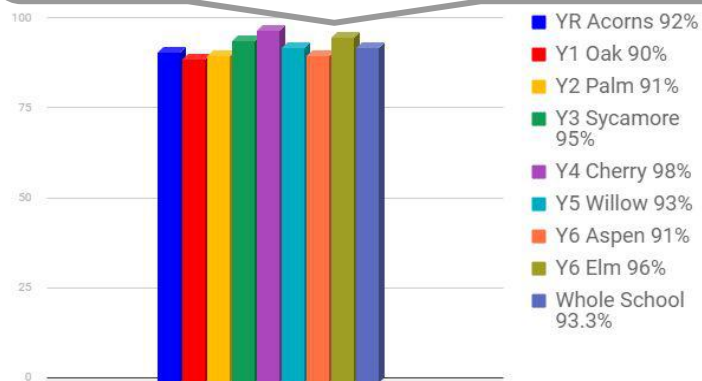
KS1 - Hero the bear **Acorns**

KS2 - Trophy **Cherry**

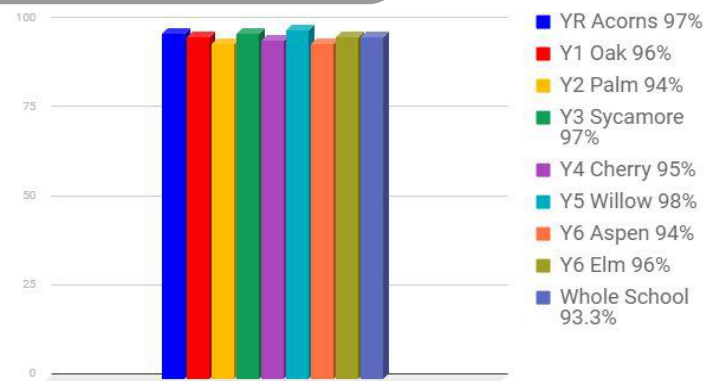
W/C 23.01.23

KS1 - Hero the bear **Acorns**

KS2 - Trophy **Willow**



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 16.01.23



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 23.01.23



## Stay & Play!

The children and parents of Acorn class have celebrated Chinese New Year together at the Stay and Play session making lucky fish, dragons, paper lanterns, rabbit and lantern collage and emperor's hats! A wonderful time was had by all.



## What is Chinese New Year?

Considered to be one of the most important celebrations for Chinese people around the world, Chinese New Year is the largest and most colourful event in Chinese culture. This year, Chinese New Year 2023 is a year of the Water Rabbit, starting from January 22nd, 2023 (Chinese New Year), and ending on February 9th, 2024 (Chinese New Year's Eve). The sign of Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity in Chinese culture. China's public holiday for Lunar New Year is 7 days, from Chinese New Year to the sixth day of the lunar calendar new year. Offices, banks, factories, shops and most non-essential services close for a week's holiday. School holidays are four weeks long!



## People Who Help Us - Police

We have continued our learning about People Who Help Us and have learnt about the different roles that the police have. We role-played being an officer on the streets, retold a story, made our own police vehicle and acted as detectives. We also drew a map of Istead Rise adding all the Human and Physical features and studied our own fingerprints.





**Palm**



The children have really enjoyed using our new art program and learning about primary and secondary colours. In the photos, they have written their numbers and then used six colours to apply their colour mixing knowledge.



Please can you ensure that your child completes their Reading Eggs and Mathletics homework on a weekly basis.

During these last couple of weeks in English, the children have been learning about COP27 and what they can do to help. They have written some fantastic information texts that they can't wait to show you!



Year 2 have had a busy couple of weeks at school this term! We have finished our information texts all about climate change and COP27. I have been really impressed with the children's perseverance and determination to include all of their research and knowledge on the topic in their final drafts, well done!

In Science, we enjoyed carrying out an investigation into the benefits of exercise on our bodies. We used heart rate monitors on our fingers to get a reading of our resting heart rate, before performing 1 minute of different exercises and taking a new reading. It was interesting to see that most of the time our heart rates increased after exercise and which ones made our hearts work faster than others.

In Art, we have been mixing primary colours to form secondary ones and are now moving onto using paint to create texture. We have used a variety of different materials including, Lego, sponges and tinfoil to create our textures. In our next lessons we will be using what we have learnt to make a final piece of artwork.





Sycamore has been very busy for the past few weeks! We have taken part in a Wellbeing Workshop, had our Superclass pyjama party and enjoyed an Ancient Greek Workshop. We've also managed to fit in plenty of other learning activities too, The children have learnt a lot from these experiences and we will be using this knowledge to help us with our writing and history lessons in the coming weeks.



