

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I hope you are enjoying the first week of the holidays, the staff and I have been in school getting ready for the new year and the school is looking clean, tidy and ready for September!

Thank you so much for the generous gifts and kind, supportive words in the cards we all received, the whole staff body certainly feel very loved and valued.

It was, as expected, a busy last week! The Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Nicholas Church went well with our wonderful Year 6 pupils sharing their memories, words of wisdom and explaining what they will take with them on the next step of their journey.



Osprey Class enjoyed an afternoon at the Opera taking part in an interactive OperaFirst performance and workshop at Garsington.



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Our Year 6 children were invited to the King's Swan Upping in Marlow, they put themselves in the history books by being part of the first King's Swan Upping.



On Wednesday afternoon, we managed to film Ibfest in the sunshine, the video will follow in the next few weeks on our social media streams. Here are a couple of photos of their amazing hand sewn sea creatures.



The week was rounded off with a lovely celebration in the school garden. Congratulations to Allnutt for retaining the Sports Cup again this year and to Baker for retaining the Family Cup!



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Allnutt retain the Sports' Cup for 2022-2023



Baker retain the Family Cup for 2022 - 2023



Congratulations to these children who have been presented with the 2022-2023 Values' Awards

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Ladybirds

Where has the year gone! We have had a very busy year and loved every minute of it.

We started the Summer term with a topic on colour; in English we have enjoyed many colour stories, including The Rainbow Fish. We made puppets to retell the story and acted out the story with our friends. We read lots of different Elmer stories, listened to colour poems and had a go at writing our own colour poem. In maths we have been building numbers beyond 10, looking at the patterns in the number system up to 100. We enjoyed colour mixing and exploring the primary colours in our paintings. We made colour spinners, made rainbows with felt tip pens and then watched what happened when dipped in water. We explored adding vinegar to bicarbonate of soda with food colouring. In RE, our big question was 'What can we learn from stories?'. We looked at different traditional stories from different religions and the meanings behind them.



We then looked at transport for the second half of term. This included our Talk for Writing text - Mr Gumpy, the children learnt the story from a story map and made their own versions based on the format, but changing small amounts and retelling their own stories. In maths, we looked at doubling, grouping and sharing. We also covered spatial awareness. We looked at old and new transport, looking at similarities and differences between both. We made paper helicopters, testing their flight over the decking and testing the difference between big and small ones. We looked at floating and sinking and sorted into sets. In RE we looked at what makes places special. We looked at special places around us, special places for different religions and we designed and made our own special place.

Hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday from the Ladybirds' team.



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Woodland Class

Woodland Class have been looking at the fantasy tale 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'. They started by comparing this version of the story to 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and wrote character descriptions about Jack and the Giant. The children also explored newspaper reports and wrote their own reports about the Giant falling from the beanstalk. As part of our Ibfest offering, the children also enjoyed learning and performing poems from the book 'Commotion in the Ocean'.



In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning about place value to 100, money and time. In Year 2, the children have been learning about time and statistics. The children also enjoyed using a range of measuring tools to measure mass, capacity and temperature.

In Science, the children have continued their topic of plants and enjoyed growing their own bean plants linked to our story 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'. They have learnt about different parts of a plant and have identified leaves from deciduous and evergreen trees. The children also had a fantastic time on their school trip to the Science Oxford Centre and enjoyed exploring in the different investigation zones.



Our topic this term has been castles. As part of our topic, the children have enjoyed learning about famous castles around the UK and have labelled key features of a castle. The children have also learned about the artist Paul Klee and have made their own versions of his painting 'Castle and Sun'.



Kestrel Class

Kestrel Class had a very busy last half term in school. We started the half term off with a fantastic trip to The Living Rainforest. The children were able to consolidate and further their learning about how certain animals and plants have adapted to live in the rainforest. I was very impressed with their knowledge about the rainforest and the facts they were able to share with the staff showing us around. Due to the particularly hot weather when we visited we were able to experience just how hot and humid it would be in a rainforest - the children very much enjoyed being showered by cool water as we got caught by a sprinkler! Over the next couple of weeks the children then used all of their knowledge of the rainforest to plan and create rainforest models. These models showed the different layers of the rainforest and explained the conditions in each, as well as the animals that live in the different areas. They produced some fantastic models!

In English the children began by finishing off their unit of work on The Canal by writing their own warning tales. The children wrote some fantastic stories with characters ignoring a range of different warnings which then resulted in them finding themselves in trouble. We then moved onto a unit of work where we looked at a story called One Wish. The children spent a couple of weeks learning the story, looking at key vocabulary and completing a range of activities that helped them to explore the key events and main characters and settings. The children then planned and wrote their own wishing tales. I really enjoyed reading all of their stories and they had thought of some very interesting and clever ways of achieving three wishes in just one wish.

In Maths the Year 4s completed a unit of work on time where they recapped telling the time to the nearest minute on an analogue clock, before moving onto looking at 12 and 24 hour clocks and converting between the two. They then finished the year by looking at a unit of work on shape, where they focused on identifying different angles. Year 3 also completed a unit of work of time. They began by recapping telling the time to the nearest 15 minutes before progressing to telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and the minute. They then also looked at telling the time using a 12 hour clock and using am and pm to help us identify whether it is the morning or afternoon. They finished the unit of work by using start times, durations and end times to solve different time problems.

Osprey Class

What a brilliant last term we have had in Osprey Class. The Year 5s and Years 6s have both thoroughly enjoyed their Adventure Weeks, learning many new skills along the way, such as leadership skills and problem solving, particularly when putting up a tent in the rain!

In both History and Geography, we have been studying our local area. It was great looking at a local census and we had fun finding out about Ibstone and how people lived in the Victorian era. We also enjoyed creating a scavenger hunt for Woodland class and being able to share our knowledge of the Chilterns with them.

Our topic also ran through into our English work, as we have just finished reading Cogheart, a story set in an alternate Victorian Era of steamships and Mechanicals. The children particularly enjoyed the intense drama towards the end of the book and also writing a balanced argument about whether Mechanimals should have equal rights: it created some great discussions!

In Maths the Year 6s have really enjoyed planning and budgeting for their own holidays, they look forward to being able to actually doing it for real when they are older! The Year 5s have also been looking at real-life aspects of Maths, relating to shape, measurement and time.

Ibcest finished our wonderful term and what a great week it was— celebrating all things “Under the Sea”. The children used their knowledge of performing the Highwayman, earlier in the term, to be able to create their own performance poems and had lots of fun being able to perform them, using musical instruments.

In other news:

Sunflower Competition

I hope all the sunflowers everyone planted in Family Time are growing well! Please email the school office by 31st July with a photo of your sunflower with a tape measure next to it and the height in cm in the body of the email. The winner of the tallest Ibstone CE Primary sunflower will win a brand new trophy 'Anna's Cup'.

Ibstone Horticultural Show – Saturday 5th August

Don't forget, if you or your child would like to enter any other classes, please complete the entry form and read the rules and conditions on the back of the entry form.

If you are around on Saturday 5th August and can spare an hour to help, the committee are always looking for more helpers. The Horticultural Society donate money to the school every year so it would be great if we could give something back. If you are able to help, please email the office and let us know and we can put you in touch with the committee. If you are unable to help, it is a lovely day to be part of, so head up and have a look around!

This year there will be a teddy tombola, if you have any cuddly toys that need new homes, please donate them to the show. Donations can be dropped off before the day (please email the office for more details about where to drop them off).

Lunches

You should have all received an email with a link to lunch orders. All parents (including all EYFS & KS1 families) must complete the online order form. KS2 parents are also able to order, however, you will need to pay for the lunches you order. If you have lost the link, please use the link below:

www.kidslunch.co.uk

Class Information

We will be sending out the class information emails in the next week or so, these will give you the information you will need about resources the children will need, uniform and PE, Forest School and for KS2 – swimming information.

We have a new KS2 PE Kit, these are now available from SportsCrest in High Wycombe, there is no expectation that all KS2 children will have the new kit straight away, there will be a 12 month transition period from the old style tracksuits to the new kit. There is no change to the warm hoody and navy tracksuit bottoms for EYFS & KS1 children.



Finally ... Farewell to these fab 4! We wish you all well as you embark on new adventures, thank you for your support and commitment to the Ibstone Family!



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We hope you have a happy, safe and enjoyable summer! We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 6th September!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
August 2023		
31st July & 1st August	Holiday Club Open – please book on iPal	Everyone
7th, 10th & 11th August	Holiday Club Open – please book on iPal	Everyone
14th, 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th August	Holiday Club Open – please book on iPal	Everyone
September 2023		
Fri 1st	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 4th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 5th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Wed 6th	All children start back at school 8.45am	Everyone
Thurs 28th	Individual School Photos	Everyone
October 2023		
Fri 20th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Mon 30th	Start of term	Everyone
November 2023		
December 2023		
Tues 19th	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2024		
Thurs 4th	Start of term	Everyone
February 2024		
Thurs 8th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Fri 9th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19th	Start of term	Everyone
March 2024		
Wed 27th	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
Thurs 28th	INSET DAY	Staff only
April 2024		
Mon 15th	Start of term	Everyone
May 2024		
Mon 6th	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Fri 24th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2024		
Mon 3rd	Start of term	Everyone
July 2024		
Tues 2nd	Transition Day	Everyone
Mon 22nd	Leavers’ Service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	Year 6 families only
Tues 23rd	Summer Celebration in the school garden 12.45pm End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone