

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

A huge thank you to the bakers, shoppers, helpers, drinkers, eaters and put up and take downers! Marlow May Fayre 2024 was a success! Whilst the footfall was much quieter than normal, the tea tent raised a whopping £700 for the school! Well done!



This week has seen our Year 6 children live out our vision and demonstrate our values in abundance as they work their way through SATs week! The whole school community is extremely proud of every one of you! Well done Year 6!

To celebrate the end of SATs they had a special treat on Thursday!



Thank you to everyone who sent in coins for our Penny Farthing Challenge, we will be counting the coins as part of our mathematics lessons next week and will let you know how much we have raised. If you would still like to donate, please send your donations into school on Monday. We are looking forward to welcoming Matt to school next Friday afternoon.



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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles Nursery

This week the children have enjoyed listening to the story of Cinderella. We made amazing magic words, just like the fairy godmother, which we used during our role play games. We have built castles out of bricks and some were big enough to get inside.

We drew some lovely pictures on the playground with chalk and then had a great time listening to Dear Zoo when the children used props to help tell the story.

The highlight of the week was doing PE, playing games with the huge parachute.



Ladybirds

This week we have enjoyed listening to the story of Cinderella. We have worked really hard all week writing a different part of the story each day. The children have really impressed us by showing how confident they are becoming to have a go by themselves, trying to become more independent. We have enjoyed lots of painting, including magic painting. We had fun making our own wands and creating our own spells to cast. We have created our own Cinderella paper dolls, adding a glamorous design and also rags. We have loved acting out the story and having fun at the ball!

In mathematics the focus has been on taking away practically including lots of subtraction games. We are beginning to look at shapes and making pictures using correct shapes. They have all enjoyed the challenge of using tangram shapes to make a duck!

In phonics the focus has been on 'ing' words, 'est' words and 'ed' words, the tricky words of the week have been: out and today.



Woodland Class

In English, we have been learning about toys from the Victorian times in preparation for their fact file writing next week. This week they have described their favourite toys from home and have been writing comparative sentences to compare Victorian toys to modern day toys. The children also enjoyed playing with a selection of Victorian toys and games.

In mathematics, Year 1 have completed their unit on fractions and have started to learn about position and direction. This week they have been learning how to find a quarter of a quantity and have been describing turns e.g. full turn, half turn, quarter turn and three-quarter turn. Year 2 have continued their unit on fractions this week. They have been learning about the equivalence of a half and two-quarters and how to recognise three-quarters.

In art, the children have been exploring the element of colour. This week the children recapped their knowledge of primary and secondary colours. We discussed the term 'hue' and how we could make colours lighter and darker. The children then experimented with colour by mixing blue and yellow paint to make to make different hues of green using yellow to make it lighter and blue to make it darker.

In computing, the children were very excited to make their own stop motion animations using the Stop Motion Studio app. Using their plans from last week, the children collected a range of props to create a superhero themed animation. The children worked very hard to develop their accuracy of movements by using the onion skinning feature to show the position of their objects from the previous image.



Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children have read the poems 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright and 'The Door' by Miroslav Holub. The children then combined the ideas from these poems to write a poem entitled 'The Magical Door'. The poems linked to our previous unit of work looking at portal stories and required them to write about the weird and wonderful things they might find if they opened a magical door. Here are some of the things the children wrote about:

I opened the magical door
and saw the biggest bubble
from a beautiful blue
whale floating higher and
higher into the sky.

I opened the magical
door and saw a bottle of
coke doing the macarena.

I opened the magical
door and saw a tree
of wishes.

I opened the magical door
and saw a banana at
gymnastics doing a round off.

In mathematics, Nemos have been converting between pounds and pence as well as adding and subtracting money. They finished the week by finding change. Frogs have continued their unit of work on money and have been comparing amounts, estimating and solving problems with money.

In our 'Create' lessons this week, the children completed their portraits that they have been working on over the last few weeks.



In science this week, we looked at fossils. We began by thinking about how fossils have provided us with evidence of the dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures. We then talked about the different types of fossils: chemical fossils, body fossils and trace fossils. We then discussed how body and trace fossils are formed; the children ordered pictures and then wrote sentences to explain the different steps in the fossilisation process.

Osprey Class

We have had a very busy week in Osprey class: full of SATS, sewing, art and more art.

We are currently making some bunting for a classroom decoration, as most of us have finished our lavender bags. We have found that it is much easier to do the bunting, as we used an easier stitch.

After the Year 6s finished SATS on Thursday morning, the Year 5 children headed out to Forest school, whilst the others went out to get ice-cream, for a treat. When they returned, we made a den and tried to camouflage it into the background.

In art we made a collage inspired by the artist Megan Coyle, which involves painting with paper – ripping pieces from magazines and sticking them onto a sheet of paper.

In computing we have been writing a Swan Life story or poem for the Marlow Writing Competition, the winner will be presented by Robert Thorogood and Sir Steve Redgrave. We have also been typing up work to put into our FAB books for the Summer Term.



In other news:

Year 6 Adventure Week Meeting

Don't forget there is a Year 6 Adventure Week meeting at 7pm on Monday 20th May. This is a parents only meeting.

Warmer weather

As we welcome the warmer weather, please make sure your child has a named sun hat and a water bottle in school every day. Please apply suncream before they come to school.

Kites Holiday Club

We will be open on Tuesday 28th May, bookings can be made via ipal.

Have a super weekend!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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Runner of the Week



Diary Dates

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2024		
Mon 20th	Year 6 Adventure Week Meeting – 7pm	Y6 parents only
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th	Y5& Y6 Bikeability – information sent 15/04/24	Y5 & Y6 only
Fri 24 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2024		
Mon 3 rd	Start of term	Everyone
Tues 4th	Garsington Infant Company Rehearsals start 4pm-5pm	Infant Company
Wed 5 th	Osprey Class Trip – information sent 15/4/24	Osprey Class
Wed 5th	Year 2 Swimming starts - information sent 15/4/24	Year 2 only
Thurs 6 th	Woodland Class Trip – information sent 15/4/24	Woodland Class
Wed 12 th	Reception Vision Check	Ladybirds only
Thurs 13 th	Garsington Workshop	Osprey Class
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Y6 Adventure Week – letter sent 10/5/24	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
Fri 5th	Pebbles Nursery Sports Morning 11am – Ibstone Common	Pebbles families
Mon 8 th	Ladybirds Trip – more information to follow	Ladybirds
Wed 10 th	Osprey Class Trip am only – more information to follow	Osprey Class
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	Ibfest – more information to follow	Everyone
Fri 19 th	Pebbles Nursery finishes 12pm	Pebbles
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

2024 – 2025 Term Dates		
2024-2025	Start of Term	End of Term
Autumn	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024 (1.30pm)
Spring	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025 (1.30pm)
Summer	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025 (1.30pm)

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