

# Nurture Inspire Grow

## Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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It has been a four day week at school for the children this week, but four very busy days. As we are not having our usual Friday assembly we have not made any awards for the end of the week.

Learning about the Ancient Egyptians has really fired up the imagination of the children in the Kestrel class. The children have started to create a display in their classroom which records the facts which they have learned. The tomb of Tutankhamun was used as a stimulus for the children's writing this week. The children wrote in the first person as if they were the archaeologist discovering the tomb and all its treasures.

The Kestrel class will hold an Egyptian Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs Barrett will send details presently. However, set homework should still be completed by 20<sup>th</sup>.



In maths the children have been practising division with tens and units. The children have been dividing by repeated subtraction. The children have also written word problems around given numbers to help consolidate their understanding.

In science the children have been learning about healthy eating. The children played a game of 'Top Trumps' which were specially devised cards giving nutritional information about different food and drinks.

Our Year 3 children are taking real ownership of their learning. They are assessing their termly English and maths targets independently.

In the Woodland class the children have been using balances, scales and a variety of equipment to balance, to weigh using standardised units and to weigh precisely reading scales. The children found it quite challenging trying to read the calibrations on scales, so if you have any weighing scales at home which are not digital, please let your child practise weighing items and reading the scales. (grams and kilograms)

The children have also been learning about capacity using coloured liquids to measure in a range of containers. The children conducted an investigation into pattern formation with a given number of unifix bricks. The children have been following up the progress made of the seeds which they planted. We have some healthy seedlings growing outside in pots in the garden.



The children have looked at features of newspaper front covers and started to devise their own front cover for a newspaper to highlight the plastic crisis! The children have also been creating a Father's Day card ready for the weekend.

In the Ladybird class the children have used the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' as a stimulus for their learning. This is a much-loved story and the children enjoyed writing their own versions and even making a book. The children had fun re-telling the story using puppets. The story has been used alongside non-fiction books to teach the children about the life cycle of the butterfly. Last week the children were looking after butterfly eggs, waiting for them to hatch out. Now they are caterpillars about 3cm long!

In maths, the children have been practising how to use a number line and then using a number line to help with addition. The children have also listened to word problems and worked out the word problems by doing an addition sum.

As mini-beasts are the current topic, it seemed only fitting that four important visitors to school were newts! This was a great opportunity for the children to really observe the newts and find out more about them. The children have also set about making a class wormery. The children had great fun digging for worms in the garden.

Thank you for your support.

Ruth Goddard  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates New or amended dates inBOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>June 2018</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day	All
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Pimms and Hymns – St Nicholas Church 11am</b>	<b>All welcome</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> June	E-Safety for pupils 1-2pm and parents 2-3pm	All
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Garsington Opera at Holy Trinity School	Woodland and Kestrel
<b>July 2018</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Day	All
6 <sup>th</sup> July	The Big Sing at Wormsley	All
9 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports	All
12 <sup>th</sup> July	School Trip – details to follow	All
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Kites Summer Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Celebration Service 9.30am	All
24 <sup>th</sup> July	EOT 1.30pm	All
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Kites Holiday Club Starts	All

