



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Dear Istead Rise Families,

The time has arrived to wish you all a very happy Easter and a wonderful two week break from school.

We are very proud of the hard work all of our pupils have put in this term and of the excellent progress they continue to make in their learning. As you will see in this newsletter, it has remained very busy at Istead Rise and pupils have enjoyed many different events and activities, right up until the end of the term. I think it's definitely fair to say that they have earned their break!

We look forward to seeing you all in Term Five!

Steve Payne

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.



Meet Monty!

We are delighted to introduce you to Monty, a very special visitor who came to Istead Rise on Tuesday. Monty is a graduate of Pets As Therapy (PAT). This is a national charity that enhances the health and wellbeing of thousands of people (including children) in communities across the UK. PAT's aim is to give everyone, no matter their circumstances, access to the companionship of an animal. This was Monty's first official visit to a school since passing his special PAT training. He spent the morning in The Hub, hearing stories, listening to the children chat to him, going for a walk around the grounds and getting a few additional treats too (cuddles and biscuits). Although a little nervous at first (some of the children) and a little excited (Monty), the whole session was a great success. Monty was very well behaved and the children didn't want him to leave! Thank you to Tina (his owner and a volunteer at PAT), for bringing Monty into our school. We have already arranged another visit next term so that Monty can meet more children and hope that this is something which will continue in the long term.



Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher



Broaden Your Horizons



Over the last few weeks, our children have been visited by people who work in various professions. The purpose of these visits was to provide children with an insight into what these people do, how they achieved their career choices and to inspire and motivate. The experience was enjoyed by all and there were opportunities to ask lots of questions. We are sure our visitors inspired the children and made them think differently about what they could achieve in the future. Two of our visitors, Gary & Caitlin, are also ex pupils, which made it even more special to hear what they have achieved since leaving school.

We would like to extend our thanks again to the following people-

The Fire Brigade
Rachel Valentine - Author
Tillie Eastwood - Nurse
Gary Howard - Music Agent
Rianne Young - Hairdresser & Makeup Artist
Emma Jefferyes - Quantity Surveyor
Caitlin Harris - Veterinary Nurse



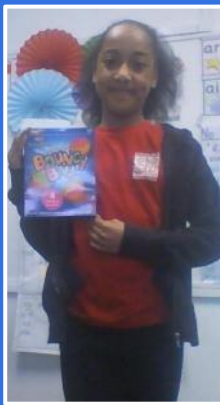
As well as all our other visitors the children were also lucky enough to have a visit from the historic engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel!



He joined us as part of our school STEM week and we were all interested to hear about the many things he had designed and built when he was alive. Some of these included tunnels, bridges, ships and railway lines. Many of the things he was able to engineer still exist or help modern engineers with their designs in the present day.

We were inspired from his visit to have a go at designing and creating our own towers and bridges using only the materials given to us. Throughout the school, children were busy discussing ideas, solving problems that occurred and engineering solutions to help them complete the tasks. It was great to see the teamwork and perseverance demonstrated in classes across the school.

As part of this week of engineering challenges, the children were asked to design and make a 'Ball Run' using only paper, which would allow a ball to roll from the top to bottom in the longest time. The children had to think about how to slow the ball down with obstacles without it stopping. Congratulations to Ava, Joshua, Oliver M, Samuel L & Shae of KS1 and to Emily R, Abishai, Florence & Urte of KS2 for winning this competition!



Acorns

The Lifecycle of a Butterfly update!

After watching the caterpillars turn into a chrysalis, the children had to make sure that the caterpillar's silk was not caught around them, This was to make sure that when the chrysalis turns into a butterfly, the butterflies wings are not damaged. There were lots of WOW moments as the children helped Mrs Ridley transfer the chrysalis into the butterfly net. We are looking forward to seeing the final stage of the cycle!



Festival of Holi

Holi is a Hindu festival day that takes place in India and Nepal on the 18th March. It celebrates the arrival of spring and is a festival of colours. The children in Acorn class celebrated this by experimenting with colour and design. They drew a tree before blowing a variety of colours through a straw.



Cleaning our teeth

We have been learning all about dental care. Did you know that brushing your teeth with fluoride toothpaste twice a day for 2 minutes will help prevent cavities. Dagobert told us this too in the story 'Dagobert goes to the dentist.'



Acorns

Expressive Arts

Time for some music. Boom Boom Boom, ting ting ting. The children have had lots of fun playing percussion instruments and singing songs from memory.

There was a lot of concentration as the children listened to various sounds and sound patterns. The children then made their own sounds. What a beautiful little orchestra!

Taking indoor learning outside!

Acorn class have been using their experiences of learning inside and taken it outside. The children have used their phonic knowledge to create and write words from their set 2 sounds and ordered numbers from 0-20.



WANTED!

Have you seen these men? Some fantastic wanted posters were written by the children in class to search for some very naughty people.



The children also designed their own police cars to help them get to where the criminals were.

Getting ready for Easter

We have been designing our own Easter Eggs by dipping pom poms into paint. The children made some lovely patterns and enjoyed this activity. The children have also made chicks sitting in a cracked egg and used finger painting to decorate the egg and hands to create their wings. What a lot of fun!





Palm

In maths this week we have been learning about capacity. We used key vocabulary to help us understand what we have been learning: litres, millilitres, full, empty, and liquid.

In computing we have learning how a bee bot moves around a mat and we even practised being a bee bot!



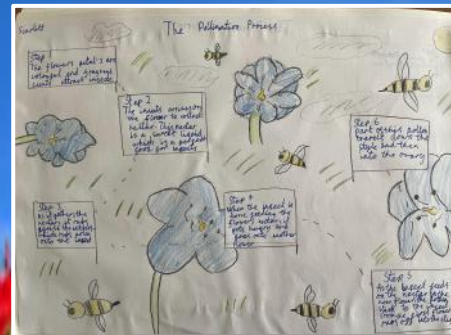
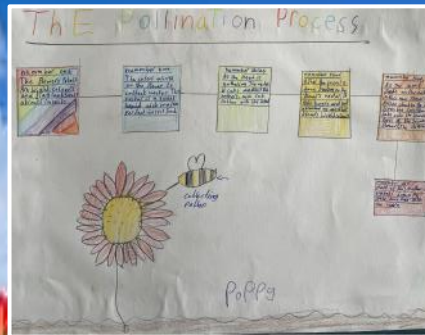
Year 2 have had another busy couple of weeks this term! In Science, we have continued our learning about animals and their habitats, discussing why they live where they do and why they would not be suited to living in other environments. For the past few weeks in class, we have also been watching our caterpillars slowly form into their cocoons! They are really wiggly and we hope to see them come out as butterflies soon!

In History, to complete our learning about the Great Fire of London, we have been making our own Tudor houses. We looked at the features of a Tudor house before using cereal boxes to design and make our own. We spoke about why their designs made it easy for the fire to spread across London as quickly as it did!

Sycamore

Sycamore spent time during their science lesson learning about the pollination process in flowering plants. We went outside and had a look at the tulips, daffodils and other Spring flowers to see if we could identify the parts of a flower important in this process. The children made some amazing posters explaining this and included some very lovely drawings of bees and flowers!

We have also been learning about fractions in maths and writing a job application letter in English. The children are currently applying for a Headteacher's job!



Art Club & DT

The children in Art Club really enjoyed making hanging dream jars complete with fairy lights with Mr Eastwood. The fun continued in DT, the children made yummy vegetable parcels and fruit kebabs.



Cherry

Cherry Class have been working hard to learn their times tables. They have successfully finished their writing sequence applying for a job as a headteacher! Maths we have finished our sequence of learning on fractions and have moved onto decimals. In Science we learned about the pollination process and this week learned about seed dispersal. We made our own sycamore seeds and tested how far they fell outside and then tested them again with a fan.



Mother's Day Shop

Willow & Holly



We would once again like to thank our fantastic FIRPS team for all their efforts ensuring that the children were able to give their special someone a gift on Mothering Sunday.

There was a wonderful array of gifts to choose from, we hope the children enjoyed the experience.

Wow, what a busy term! Year 5 are finishing the History topic of Ancient Egypt this week. This topic has been enjoyed by all and it has been great to see some children finding out facts about Ancient Egypt at home, then sharing these with us at school.

We are nearly at the end of our guided reading story - The Outlaw Varjak Paw. The children have absolutely loved reading this novel and are excited to read the final chapter.

We have started to write a persuasive letter in English and will be working towards responding to a job advert for the role of a headteacher! We look forward to reading those applications.

In Music this term, Year 5 have been learning how to play glockenspiel and most recently, recorders! Again, this has been an enjoyable (noisy!) experience and it is great to see the progress both classes have made, even in a short period of time.



Have an enjoyable break and be ready for more exciting learning in Term 5!



Neve & Bettie of Aspen played their first ever match for the U11 Cobham Colts on Sunday 20th March and played brilliantly! Bettie was a solid defender and Neve a solid goalkeeper! Neve won player of the match saving 10 goals!

Congratulations girls from all of us at Istead Rise.



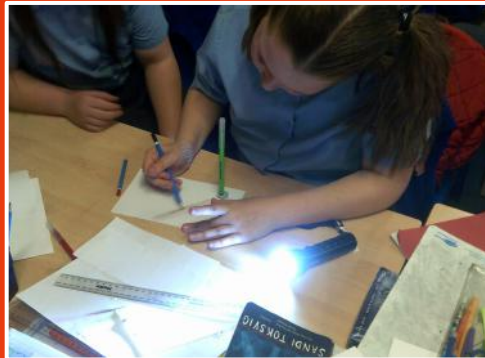
Samuel, Thomas and Otis all took part in the Beavers District Cross Country Event on Mother's Day morning. They all did fantastically well, ran their socks off and together won the Cross Country Trophy for Istead Rise. A big well done boys from all of us at Istead Rise

Aspen

In Year 6 we're working harder than ever!

In English we have been looking at writing formally, ensuring that our tone and vocabulary would be befitting a job application letter (we're applying to take My Payne's job!). In Guided Reading we have moved to looking at the narrative style of 'The Book Thief' and the clues we can infer about the narrator. While in Maths we have continued looking back over arithmetic skills, including fractions, decimals and percentages, alongside the properties of 3D shapes.

As we are now in the final countdown towards SATs, we would encourage the children to up their game in their use of TT Rockstars and Mathletics at home over the Easter, especially as SATs are now only 3 school weeks away - and follow up anything they are unsure about and need extra practice on. In Science we have finished our work on light by looking at how shadows can be manipulated and predicting what we expected the shadow to be like.



Mr Tyler



Last week we had a range of new activities added to our playground! Fun & Active Playgrounds came to visit our school and installed several new playground markings for our pupils. This included a new football and basketball court, two hopscotches, two 4-square games and a two-way target.

All of these playground markings will encourage our pupils to get active on their break times, and help to make sure they get their all-important daily exercise.





In the Hub this term, the children have made great use of the outdoors to extend their learning.

- To prepare them for their Diary writing, the group spent a morning in the forest posing as Sir David Attenborough, searching for flora and fauna.
- In Maths, the group measured the perimeter of collected sticks set out in a square/rectangle shape of their choosing on the playground.
- The children enjoyed planting seeds in the classroom which are now starting to grow. They each take it in turns to water them every day.
- They soaked up the sun whilst reading their books outside.





Times Table Rock Stars



W/E 25.03

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W/E 01.04

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Winning Class

1st Willow
2nd Holly
3rd Aspen

Most Valuable Player

1st Tyler C of Holly
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WOW!

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W/E 01.04 Rock Hero Status Ronak of Sycamore & Rul of Willow

Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

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W/E 01.04

Jessica S of Cherry

Congratulations for all your hard work!



W/E 25.03

Bronze

Harry of Sycamore

Silver

Jim, Jessica D of Cherry,
Henry of Holly, Kai of Palm,
Taylor of Oak & Brody of
Sycamore

Gold

Tommy of Cherry

Platinum

Cerys of Cherry

W/E 01.04

Bronze

Corben of Willow

Silver

Sienna, Sahib, Maya & Ellenor
of Holly, Neve, Bettie,
Nicole & Blake of Aspen

Gold

Ava of Palm



Core Values



Week Ending 25.03

Acorns Class

Lyla for Independence & Leo H for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Jack L for Perseverance & Sujaan for Independence

Palm Class

Freddie for Self Reflection & Esme for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Tommy for Independence & Brody for Respect

Cherry Class

Parsen & Lacie for Independence

Willow Class

Madison for Independence & Masen for Respect

Holly Class

Harry for Independence & Henry for Respect

Aspen Class

Kira Leigh & Denis for Independence

Week Ending 01.04

Acorns Class

Felix for Independence

Oak Class

Alfie & Ella for Perseverance

Palm Class

Oliver F for Perseverance & Delphine for Respect

Sycamore Class

Jace & Finn for Independence

Cherry Class

Charlie C for Perseverance & Elsie for Independence

Willow Class

Alfie for Self Reflection & Aman for Independence

Holly Class

Ethan & Eden for Independence

Aspen Class

Violet for Perseverance & Calan for Independence

Congratulations to all of our winners!

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



Week 1
Week Commencing 18th April

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: 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
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: 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
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: 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
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.

BM2 Istead Rise
Available Every Day
Fresh Fruit Platter Ve
Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD