

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

Nurture - Inspire - Grow

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Dear Families,

In worship over the past two weeks we have been thinking about our school vision and after working with the Governors, staff and children we have made the decision to change a couple of words to ensure that our vision includes our whole community.

Our existing vision

Our vision is to nurture our community enabling everyone to grow through our Christian values. We inspire our children to be resilient, confident and courageous whilst developing a lasting love of learning.

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During Worship we discussed the wording with the children and staff and as one child pointed out "Mrs Long, it is Ibstone but it doesn't include everyone in our community, it needs to include all the grownups and Zog." From these conversations we have made some subtle tweaks to the wording and the whole school community feel that our updated vision is much better.

Our updated vision

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Kindness Day & Anti Bullying Week

Monday was World Kindness Day, this turned into Kindness Week here at Ibstone and the whole school community have been working on building each other up following our Golden Rule of being kind. Over the course of the week we have thought about how our words and actions can hurt others, how that could impact how we feel about ourselves and how that can impact our self esteem and our ability to learn. The whole school community know that there are many people in our school they can speak to if they have any worries or concerns. We have thought about what makes a good friend, how we can be kind to one another and how we can show kindness without saying anything. A smile costs nothing and can make someone's day.

In a world where
You can be
anything, be
kind.

We discussed what to do if someone was being unkind and how as a friend we might help someone who was feeling that they needed help in a situation. Our week ended with everyone passing a smile to know that they were loved and accepted for who they were, no matter what.

Safeguarding

We all have a responsibility to keep children safe. In school all staff are trained annually in safeguarding. This week Ms Robertson has joined the DSL Team in school. Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) have additional responsibilities ensuring the safety and wellbeing of everyone in school. Reverend Mark is our Safeguarding Governor.

Our Ibstone Designated Safeguarding Leads



Staffing

We have welcomed three new members of staff to the team over the last few weeks. Mrs Earnshaw joins us as our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Mrs Earnshaw will be working in school one day a week. Miss Horgan has joined the Osprey team and Mrs Meloni is working in Kestrel Class. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the Ibstone Family.

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Weekly Round Up

Ladybirds

This week Ladybirds have worked really hard to retell and write their own story based on The Little Red Hen; they have used their phonics and our tricky words to help them. They have written a bit more of the story each day. We have also played rhyming games. Our phonic sounds this week have been qu, z z and ch and the tricky words learnt to, go, no, into. In mathematics, we focussed on the numbers 4 and 5 and the children have been learning to subitise. We have used objects to investigate the different ways we can make these numbers. We have also been using a 5 frame and adding 1 more. Christmas has officially begun this week in Ladybirds! We have listened to our Nativity songs and even started to learn one of them.

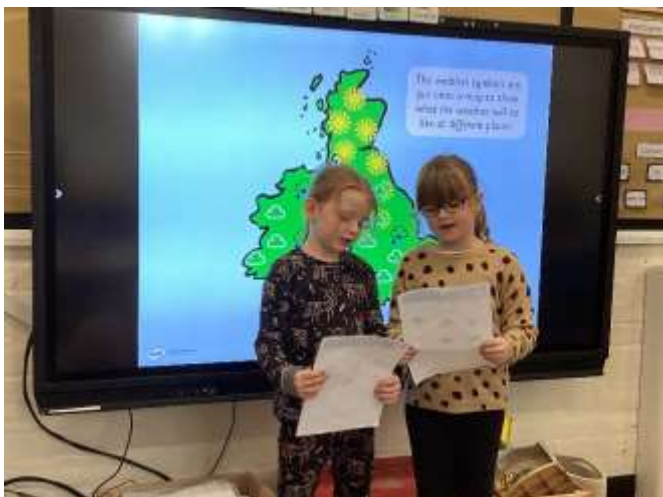


Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have been using co-ordinating conjunctions to join clauses together. Year 1 focused on using the conjunction 'and', whilst Year 2 were also challenged to use 'or' and 'but'. The children have also been designing their very own extraordinary garden in preparation for their description writing next week.

In maths, Year 1 have started learning about subtraction and have been finding addition and subtraction fact families for a group of 3 numbers. Year 2 have been learning how to subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number and have also been finding 10 more and 10 less than a given number.

In science, the children have been learning about the weather in autumn and winter. This week they watched a weather report before planning and presenting their own. In history the children used all of their knowledge from this term to compare the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Miss Smith was very impressed by all of the interesting facts that Woodland Class were able to recall!



Kestrel

In English this week we have continued our work on the story 'Trust'. We have been looking at different ways that authors can build tension and excitement using different techniques, including similes and character description. We then used pictures as stimulus to have a go at using similes to describe a setting and a character description. As it was Children in Need, we used Pudsey as our character!



Kestrels started the week with an exciting maths lesson to introduce them to Maths Week. They followed instructions to create Waldorf stars, which are now beautifully decorating the classroom.

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In mathematics, Dolphins have continued their unit of work on addition and subtraction, this week they have been looking at related facts. They have been spotting patterns and using addition facts they already know to calculate the answers to more complex addition questions. Nemos have moved onto column subtraction and have been completing questions where they have needed to exchange 100s and 10s. Frogs have completed their unit of work on area by looking at calculating the area of shapes and also comparing the area of different shapes.

In science, the children began their next unit of work which focuses on nutrition, healthy eating and skeletons. This week we learnt all about the five main food groups, looking at how they help to keep our body healthy and also thinking of different food examples for each group.

We finished the week by designing new outfits for Pudsey, to celebrate Children in Need.



Osprey – written by Maisy and Emmie

This week, we have written a balanced argument about whether children should have been evacuated or not from London during WWII. We have found it interesting: we even found out that they started evacuating children before the war even began. We think it was actually a good thing that they were evacuated because it meant that they were safe from the bombing raids that were about to begin in the cities around the UK. We also looked into the reasons why the war began in the first place. We didn't realise that the German people before WWII felt very frustrated and upset about the Treaty of Versailles after WW1, as it took away a lot of their land and made them pay money to the other countries. A few children brought in some WWII treasures this week, and they enjoyed sharing them with the class, including a WWII newspaper, some coins, an authentic air raid patrol whistle and even some medals.



In other news:

Governor Vacancies

We are currently looking for people to join the Governing Body, sadly there were no nominations for parent governor. There is a flyer attached to the newsletter this week, please share it with family and friends who may be interested.

Tissues

Thank you for the donations of tissues, they have already been put to good use! We are always happy to receive more!

Craft Market

Please share the flyer for our Christmas Craft Market with as many people as possible. We have lots of local crafters joining us that evening, it will be a great Christmas Shopping opportunity!

Christmas Wreath Making – UPDATE – Places are booking fast so book now to avoid disappointment

Back by popular demand, we are hosting a Christmas Wreath Making evening on Monday 4th December at 7pm. If you would like to book a place, please email the school office as soon as possible to secure your place as there are limited spaces. This will be opened up to the wider community over the weekend. See the attached flyer for more information.

Mufti Day for Secrets Room

Thank you for the donations we have already received in school, it looks like it is going to be a great year for gifts! Donations can be sent in on 6th December or before if that is easier.

We offer a Christmas shopping experience for all the children each year. This year the secrets room will be opening on Monday 18th December. During that day, all children will be able to buy a present for adults in their family. The gifts are wrapped, with tags and bows. We need your help to stock the shop this year, please send in any unwanted (adult) gifts you may have at home. They need to be brand new and unopened.

More information on how much money to send in on 18th etc will be sent out nearer the time.

In return, your child can wear their own clothes for the day on Wednesday 6th December!



Examples: Perfume, Make up, Candles, Glassware, Men's Ties, Aftershave, Sunglasses, Baseball Caps, Bath Sets, Jewellery, Scarves, Wallets, Purses etc.

Children in Need



Thank you for your generous donations for Children in Need, we have raised a superb £140 for this very worthy cause.

I remember raising money for Children in Need when I was at school (although I think Pudsey has had a bit of a makeover since then) and am proud that the next generation will hopefully continue to support this worthy cause too!



Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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Family Awards



Zog the Dog Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
November 2023		
Thurs 23rd	Osprey Trip to Didcot Railway	Osprey Class
December 2023		
Fri 1 st	Christmas Craft Evening 6.30pm-9pm – School Hall	Adults only
Mon 4 th	Wreath Making 7pm – School Hall	Adults only
Wed 6 th	Mufti day for Secrets Room	Everyone
Tues 12 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS/ KS1 families
Thurs 14 th	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm	KS2 families
Fri 15 th	EYFS / KS1 visit to Norden Farm	EYFS/ KS1 only
Fri 15 th	KS2 Christmas Performance – 2pm – Zoom	Everyone
Fri 15th	Last Kites Session	Everyone
Mon 18 th	Secrets Room	Everyone
Tues 19 th	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2024		
Thurs 4 th	Start of term	Everyone
February 2024		
Tues 6th	Parents' Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm	Everyone
Wed 7 th	Parents' Meetings	Kestrel Class only
Thurs 8 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Fri 9 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 th	Start of term	Everyone
March 2024		
Wed 27 th	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
Thurs 28 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
April 2024		
Mon 15 th	Start of term	Everyone
May 2024		
Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 7 th – Fri 10 th	Proposed Y5 Adventure Week	Y5 only
Mon 11 th – Fri 17 th	KS2 SATS week	Y6 only
Fri 24 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2024		
Mon 3 rd	Start of term	Everyone
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Proposed Y6 Adventure Week	Y6 only
July 2024		
Tues 2 nd	Transition Day	Everyone
Thurs 4 th	KS2 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	KS2 families
Fri 5 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	EYFS/ KS1 families
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	Ibfest – more information to follow	Everyone
Mon 22 nd	Leavers' Service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	Year 6 families only
Tues 23 rd	Summer Celebration in the school garden 12.45pm End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone