

Dear Families,

We welcomed the Garsington Youth Company team into school this week, they worked with our Year 4, 5 & 6 children for part of the morning and enabled them all to audition for the Youth Company.



We will send out emails next week to those children who have been invited to join the youth company. For those children in Year 4, 5 & 6 who are not offered a place this year or who cannot take up their place, there are Youth Company Taster Workshops planned for later in the year. Here is a link to follow for more information:

<https://garsingtonopera.org/participate/discovery-workshops/>

This week in Family Time the children listened to the story of the two sons and thought about respect. They have worked together to produce some super posters about respect, these will be displayed around the school.

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy, please read the letter attached to the newsletter email for more information. Our governing body meets 9 times a year and work as part of a team to make a difference to all the children here at Ibstone CE Primary School.

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

This week Pebbles have enjoyed playing with rice, scooping it up and pouring and tipping it to make pretend cakes. This week we have been working on learning basic shapes, the children have enjoyed painting circles, squares and triangles, they have used different bricks to print shapes. They also loved washing up the wooden printing blocks too! They have played shape games and made shape people!

We have also been finding out about vets and have played in the 'Vet Surgery' in the classroom. We helped make the animals better, we bandaged poorly paws, wrote medical notes and gave the patients lots of love and care.



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have been finding out about the role of a vet, we have loved having our own surgery open for treating lots of poorly cats and dogs! We have used the story 'Mog and the VET' for our Drawing Club focus this week. This led to some super codes and drawings to invent a way to get Mog into her basket. We have also made some balancing cats.

In mathematics we have been exploring weight; initially looking at heavier and lighter and then reading the story Who sank the Boat? Paper boats and Lego boats were made to see how many people they could fit into their boat before it sank. Using the story 'Balancing Act' the children enjoyed finding out how many bricks it would take to balance the scales, hence finding the mass. They also had a lot of fun exploring different containers in capacity, using rice and sand, and comparing which would hold the most.

In phonics our sounds of the week are ur, ow, oi, & ear. The tricky words are my, by, all.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been learning how to use a list of 3 to describe a setting. They have also been learning how to use powerful verbs and adverbs to improve sentences and have used these to write a list poem about a laboratory from our story 'Monstersaurus'.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been practising their number line skills and have been using them to find one more and one less than a given number. Year 2 have finished their unit on shape. This week they have been learning to sort 3D shapes and have been using 2D and 3D shapes to make patterns.

In science, the children enjoyed taking part in an investigation to identify the properties of materials. In small groups, the children selected a material and worked together to identify its properties such as hard, soft, transparent and opaque.

In history, the children have been developing their chronology skills by ordering events along a timeline. We started by looking at birthdays and ordered members of our class along a timeline. We then looked at significant historical events including The Great Fire of London and worked in small groups to make a timeline. Finally we looked at the events of the great fire and made our own timelines independently.



Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children have continued to learn our new focus text. They have really worked hard to perform using the actions to help secure their understanding of the story. After a discussion of what the setting looked like, they painted their own interpretation and produced some fantastic pieces of art. We have also continued to focus on inverted commas, which will support their writing when it comes to using dialogue within their text.

In mathematics, Nemos have started their new unit on Length and Perimeter. They have been measuring and comparing centimetres and millimetres; also learning how to use a ruler with accuracy. Frogs have continued to work on multiplication and division. They have been multiplying and dividing 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by 1; with and without remainders.

In History, we have been learning about where the Anglo-Saxons originated from and how their name came to be. We looked at maps to compare the seven Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms with the UK as we know it today. The class learnt the names of the seven Kingdoms and were able to locate each one on a map.



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Osprey Class

In mathematics we have been learning how to do division, using different methods to make sure we are being efficient in our work. The Year 6s have extended their knowledge of the subject, by finding out how to do long division.

In English we have been studying and practising how to write our own Greek Myth. We have also been exploring the Greek Gods in history and learning their names. In art we have been looking at their special objects and drawing them. We also finished our Space pictures.

This week in Forest School we made a ride and we decided to call it The Harry Potter Ride because it was shaped like a broom. We also made a ladder to climb up to a platform in the tree.



Barn Owls

In English this week, we have used our imaginations to create our own unique ideas to innovate our story 'The Tale of Curious Cara'. We are looking forward to seeing these stories grow over the next week. We have looked at how to use inverted commas (also known as speech marks) before and after direct speech to show what someone has said.

In mathematics, we have been revising our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We have compared calculations deciding whether to use the more than, less than or the equals symbol. We have explored word problems looking at how to apply our knowledge of these tables to solve the problems.

In other news

Ballet

The whole school are making super progress in their ballet sessions. As most groups have asked to learn how to twirl, Jacqui has suggested that if your child has a pair of Rush grippy socks (or any brand grippy socks) please could they bring them in on their PE day as wearing them will help with learning to twirl. Please make sure they are named!

Kites Holiday Club

Kites Holiday Club will run on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February. Please book via iPal using the Holiday Clubs tab.

Open Classes

We are delighted to invite you into school again to see your child's classroom. The classrooms will be open from the end of the school day (3.15pm for Ladybirds and Woodland Class/ 3.25pm for Kestrel and Osprey Class) until 5.30pm on Tuesday 4th February. It is an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom and their books will be available for you to look at. We hope you will be able to join us. The teachers will be in the classrooms to welcome you but please be aware, this is not parents' evening.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Family Time Awards



Runners of the Week



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Worship Leaders



Zog the Dog Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
January 2025		
February 2025		
3 rd	Children's Mental Health Week – more information to follow	Everyone
4 th	Open Classrooms – end of school day – 5.15pm	Everyone
11 th	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
11 th	Parents' Evening – email link sent 24/1	Everyone
12 th	Parents' Evening – email link sent 24/1	Everyone
14 th	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
24 th	Back to School	Everyone
25 th	Year 4 Bikeability – letter sent 8/1, emails sent 16/1, 23/1	Year 4 only
March 2025		
6 th	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
April 2025		
4 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 nd	Back to school	Everyone
May 2025		
6 th – 9 th	Year 5 Adventure Week – letter will be sent 13/01/2025	Year 5 only
12 th – 15 th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 rd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2025		
2 nd	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 rd	Back to school	Everyone
July 2025		
1 st	Transition Day	Everyone
3 rd	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 th – 6 th	Year 6 Adventure Weekend – information sent via email 10/01/25	Year 6 only
11 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11 th	Pebbles' Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Pebbles families
14 th	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 st	Leavers' Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 rd	INSET Day	Staff Only