



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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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,

It is very impressive how hard the children (and staff) have worked to fit in so many fun and varied activities this term. Seeing the children being offered and enjoying a range of activities in art, history, science and RE is as important as it is in reading, writing and maths.

We are amazed by all the children who took part in the Usborne Sponsored Read. You raised an incredible £802! With this amount and the commission from the books purchased at the book fair, we have gained an amazing £1300 to spend on books for our school.

Thank you very much for your support with this. We would also like to thank FIRPS for organising the recent Easter activities - all the children enjoyed them. We would like to wish you a safe and happy Easter break and look forward to seeing all the children back at the start of Term 5.



Best wishes,
Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher



GO KARTS & GIANT INFLATABLE

At Meopham Leisure Centre
Sunday 2nd April

Only £12.50 per child
Limited Spaces which must be booked in advance.
Call us on 01474 814199 to Book!

10:00 - 11:00 11:15 - 12:15 12:30 - 13:30
SEND Session

Meopham Leisure Centre, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0AH
www.meophamleisure.org / 01474 814199



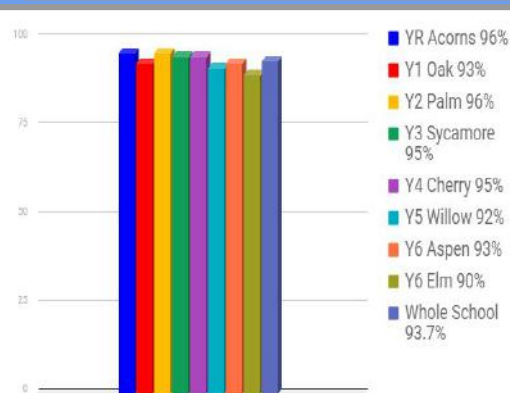
Attendance Class Awards

W/C 20.03.23

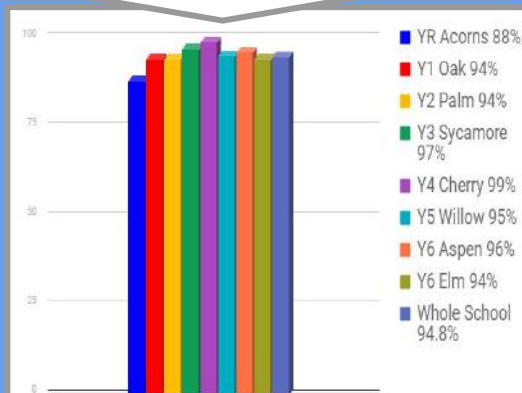
KS1 - **Acorns & Palm**
KS2 - **Sycamore & Cherry**

W/C 27.03.23

KS1 - **Oak & Palm**
KS2 - **Cherry**



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 20.03.23



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Kai of Sycamore was recently presented with his Chief Scout Bronze Award just before he heads up to Cubs. It's the highest award a Beaver can earn and he worked really hard with lots of badge work over the last two years to achieve this. Congratulations Kai!



Istead Rise Chess Tournament



Congratulations to all 22 pupils who took part in our recent Chess tournament. A special well done to Brody and Scarlett who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively. Utmost congratulations to our overall winner and chess champion, George!



Expressive Arts and Design

Acorns class has thoroughly enjoyed the story Stickman by Julia Donaldson. This has by far been their best story. First, the children listened to the story and then they retold it using props. Some children wrote cvc words using sticks. Next, the children went on a walk around the school to collect sticks. Then, they used resources to help them make a stick person. Once their person was made, the children went on to the school's field to make a home for their stick person. They then wrote some fantastic character descriptions!

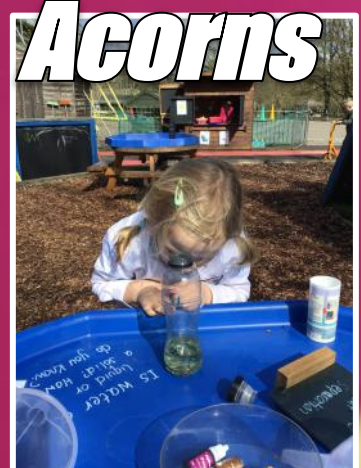


Acorns

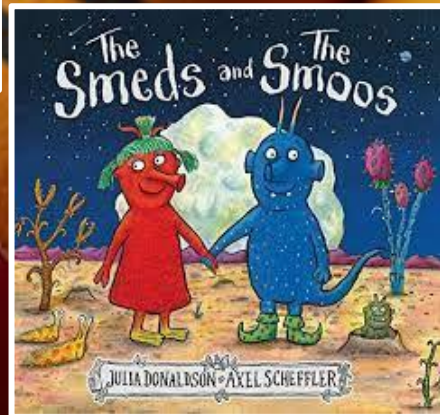


Maths

Prepositional language is an important area of learning for all children. It refers to the place where something or someone is, often in relation to other things, such as: over, under, beside or beneath. Teaching children positional words builds their ability to follow and give directions and use language accurately. As we have been reading the story of the 'Smeds and Smoos', we used props from the story to encourage the children to physically locate the positions. Once this was achieved, the children used prepositional language in PE to support their contextual understanding. For example, "I am going over the hurdle".



Understanding of The World - as we have been learning about Aliens through our story 'Smeds and Smoos' we wanted to make alien lava lamps. To do this, we worked with an adult to mix oil, water and food colouring. We were so amazed to see how the solutions separated.



Writing
To further our learning of The Smeds and The Smoos, we imagined what we would take with us on a trip to The Moon. We included things like toys (incase we got bored), a camera (to take photos) and snacks (incase we got hungry).

We also used the tuff tray to retell the story.



Expressive Arts and Design

It has been lovely to see the the children making friendship hands through discovering the effects of mixing different coloured paint in class. They chose a colour, dipped their hands in the paint and then shook their partners hand. They really enjoyed this activity and have consolidated their learning of colour mixing.

Palm



Year 2 have continued to enjoy their learning this term! In R.E, we learnt that Buddhists drink green tea to help clear their minds when they meditate. We looked at, smelt and tasted some for ourselves and lots of us found it really tasty!

We have completed our Art learning for the term by making our final clay house tiles and decorating them with the patterns and techniques we have learnt. Some of our favourites were using Lego bricks to make door shapes and pegs to look like roof tiles.



In Science, we made catapults this week using lolly sticks, spoons and tape. The children started off by designing their own catapult, thinking carefully about how it would work. After we finished making them, we took them outside on the playground to test how far they would work!



Well, what another busy 2 weeks it has been for Year 1! We have been involved with lots of STEM activities; making parachutes, building a bear enclosure as well as previous learning on finding the correct consistency for a sand castle and the correct material for making a blackout blind. In music, our end of topic lesson was playing the glockenspiels in time to the music 'Round and Round'. In Maths, the children have been comparing the mass of objects using weighing scales and the length and height of objects using rulers and cubes. For Art, our project has been 3D sculptures and our final lesson was painting our 3D SPIDER!! We hope you all have a superb Easter break and look forward to another incredibly busy and fun term.

Sycamore



We had an amazing time last week at Lullingstone Roman Villa. The children took part in various activities and the English Heritage experts were incredible when delivering their workshop. There were opportunities to look at Roman artefacts and learn about them, as well as complete a puzzle. During our visit, the children were able to dress up in Roman clothes and make some mosaics using coloured tesserae. The children really enjoyed their visit and learnt a lot about Roman life in Britain.

As well as our amazing trip, we also designed and made catapults for STEM week which we tested in the hall!



Millie H, Millie C and Poppy came 2nd place in their dance competition on Sunday with Zest Dance Academy - the girls have worked really hard and it's only their second competition! - they took 1st place in their first competition in January -and they are competing again in April! They have done amazingly well.



Cherry



Cherry Class have been working hard the last couple of weeks. In English they have just finished a sequence of learning about how to write a diary entry and produced some fantastic writing about Mary Anning. In maths we have been learning about decimals and exploring hundredths as fractions and as decimals. We have just finished our geography work on settlements and the children drew some great settlement pictures. We have also finished learning about Buddhism in R.E. and the children were able to discuss key elements of the religion. In science we have finished two terms of learning about living things and their habitats which concluded with children drawing posters about the environment. The children loved their final art lesson making a sculpture. After half term we move onto D.T.

Another busy few weeks for Elm and Aspen. Both classes have enjoyed their recent STEM activities which rolled over from Science week.

We have been very busy revising and this week, have made our own revision books to help us with our learning.

Mrs Brown and Miss Waters have been really impressed with the perseverance and determination that Year 6 are showing with their revision work. So many of you are completing lots of work at home also which is great, so please continue!



We have just finished our final learning Sequence for English this term. Year 6 wrote a 'balanced argument' about whether zoos should be closed down or not. We were very impressed with the high level of writing in the final drafts, as well as the use of formal and technical language. Well done Year 6.



We have now come to the end of our current English sequence, where we have been writing a narrative based on the picture book 'Chalk' - focussing on the section where the T-Rex is in the playground. We have drawn on a wealth of sophisticated vocabulary, including looking at descriptions from A Sound of Thunder and Jurassic Park. In Maths we have spent this week looking at statistics, including line graphs, tables and timetables and how we can use the data to answer questions. In computing we have been creating our own stop motion animation films, where we realised just how long and how many photos you need to complete even a minute of action. The children have worked very hard on these, and we hope to be able to share some of them with you soon.

Forest School



Friends of the Forest have had a busy two weeks. They have been learning about the minibeasts that live in our Forest. The group worked well as a team to search for insects and then look at them through the new looking glass. Fred, the parrot, came for a flying Visit. He was very impressed with the all the children.





Sycamore have really enjoyed being at Forest School this term. Everyone had fun searching for minibeasts, taking part in forest craft and of course, toasting a marshmallow over the fire to make a smore. Once again the children were sensible around the fire and followed the Forest School rules.



W/E 24.03

Theo of Cherry, Oliver F of Sycamore & Leo D of Oak

Congratulations for all your hard work!**Bronze Peg Up Points**

W/E 31.03

Rosie of Willow

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 24.03

Kasey of Cherry, Jack E, Sujaan, Bobby & Lyla of Palm, Henry A of Aspen

W/E 31.03

Samuel & Rosie of Palm, Poppy & Jacob of Cherry & Kai of Sycamore

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 24.03

Molly, Mila & Lillie of Cherry, Katelyn of Sycamore

W/E 31.03

Ronak, Lillie, Anais, Millie H, Brody, Finn & Grace of Cherry, Summer, Shae, Ruby H, Maya, Otis, Freddie, Elive-Rose, Cooper M, Delphine, Lucas & Matilda of Sycamore

**Times Tables Rock Stars**W/E 24.03
Winning Class1st Sycamore
2nd Aspen
3rd CherryW/E 31.03
Winning Class1st Sycamore
2nd Elm
3rd CherryW/E 24.03
Most Valuable Player
1st Harjot of Aspen
2nd Freddie of Sycamore
3rd Nihaal of SycamoreW/E 31.03
Most Valuable Player
1st Nihaal of Sycamore
2nd Edward of Sycamore
3rd Freddie of Sycamore**Core Values Congratulations
To All Our Winners****Week Ending 24.03****Acorns Class**

Elena for Perseverance & Independence, Sophia for Independence

Oak Class

Theo H, Chase & Emilia for Independence

Palm Class

Dolly & Charlie for Perseverance, Bradley for Respect

Sycamore Class

Josh for Independence, Katelyn & Edward for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Molly & Finn for Perseverance, Jace for Respect

Willow Class

Seth & Jim for Perseverance, Maisey for Independence

Elm Class

Emily for Self Reflection, Parker for Respect & John for Perseverance

Aspen Class

John & Tany for Perseverance, Harry for Independence

Week Ending 31.03**Acorns Class**

Nathan & Arlo for Respect, Frank for Independence

Oak Class

Florence & Affan for Perseverance, Raelie for Independence

Palm Class

Darcey & Alfie for Self Reflection, Charlotte for Respect

Sycamore Class

Oliver M for Respect, Emilia for Independence & Martin for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Anais, Kasey & Berta for Respect

Willow Class

Ruby for Perseverance, Rosie for Independence & Cerys for Respect

Elm Class

Maisie, Beatrix & Abishai for Self Reflection

Aspen Class

Maddie, Martha & James for Respect

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 3
Week Commencing 17th April

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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