We explored local microhabitats in our school grounds.



Cherry

Cherry Class have been working hard over the past two weeks. We have just started a new sequence of learning in English, a journalistic article about The Sword in the Stone. In maths we have completed units on multiplication and division. We have learned column method multiplication and bus stop method for division.

Lots of fun was had in our art lesson where we explored how paint can create very different effects using different tools. In science we were looking at fauna and flora and exploring the school grounds for microhabitats. In history we have been finding out about the raiding and trading Vikings, we were hands-on this week looking at Viking artefacts.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the wellbeing workshop last week and were fantastic at listening, cooperating and joining in with activities.



# Cherry



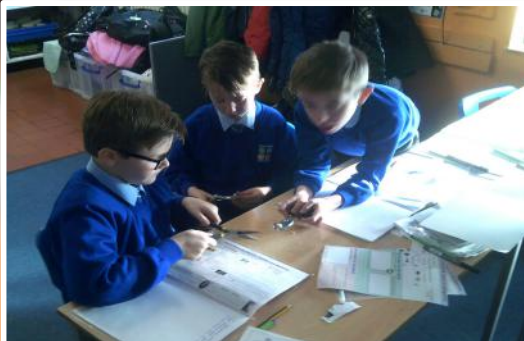
Millie C, Millie H and Poppy all took part in the Stars UK dance competition last Saturday. The girls were placed 1st which was especially amazing as it was their first ever competition. Fantastic girls, well done from all of us at Istead Rise Primary!

For Spanish day Cherry class became researchers to make an information booklet on Spain. They enjoyed making a tasty Spanish flag biscuit as well as musical instruments.





# Willow



We are now into our second week of our learning sequence in English, where we have been looking at Noir Crime fiction. This has included looking at genre specific slang terms and the importance of narrative voice. We have written our drafts and edited them to improve them further. In Maths we have come to the end of our unit on multiplication and division, and have moved onto our next fractions unit, beginning with multiplying a unit fraction by an integer. In Geography we have learnt about specific places to visit in the UK,

Ukraine, Russia and Turkey, as well as looking at the physical geography of these countries, through rivers, mountains and lakes. In Music we are continuing to learn the vocal and instrumental parts to 'Make you feel my love', an Adele cover of a Bob Dylan song. While in Science we have learnt how birds have been able to evolve the shapes of their beaks so that they can access and eat the

food where they live (looking at Darwin's finches) and how animals can undergo extreme evolutions to enable them to survive..



# Elm & Aspen

Year 6 have been busy as always. We have started a new learning sequence in English this week; writing a Dystopian description. So far we have been practising using figurative language and ensuring the vocabulary choices we make are high level and appropriate for the content. In Maths, we have been working on percentages and converting percentages into decimals and fractions. We have also been doing a lot of arithmetic practice too.

In Reading, we have started a new book this term - Holes. The children are enjoying this story so far and have been practising answering retrieval and inference questions.

In Art, we have been looking at the work of Picasso. We have spent two weeks creating an 'impactful piece of art' where the children drew symbols that they believed represented World War One. This week, we added depth and tone to the artwork using charcoal.

Well done to the children who have been practising their English and Maths skills at home using the CGP books given out at parents' evening.







Year 1 explored where paper and wood came from whilst making a Chinese dragon at Forest School this week. Their adventure continued in the Forest when they explored ice and mud. The children were amazed at the patterns the ice had left and how the sticks had become stuck within them.



## *Forest School Oak Class*





# Forest School Cherry Class



Perseverance was key to Forest School this week for Year 4. Children showed great determination to overcome the fear of swinging out onto a branch or to complete their stickman using knots and lashings. Others just chilled in the tree or the mud.

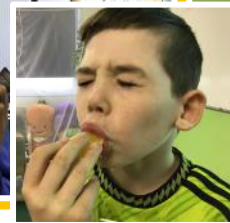




Children in The Hub took part in activities relating to Spain. First they located where Spain is on the map and then completed written tasks learning about Spanish food, famous people and Spanish words/phrases. The group realised that if they travelled to Spain by car they would go through France, enjoying a tasty piece of French baguette. Once in Spain the children learnt how to dance to Spanish music, followed by eating a juicy Spanish orange. A great day was had by all.



***The Hub***







## Times Tables Rock Stars



**W/E 20.01**

### Most Valuable Player

1st Harjot of Aspen  
2nd Brian of Elm  
3rd Edward of Sycamore

**W/E 20.01**

### Winning Class

1st Cherry  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Elm

**W/E 27.01**

### Most Valuable Player

1st Ronak of Cherry  
2nd Edward of Sycamore  
3rd Nihaal of Sycamore

**W/E 27.01**

### Winning Class

1st Cherry  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Cherry

**Rock Hero Status w/e 20.01 Mia of Willow**

Mathletics

## Gold Mathletics

**W/E 20.01**

Corben, Brooke & Tabitha of Elm, Lucas & Delphine of Sycamore, Kasey of Cherry

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

Mathletics

## Bronze Peg Up Points

**W/E 20.01**

Oak & Palm the whole class, Jessica D & Parsen of Willow, Brian of Elm

**W/E 27.01**

Oliver F, Samuel Yanis & Kai of Sycamore

## Silver Peg Up Points

**W/E 20.01**

Lucas of Cherry

**W/E 27.01**

Molly, Millie H, Mila, Lillie & Grace of Cherry



## Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners



**Week Ending 20.01**

### Acorns Class

George & Aubany for Self Reflection

### Oak Class

Ava for Independence, Leo H for Self Reflection  
& Theo H for Respect

### Palm Class

Saskia for Perseverance, Stanley for Independence,  
Keira for Self Reflection

### Sycamore Class

Otis & Elvie-Rose for Perseverance, Martin for Independence  
Cherry Class

Finn & Ronak for Independence, Charlie for Perseverance  
Willow Class

Charlie C & Jim for Independence, Mia for Respect  
Elm Class

Lily for Perseverance, Aman for Respect & Rui for Independence  
Aspen Class

Bobby, Harjot & Maddy for Independence

**Week Ending 27.01**

### Acorns Class

Jacob F for Perseverance & Louie C for Independence

### Oak Class

Mary-Kate & Henry for Independence, Ashiya for Perseverance

### Palm Class

Alicia for Independence, Margaret for Perseverance  
& Teddy for Self Reflection

### Sycamore Class

Oliver M & Samuel-Yanis for Independence, Cooper G for Respect  
Cherry Class

Jacob & Lillie for Perseverance, Carter for Respect  
Willow Class

Isabella for Respect, Jessica for Independence  
& Archie for Perseverance

### Elm Class

Destiny for Independence, Urte for Perseverance  
& Aman for Self Reflection

### Aspen Class

Henry A, Harry D & Malakhai for Respect



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](mailto:parking.office@gravesham.gov.uk)  
01474 333700



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



**Week 2**  
**Week Commencing 30th January**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Chicken & Beef Sausage with Mash & Onion Gravy Tex Mex Vegetarian Sausage Hot Pot V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Coconut & Vanilla Sponge V
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Mild Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice Sweet Potato & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Cauliflower & Green Beans Ve <b>Dessert</b> Orange Shortbread Ve
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy BBQ Roast Sweet Potato & Bean Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Seasonal Greens & Carrots Ve <b>Dessert</b> Apple & Oaty Topped Crumble Ve with Custard V
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Beef Burger in a Bun Homemade Vegan Burger in a Bun Ve Jacket Potato with Cheese V	<b>Vegetables</b> Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie V
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Burrito Wrap Ve Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas & Baked Beans Ve <b>Dessert</b> Maryland Cookie V
<b>Freshly Baked Bread:</b> 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		

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> BBQ Chicken Pizza Margherita Pizza V Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn Ve & Coleslaw V <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate & Courgette Sponge with Chocolate Sauce V
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Steamed Rice Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Cauliflower & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Oat & Cherry Cookie Ve
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cauliflower & Cheese Bake with Roast Potatoes & Gravy V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Seasonal Greens & Carrots Ve <b>Dessert</b> Banana Flapjack Ve
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Beef & Bean Chilli with Rice Vegan Chilli Con Carne with Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve <b>Dessert</b> Apple & Parsnip Sponge V
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Goujon with Oven Baked Chips Ve Pasta with Roasted Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Baked Beans & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Cherry Cookie Ve
<b>Freshly Baked Bread:</b> 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		

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Cottage Pie topped with Sliced Sweet Potato Macaroni & Cheese V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas & Carrots Ve <b>Dessert</b> Sticky Banana Bread V
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Pasta Vegetable Jambalaya Ve Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise	<b>Vegetables</b> Cauliflower & Broccoli Ve <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Shortbread Ve
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Thyme Roast Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Roasted Ratatouille with Crumble Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Seasonal Greens & Mashed Swede Ve <b>Dessert</b> Waffles with Berry Compote V
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Beef Burger in a Bun Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn Ve & Coleslaw V <b>Dessert</b> Jammy Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard V
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips BBQ Vegetable Quesadilla V Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Baked Beans & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Sponge V
<b>Freshly Baked Bread:</b> 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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