

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

*Nurture - Inspire - Grow*

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Dear Families,

It doesn't feel possible that we have less than two weeks left of this academic year! This week I have been fortunate enough to visit the Cotswold Wildlife Park with Ladybirds and the Wycombe Museum with Osprey Class. It was a privilege to be on both trips and the behaviour of both groups was amazing! Well done!

In Worship this week we have thought about our values and how we demonstrate them in all aspects of our lives, we also talked about the election last week and how that was a way for people to demonstrate democracy. This enabled us to talk about British Values and how they are part of what we live and breathe here at Ibstone too.

We are looking forward to welcome Mr Wilcock on Tuesday, he will be spending the day in school with us looking at the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community.

## Weekly Round Up

### Pebbles Nursery

Pebbles have been investigating and experimenting with different ways to join pipes together to make a giant marble run for the plastic balls. They discovered ways to make the balls go faster or slower. Some children played 'ball pool waterfall', they stood under the bog pipe as an avalanche of balls cascaded down!

They have also enjoyed dancing and singing to a variety of songs and rhymes, in fact they enjoyed dancing so much they have asked to dance every morning.

We have all missed one of our Pebbles this week! We hope you feel better soon, we can't wait to see you when you are well enough!



### Ladybirds

Ladybirds had a lovely trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park on Monday which everyone thoroughly enjoyed; we all certainly got our steps in! We were very lucky as we escaped any rain clouds around. They were certainly impressed by the size of the giant anaconda we saw!

We have enjoyed lots of stories linked to many of the animals we spotted on Monday and have thought about where in the world they come from. We have made our own wildlife park with the animals and created our own wildlife maps. We have created some beautiful sunset paintings with African animals. We have been recapping on number bonds, lots of counting and looking at the correct number formation in maths.



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## Woodland Class

For Geography week, Woodland Class have been learning about seaside towns and coasts. The children have located seaside towns in the UK on a map and have investigated the seaside town of Lyme Regis. The children have also learnt about physical and human features of the coast and have made models using papier mâché.

In English, the children have written spine poems about the seaside, using a video and pictures as a stimulus. We described nouns such as waves, seagulls, lighthouses and cliffs and thought of interesting adverbs and similes.

In mathematics, Year 1 completed their unit on time and have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. Year 2 have completed their unit on position and direction and have been learning to describe turns and movement.



## Kestrel Class

In mathematics, Nemos moved onto a unit of work on statistics. They studied pictograms and bar charts; interpreting information from them and then they also had a go at drawing their own. The children then learnt about two way tables and answered questions about the information presented. Frogs continued their work on co-ordinates, using them to translate objects on a grid and also describing translations.

In DT this week, the children worked in small groups to design their own seasonal fruit or vegetable tart. They were only allowed to select fruits and vegetables that are currently in season in the UK. Later in the week the children then made, tasted and evaluated their seasonal tarts. The children really enjoyed making them and also enjoyed eating them! They all worked really well in their groups to combine all of their ideas and also share out the different jobs when making the seasonal tarts.



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As part of Geography week, the children looked at the country of origin of the foods they tasted last week. We then discussed what food miles were and the impact they can have on the environment. The children calculated the food miles each fruit or vegetable had travelled to get to us here in Ibstone.

The children also learnt about grid references, which are very similar to the co-ordinates that Frogs had just been learning about in maths. The children learnt what grid references were and how to read and write 4 figure grid references. They then used these to locate different places on an Ordnance Survey map.

### Osprey Class

This week in Osprey, we have been learning as hard as ever, given that it's nearly the summer holidays. We have been focusing on Geography as it is Geography week, after all.

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed starting their Geography field study project, by creating questionnaires and asking people things that they might like if we were to buy the field next to school and build a community hub. On Wednesday we went to the Wycombe Museum. It was so fun, we also got to dress up as if we were working in a chair factory. The ladies did lace making and washing, whilst the men were out being "Bodgers" or "Bottomers". Bottomers were the people who made the bottom of the chair that you sit on and the bodgers made everything round, including the legs and stretchers.

We also loved it this week, when a special visitor - Miss McKeown - came in to see us, after she had left for her new job, which she said is going very well, but is not as fun as when she worked here!



### In other news

#### Ibfest

Next week is Ibfest Week. Ibfest is a week of creative arts across the school. During the week, the children will work in their family groups, classes and year groups to learn new skills, access art and design opportunities, sing, dance and perform in a small group as well as in larger and whole school groups. The week ends with a finale on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> with a whole school performance. This year Ibfest will be held on the MUGA at the bottom of the garden. Seats can be booked via iPal and tickets will be sent out next Thursday evening. Ticket holders are welcome to join us and the back gate will be open from 2pm. There will be some ushers to show you to your seats! Please bring some money (cash and card accepted) as we will be asking for donations on entry! This year's theme is Olympics – All Around the World!

#### End of Year Reports

All children will receive an end of year report, we are hoping to send these out at the end of next week. Your child's class information for next year will also be sent out with the report.



## End of Term

As we ramp up to the end of term, there is lots going on:

Date	Time	What	Who	Clothing	Exceptions / Information
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Ibfest Week Olympics – All Around the World	All pupils	School uniform	More information will be sent
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	8am	Year 6 Swan Upping	Osprey Class	School uniform	More information sent 28/6
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9am-12pm	Pebbles Last Day	Pebbles	Own clothes	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	Ibfest Performance	Everyone!		You can book on iPal. Max 2 people per family.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.15am	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Nicholas	Year 6 Pupils and their families	School uniform	Please bring tissues
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12.45pm – 1.30pm	End of Year Celebration in the Garden	Everyone!	School uniform	Please bring tissues

Thank you for your continued support!  
Louise Long  
Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards



## Family Time Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>July 2024</b>		
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest – see main body of newsletter	Everyone
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pebbles Nursery finishes 12pm	Pebbles
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest Performance – tickets must be booked in advance – 2.15pm	Everyone
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Leavers' Service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	Year 6 families only
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer Celebration in the school garden 12.45pm End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone

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