



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Dear Istead Rise Families,

It has been another actioned-packed fortnight at Istead Rise and we hope you will enjoy reading about the many different learning activities that our pupils have been enjoying in recent days. We have been very impressed with the effort that children from across the school have been putting into their learning - from the hard work that Year Six pupils have been putting into their preparation for the forthcoming 'SATs' tests, through to our Reception children who have been 'wowing' our visitors from Bikeability with their skills on the balance bikes. (To let you into a secret, the children were far better than the staff members who were brave enough to have a go!) We offer a big well done to all of our learners and wish you all a fantastic bank holiday weekend!

Steve Payne

Pupil Planner Cover Competition

The response to our design competition was amazing - it was wonderful to see so many entries from children across the school. Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to enter.

The standard of designs was very high, making the decision for the final winner very difficult. We do however have a winner, and that is Luella in Year 6. Congratulations! Luella's design will form the cover of next year's pupil planner.



Thank you again to everyone who took part.
Mrs M Clark

Well done to all of the children in Acorns. They spent three days this week completing their Bikeability Balance Bike course, where they had great fun completing different activities and challenges on the bikes.



The course organiser commented how amazing all the children were and how willing they were to learn. Well done Acorns!



Dates for your diaries

Parent drop-in sessions Thursday
5th May 2022 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Parent Consultations Wednesday 25th May 2022.
You will receive a link via text & email on
Monday 9th May @ 9.30am.
For full details please use the link below

[Parent Consultations](#)



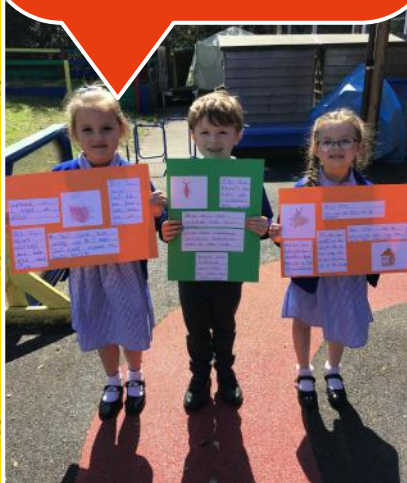
Acorns

Minibeasts

Our theme this term is Minibeasts. We have been learning facts about ladybugs.. Acorns Class asked questions such as:

- Do ladybugs sleep?
- Why do they have spots?
- Do ladybugs have teeth?
- How do ladybugs fly?
- Is a ladybug a bug?

The children found the answers to these questions by using a range of media to help them. They then created some lovely fact files!



Expressive Arts

After learning all about Ladybugs, we used different materials to make our own. They look amazing on display in our learning areas. Don't worry though, we will send them home at the end of the year for you all to treasure.

The Lifecycle of a Butterfly update!

The final stage of The Life Cycle of a Butterfly has happened! During half term, the chrysalis turned into butterflies!



Time to release them into the wild now. We will be sorry to see them leave us but are delighted that they can start their new adventures.



Ladybirds have seven spots

They have 6 legs and they eat other bugs



Nutrition

As we have been learning all about ladybugs, we thought it would be such a good idea to make a ladybug using healthy food. Whilst learning about healthy food choices, we also learnt about unhealthy food choices. Take a look at our ladybugs.

Communication and Language

It is important the children develop their speaking and listening skills as these skills will give them confidence especially when speaking to audiences. With this in mind, the children interviewed each other in order to find out what they knew about ladybugs.

Acorns

Surprise from a special visitor

Last week, Ava brought a super small, soft, fluffy, baby bunny to school to show her friends in class. Ava was given the bunny at Easter and named it Daisy Bun Bun. The children were so excited giggling from the tickles of her whiskers and some were lucky to give her a gentle stroke. Thank you Ava for making us all melt away with the cuteness of your bunny.



Learning about the seasons

How much do you know about Spring? We shared all our knowledge about Spring with each other. Did you know that lots of animals have babies in March and April? You can also see lots of daffodils and Honeybees! If it rains a lot you might get to see a rainbow. We used paint to show what a tree looks like in Spring and a rainbow.

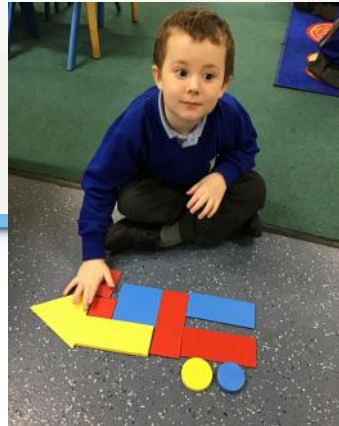
Bikeability

We have had fun challenging ourselves to ride a bike. What an awesome time we had.



Maths

We have been using our knowledge of shapes to complete a 2D maths activity. Some of us used different 2D shapes to make a person, Minnie Mouse and a crocodile with 2 eyes, a mouth, body and tail. We have also been doubling numbers, using resources to help us.



Thank you to FIRPS for arranging an Easter Egg hunt!



Oak

At the end of the last term, the children enjoyed a dinosaur workshop where they learned about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They had the opportunity to dig for fossils in the sand and dirt and had lots of fun being paleontologists.



Palm

At the end of last term, Years 1 and 2 were very lucky to be visited by some dinosaurs! We were all amazed at how the dinosaurs were able to move when we stroked them and really enjoyed becoming real life paleontologists, hunting for fossils in the sand.

Year 2 have been using this visit to inspire their writing this term. We have been remembering all of the fun activities and fascinating facts we learnt to write a recount of the visit. Next week, we will start to write a thank you letter to the company who provided the workshop and ask them to hopefully come again soon!

In Maths, we have been working hard to understand different ways of measuring, including length, weight and temperature. We have enjoyed using rulers, scales and thermometers to measure and compare things around school and have thought carefully about the correct unit of measurement to use each time.



Sycamore



Since coming back to school after the Easter break Sycamore has worked extremely hard. They made their own sycamore seeds during their science lesson last week and made wonderful posters all about seed dispersal in plants. We were very impressed with their efforts.

In English the children have been practicing the skills needed to write a newspaper report, and have completed some amazing written work. The presentation of work has been of such a high standard and all of the children have been commended for this achievement.

In maths we have continued learning about fractions. We have subtracted and added fractions with the same denominator, compared fractions and found fractions of amounts this week. The children have all worked really hard on this.

We are now looking forward to our trip to the Orchard Theatre on 6th May 2022!

Well done Elsie!
She won the jar of awesome at the end of last term!



Cherry



Cherry Class have had an amazing start to the new term. Contributing well during lessons and persevering with challenges. The children have just completed a figurative poem in English about a cheshire cat. In maths we have been learning about decimals and rounding. Next week we use our knowledge of a decimal point in money. The children are doing well with their times table practise and this continues to be a focus. We have started a new topic in science all about animals including humans. We have looked at different types of skeleton. The children also did an investigation using a chocolate tea cake to understand that the skeleton protects vital organs in the body. In history we have been learning about William the Conqueror and talked about his family tree. In R.E. this term we are learning about Sikhism and the Golden Temple.

Aspen

Willow & Holly

It's the final push towards SATs, with the children working extremely hard! We have completed our final arithmetic past paper, where the children were put into the groups they will be in for SATs week, with the correct adult and in the correct room, and this went very well with some amazing results!

We have completed our first English sequence of a description of a Dystopian City, and this has been alongside our first Dystopian novel extracts of 1984 and The Maze Runner in Guided Reading.

In Science we have started looking at the changes our bodies undergo as we age (from baby to childhood to adulthood and old age) and the ages that we think each of these is classed. This produced some very varied answers of when they thought people were in 'old age'. In Geography we have an understanding of what is fieldwork and the work of Esther Hitchen in particular. It's been a great start to term 5!



In partnership with **USBORNE**

Well done to all of you who took part in this years Sponsored Read. You raised a fantastic £791 which will allow us to spend £1265 on books for our school which is amazing. Thank you to all families who took part and helped to raise this impressive total.

Welcome back, Year 5! We have been busy finishing off our persuasive letters - applying for the role of 'Headteacher' at Istead Rise! In Maths, we have started our work on fractions. Last week we learnt how to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa. Year 5 worked very hard on this - well done. In Spanish, we have started our 'at the cafe' topic which has been lots of fun! For the first lesson, the children learnt how to say a variety of breakfast items; ask what someone would like for breakfast and how to reply to the question. We will continue with this topic throughout the term.

Forest School has started this week which was enjoyed by all. In Geography, we have started to look at field work and this week looked at how field work is carried out. In later lessons, we will be studying field work that is happening around the world right now; looking at how each Geographer came up with their enquiry question and what sort of research & observations they are carrying out.

Please don't forget the home learning expectations - TT Rockstars, Mathletics and regular reading every week (noted down in your child's planner.)

Ukraine Appeal



As a school community, we would like to offer support to people in Ukraine who have been affected by recent events. If you would also like to offer support, we are asking for donations of the following items:

toothbrushes - bars of soap - nappies - tinned baby food

Please do not send in clothes, shoes, toys or blankets. Donations can be brought into school by your child and will be collected by class teachers. These items will then be taken to St. Barnabas Church, who will organise transportation to Ukraine.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



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Forest School



Year 5 made the most of Forest School this week by climbing trees, making muddy pancakes and chocolate soup in the mud kitchen, as well as rolling in the old tyres. Some used knots and lashings to make dens and shelters. The Forest Spa was a big hit too, many enjoying a forest face mask. Maddison started clearing a space for our new Wormery that will be an addition to the Forest next week. A great way to start the new term in the Forest.



Times Table Rock Stars



W/E 22.04

Rock Hero Status
Rui of Willow
Dylan & Sevak of
Aspen

WOW!

W/E 29.04

Winning Class
1st Willow
2nd Sycamore
3rd Holly

W/E 29.04

Most Valuable Player
1st Isher of Willow
2nd Kamahni of Willow
3rd Ronak of Sycamore

Readiwriter

W/E 29.04
Gold Readiwriter
Scarlett of Sycamore

Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

W/E 22.04
Nihaal of Palm

W/E 29.04
Harry of Sycamore

Congratulations for all your hard work!



W/E 22.04

Bronze

Jace of Sycamore, Harjot of
Holly & Arturo of Willow

Silver

Samuel-Yanis of Palm &
Jacob of Sycamore

Gold

Darcey & Harry of Oak,
Lucas, Ruby H, Delphine &
Otis of Palm

House Points

W/E 29.04

Bronze

Carter & Anais of Sycamore

Silver

Katelyn, Matilda of Palm, Denis &
Brooke of Aspen

Gold

Lyla, Constance, Sujaan, Samuel &
Stanley of Oak, Esme & Cooper M of
Palm

Platinum

Lyra of Sycamore

WOW!

WOW!



Core Values



Week Ending 22.04

Acorns Class

Iyla for Self Reflection & Ava for Independence

Oak Class

Darcey & Henry for Independence

Palm Class

Martin for Perseverance & Summer for Self Reflection

Sycamore Class

Lillie & Ronak for Respect

Cherry Class

Jessica S & Carlyle for Independence

Willow Class

Arturo for Self Reflection & Destiny for Perseverance

Holly Class

Ellenor & Harjot for Independence

Aspen Class

Blake for Perseverance & Catriona for Respect

Week Ending 29.04

Acorns Class

Felix for Perseverance & Sophie for Respect

Oak Class

Jack E for Independence & Bradley for Perseverance

Palm Class

Matilda for Respect & Cooper G for Independence

Sycamore Class

David & Jacob for Independence

Cherry Class

Isabella for Respect & Isaac for Self Reflection

Willow Class

Harry for Perseverance & Ann Louise for Respect

Holly Class

Niamh & Isabella T for Respect

Aspen Class

Bettie for Self Reflection & Lee for Perseverance

Congratulations to all of our winners!

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



Week 3
Week Commencing 2nd May

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
	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
	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
Tuesday	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
	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: 19 th April, 9 th May, 6 th June, 27 th June, 18 th July, 30 th August, 19 th September, 10 th October, 31 st October		

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
	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
	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 V Dessert Banana Flapjack Ve
Tuesday	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
	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: 25 th April, 16 th May, 13 th June, 4 th July, 5 th September, 26 th September, 17 th October		

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
	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
	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
Tuesday	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
	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: 3 rd May, 23 rd May, 20 th June, 11 th July, 12 th September, 3 rd October, 24 th October		

V - Suitable for vegetarians
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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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