



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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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)

Tuesday 23rd May
Parent Drop In Session

Friday 26th May
End of Term 5

Monday 5th June
Inset Day
School Closed

Tuesday 6th June
Term 6 Begins

Dear Istead Rise Families,

We are very glad to have enjoyed a smooth and successful week at Istead Rise. As you will know, many other schools across the country have been forced to close due to industrial action, but the dedication of our teaching team to their pupils means that our children have suffered no loss of learning or opportunity. As you will see in the pages that follow, the last few days have been just as busy as normal, with all pupils taking part in a range of interesting activities.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and wish you all a lovely weekend.

Steve Payne

Meopham
Leisure Centre

Easter Holiday
Club 🐣🐣🐣

Our Fun and Inclusive holiday club provides a great opportunity to remain active during the school holidays.
Full Day 08:00 - 17:00
Half Day 08:00 - 13:00 / 12:00 - 17:00
Full day - £25 / Half Day £15 per child



Monday 3rd April - Thursday 6th April

Monday 3rd - Easter Baking
Tuesday 4th - Giant Inflatable Fun
Wednesday 5th - Athlete Workshops
Thursday 6th - Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Crafts



Tuesday 11th April - Friday 14th April

Tuesday 11th - Nerf Wars
Wednesday 12th - Scavenger Hunt & Crafts
Thursday 13th - Trampoline
Friday 14th - Creepy Claws Animal Display

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Attendance Class Awards

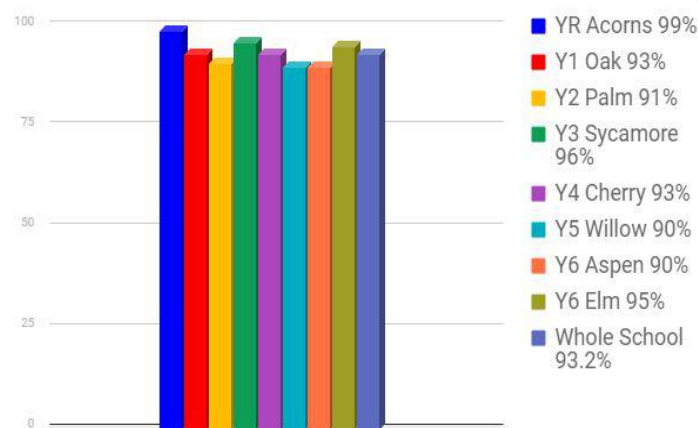


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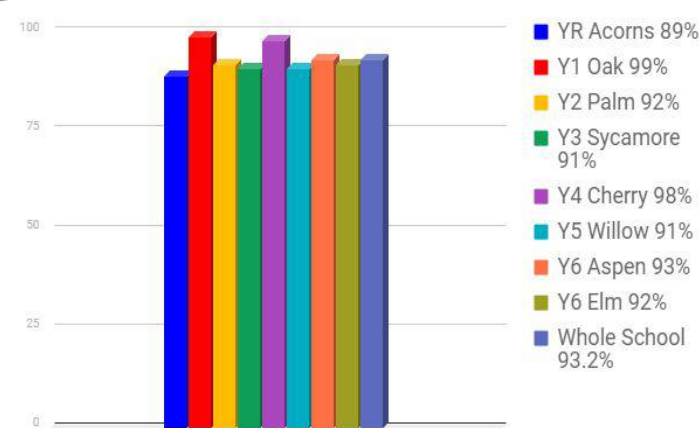
KS1 - **Acorns** KS2 - **Sycamore**

W/C 13.03.23

KS1 - **Oak** KS2 - **Cherry**



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 06.03.23



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 13.03.23



Here is Freya of Oak who won a karate competition last weekend. Freya was very proud of herself, and rightly so! Congratulations Freya on your fantastic achievement from all of us at Istead Rise Primary.



George, Samuel and Teddy of Palm Class all took part in the Beavers District Cross Country Event last weekend. They all did fantastically well, ran their socks off and together won the Cross Country Trophy for Istead Rise for the second year running. What an amazing achievement boys, well done from all of us at Istead Rise Primary!



In the Hub this week we have been very creative. Children used clay to make a model of something that has inspired them. We had kebabs, platypus, a snake and Yoda models. The children put a lot of thought into every design which shows in their finished products - well done everyone.

We also had our weekly visit from Monty. The children enjoyed taking him for a walk around the school after they read to him.



The Hub

International Women's Day



International Women's Day is a celebration of achievements made by women throughout history. It was first celebrated over a century ago and the day is now celebrated globally to champion the successes of the world's great women, both past and present. The children have enjoyed listening to stories about some great female achievements.



Expressive Arts and Design
Acorn class have been learning about Amelia Earhart - the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean - and her motto 'You can do anything you decide to do'. They made paper aeroplanes and took them outside to see if they would fly. In another session, the children threw their planes to see how far they would fly. They enjoyed measuring the distance their planes flew with a trundle wheel and were very excited.



Expressive Arts and Design

Anne Frank has been another inspirational woman that we have continued to learn about. We hope you like our paintings!



Acorns



The theme for Science Week 2023, is 'connections' and the children have been involved in lots of fun and engaging discussions and activities. To begin with, the children talked about the connections between the seasons Autumn, Spring, Summer and Winter including weather patterns and clothing that they would wear. The children then used their knowledge about trees and recapped why trees are important in our environment. They thought about all the different animals that might use trees. These discussions led the children to talk about birds, where they live, how they fly and what they eat. The children had fun making bird feeders to help feed the sparrows and starlings that fly into our grounds. We are going to keep an eye out and see if we can spot any having a munch.



Acorns



Maths

Learning about shapes isn't just about teaching children to draw a circle or a square. It is also about recognising how many shapes occur naturally in the world around us like in reading, science and even art. Over the last few weeks, the children have been learning how shapes are different from one another and paid attention to the details that distinguish the shapes. They have used 'feel bags' to help them describe 3D shapes to their peers and taken the opportunity to test their own knowledge in guessing the name of a 3D shape. They have also discussed the terms 'faces, edges and corners' counting them and finding useful ways to check their findings. Most children were also able to match objects with the corresponding 3D shape too.



Wow, what a week! Year 1 have been incredibly busy this week as you have probably heard.

We started off our STEM learning by making bird feeders using recyclable materials and then made some fat balls for the birds to eat. On Tuesday, we became Forensic Scientists to work out who had broken into the safe. Watch out parents, they were very clued up!!

For our Geography learning this term we have been learning about maps and symbols. On Thursday afternoon, Mr Loe visited us to talk about his role as crossing patrol. He explained why his job was so important especially for the children coming to school and then he took us out to practise crossing the road safely.

In Art this term we have been making our own 3D sculptures using folding, curving and bending paper and card. Keep an eye on the next newsletter for our BIG project we have been working on.



Palm



This week, we have had a lovely time during Science week in Year 2. We designed, made and tested our own parachutes to see which material would make the best one. We have also worked hard to improve the natural environment by making bird feeders that would work in all weather conditions and support the weight of both a bird and the seeds.

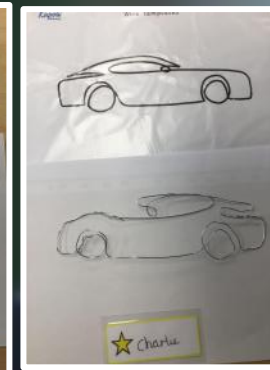
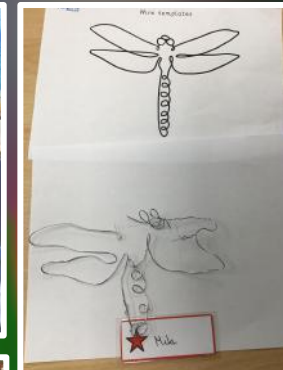
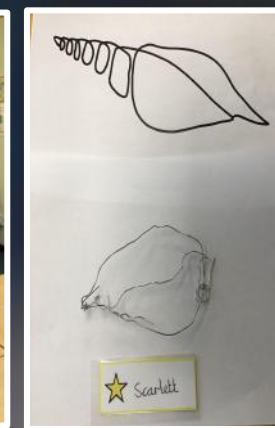
In Art, we have continued experimenting with how to make different textures on a clay tile. We used the cross-hatching technique to stick two bits of clay together as well as other tools to create shapes and patterns.

In maths, we have moved onto learning about length and height using our rulers to measure in metres and centimetres. We have had to look carefully at where to start on a ruler to make sure our measurements for each object were accurate.

Sycamore had a fantastic time during their Superclass afternoon. The fancy dress costumes were amazing!

We have also been lucky enough to take part in a Forensic Workshop. The children had to use the clues, which included fingerprints and footprints, to solve the crime.

We have also written a short story in English called 'Iguana Escape' and have been learning how to measure in mm, cm and m in maths lessons.



Year four have been very busy and productive lately. We started a new sequence of writing - a diary entry about Mary Anning. In maths we have just finished our unit on fractions and will be moving on to learning decimals. In art we used wire to create a sculpture, bending the wire to follow an outline on a template. We had to bend the wire to make shapes and join wire by twisting and looping it. In geography we have been learning about settlements, we used an atlas to find and label the locations given. Science this week we have been engineers designing and making; Firstly, a small strong structure to hold the weight of our pencil case and secondly, working collaboratively in a team to design and construct an enclosure for a brown bear cub called Boki.

Willow



In English we are now at the drafting stage of our diary from the point of view of Molly Brown, who survived the sinking of the Titanic, and the children have been working hard on creating cohesion and empathy in their writing. In Maths, the work we have been doing this term on decimals and fractions is now all coming together as we are working on percentages and their decimal and fraction equivalents with great success. We took part in the Forensic Science workshop on Tuesday, and followed this up with our STEM work on the construction and volume of pyramids. We have started our lessons on animation in computing by looking at older forms of animation, including flick books, and will be following this up next week with stop motion animation using plasticine.



The children at Istead Rise had a fantastic time using forensic science as part of their workshop to crack the case and solve the crime, all classes correctly identified the culprit using fingertip, footprint and DNA analysis.



Classes have already or will be next week participating in science activities such as learning about Kent Wildlife Trust and making bird feeders. Learning about Biggin Hill Memorial Museum and making parachutes. Learning about the Royal Engineers Museum and making a catapult. Learning about the Kent Mining Museum and making pulleys. Year four learned about Port Lympne Reserve and made structures.



Thank you to all of the children who entered the science poster competition, the standard was very high and it was very difficult for staff to choose a winner.



KS1 winner Emilia in Year 1
KS2 winner Lucas in Year 3



Elm & Aspen

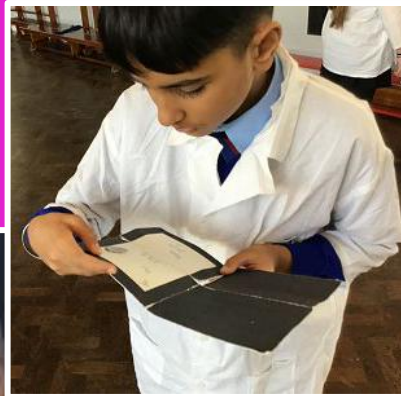
Year 6 have been very busy as usual! Preparation for SATs is well underway but we have also had lots of fun too!

Year 6 had a super time during the forensic workshop. The children had lots of great ideas and knowledge about what they should look for in a crime scene, as well as great ideas about how to find evidence at a crime scene.

All children worked well in their groups to find clues, match up finger prints and even match up DNA! Well done to both classes.

We have just started a new English learning sequence. We are writing a balanced argument about whether all zoos should be banned or not. So far, we have looked at the features of a balanced argument and discussed our own opinions.

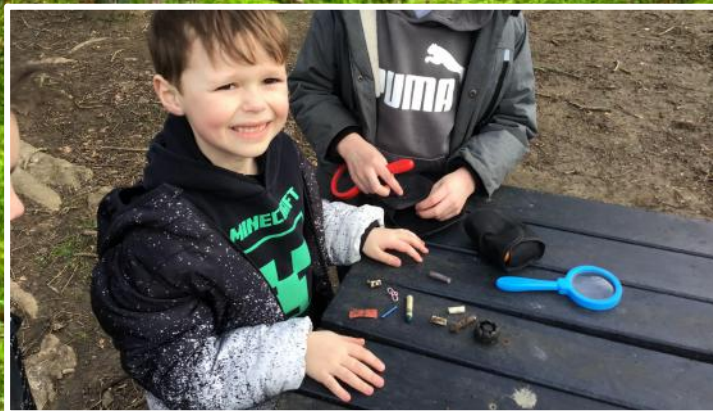
We will be practicing how to use formal language; use a variety of fronted adverbials and how to write clear paragraphs which highlight the different reasons for and against our argument.



At Forest School this week Sycamore class were learning about Flora and Fauna. Children used their artistic skills to draw a minibeast or a tree on the playground using chalk. There were some really good images. Lots of budding artists in the making. Some of the class became Forest Rangers and thought about the environment and how litter is bad for it. This inspired some to take part in a site litter pick. I am very proud of them all for taking part in this. Some of the class were looking for the first signs of spring and spotted a flower growing from under a fence. In the outside classroom more crafts took place by some of the class including clay and keyring making.



Forest School



Friends Of the Forest this week thought about the birds and ways we can help them get some food this spring. Children made tasty orange bird feeders and then recycled a wooden tray into a bird feeding platform. Children then chose the best place to hang them. I think the birds will enjoy tucking into their new feeders.



Forest School



Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

W/E 10.03

Grace, Poppy, Harvey & Alfie of Cherry

W/E 17.03

George for Palm & Esme of Sycamore

Congratulations for all your hard work!

Mathletics



Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners



Week Ending 10.03

Acorns Class

Frank for Self Reflection, Archie for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Amber & Emily for Self Reflection, Luna for Respect

Palm Class

Henry for Independence, Ella for Respect & Keira for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Abril & Lucas for Respect, Ruby WN for Perseverance

Cherry Class

David for Respect, Mila for Independence & Grace for Perseverance

Willow Class

Jessica S & Jack for Independence, Mia for Self Reflection

Elm Class

Maisie & Brian for Perseverance, Brandon for Independence

Aspen Class

Henry & Eden for Respect, Tyler W for Independence

Week Ending 17.03

Acorns Class

Ava for Self Reflection, Adriana & Ellie for Independence

Oak Class

Mary-Kate for Self Reflection, Samantha for Respect & Rajah for Independence

Palm Class

Teddy & Amaia for Respect, Samuel for Independence

Sycamore Class

Ruby H & Arabella for Respect, Shae for Self Reflection

Cherry Class

Ronak & Thomas for Perseverance, Lillie for Independence

Willow Class

Charlie C for Perseverance, Parsen & Elsie for Respect

Elm Class

Max, Emily & Abishai for Perseverance

Aspen Class

Sahib & Alice for Independence, Harjot for Self Reflection

Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 10.03

Oliver F, Kai & Jeremiah of Sycamore

W/E 17.03

Rosie of Willow

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 10.03

Oliver M, Summer, Ruby WN, Ruby H, Otis, Katelyn, Shae, Samuel Yanis, Samuel L, Maya, Matilda, Martin, Lucas, Louie, Leah Marie & Joshua of Sycamore, William, Keira, George & Amaia of Palm, Theo H, Samantha, Rajah, Iyla & Darcy of Oak

W/E 17.03

Jace & Berta of Cherry, Sophie, Pixie-Belle, Affan & Chace of Oak, Nyla, Teddy, Nevaeh, Margaret, Harry, Ella, Charlie, Charlotte & Bradley of Palm, Elsie of Willow, Ellenor of Aspen

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 10.03

Nihaal & Emila of Sycamore, Tess & Scarlett of Cherry

W/E 17.03

Thomas & Lucas of Cherry, Delphine, Lucas & Matilda of Sycamore



Times Tables Rock Stars



W/E 10.03

Winning Class

1st Cherry

2nd Sycamore

3rd Elm

W/E 10.03

Most Valuable Player

1st Ann-Louise of Elm

2nd Edward of Sycamore

3rd Nihaal of Sycamore

W/E 17.03

Winning Class

1st Sycamore

2nd Cherry

3rd Aspen

W/E 17.03

Most Valuable Player

1st Edward of Sycamore

2nd Nihaal of Sycamore

3rd Samuel-Yanis of Sycamore

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

Week 1

Monday

Main Meals	Vegetables
BBQ Chicken Pizza	Sweetcorn Ve
Margherita Pizza V	Dessert
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake V

Tuesday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Peas Ve
Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti Ve	Dessert
Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Carrot Cake V

Wednesday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Seasonal Greens Ve
Macaroni & Cheese V	Dessert
Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise	Vanilla Ice Cream V

Thursday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Chicken Fajita Wrap	Steamed Carrots Ve
Vegetable & Bean Burrito Ve	Dessert
Pasta with Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve	Maryland Cookie V

Friday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans Ve
Vegetable & Bean Chimichangas V	Dessert
Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Chocolate & Courgette Sponge V

Freshly Baked Bread:

Pesto Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 1:

20th February, 15th March, 5th April, 24th April, 15th May, 5th June, 26th June, 17th July, 28th August, 18th September, 9th October

Available Every Day:

Fresh Fruit **Ve**
Yoghurt **V** or Jelly **Ve**

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.

Week 2
Week Commencing 20th March

Week 2

Monday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Beef Burger in a Bun	Carrot Sticks Ve
Vegetable Burger in a Bun Ve	Dessert
Wholewheat Pasta with Arrabiatta Sauce Ve	Lemon Drizzle Sponge V

Tuesday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Beef Lasagne	Sweetcorn Ve
Vegetable Fajita Wrap Ve	Dessert
Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Flapjack Ve

Wednesday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans Ve
Ratatouille Pasta Bake Ve	Dessert
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Orange Shortbread Biscuit Ve

Thursday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Chicken Paella	Broccoli Ve
Vegetable Pasanda with Rice Ve	Dessert
Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce Ve	Apple Crumble Ve with Custard V

Friday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans Ve
Spiced Squash & Spinach Samosa Ve	Dessert
Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Apple & Parsnip Cake V

Freshly Baked Bread:

Tomato & Herb Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 2:

27th February, 20th March, 10th April, 1st May, 22nd May, 12th June, 3rd July, 4th September, 25th September, 16th October



Week 3

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

Monday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Chicken and Beef Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Peas Ve
Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy Ve	Dessert
Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Apple & Carrot Flapjack Ve

Tuesday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Beef Chilli with Steamed Rice	Steamed Carrots Ve
Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice Ve	Dessert
Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie V

Wednesday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Sticky Glazed Chicken	Spicy Potato Wedges Ve & Coleslaw V
Margherita Pizza V	Dessert
Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve	Cherry Cornflake Cake V

Thursday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta	Green Beans Ve
Vegetable Pasta Bake V	Dessert
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vanilla Ice Cream V

Friday

Main Meals	Vegetables
Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans Ve
Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket Ve	Dessert
Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce Ve	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit Ve

Freshly Baked Bread:

Garlic & Rosemary Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 3:

6th March, 27th March, 17th April, 8th May, 29th May, 19th June, 10th July, 11th September, 2nd October

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February 2023

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD