

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was lovely to be out again as a whole school for Worship on a Walk, this week the children were learning about Ascension Day (Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May). They enjoyed finding out more about St Nicholas Church and its history, including listening to the church bells.



As this walk is our regular route, we have seen it develop over the years, there used to be a narrow pathway and the children developed 'Prayer in the Air' at this point of the walk to have a moment of quiet reflection. It was lovely to see Kestrel Class reminding everyone of this on our walk this week!



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### What we have been learning this week...

Ladybirds have started their new topic 'Colour'. They have listened to 'Rainbow Fish' and have enjoyed retelling the story with puppets. They have written descriptions of the octopus and Rainbow fish. The children have been making a Rainbow Fish collage.

In mathematics, they have been focusing on spatial reasoning, finding the odd one out and using shapes to recreate pictures.

The children explored the garden looking for colours in the environment, they have also listened to the Snail Trail and created their own colourful snail collage based on Matise.



Woodland Class have been finishing their innovated stories of Jack and the Baked Beanstalk. They have been busy editing and improving their stories to add interesting adjectives and adverbs before writing their stories up to create their own story books.

In mathematics, Group 1 have been making and adding equal groups. They have also been learning about arrays and have practised making them using cubes and counters. In Group 2, the children have started looking at length and height. They have been learning how to measure in both centimetres and metres and have looked at comparing lengths.

In science, the children have been planning an investigation to find out 'What do cress plants need to grow and survive?' Year 1 have been looked at growing cress with and without water, whilst Year 2 have looked at growing cress with and without sunlight. The children will record their results next week.

In geography, the children went on a walk around the school to see what they could observe before drawing a bird's eye view map of the school site.

Kestrel Class have continued looking at the story of The Tunnel. As a class they worked together to identify key features of suspense writing to use in their writing toolkit. They used their toolkits to annotate the story with these features. They have also sequenced pictures from the story and summarised the main points in each paragraph. Finally, they thought about giving their opinions on statements relating to the text (e.g. *Rose did not miss her brother when he went into the tunnel*) and used evidence from the text to support their answers.

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In mathematics, Year 3 have been finding fractions of amounts and looked at using bar models to help them identify equivalent fractions. Year 4 have been looking at hundredths and writing them as both fractions and decimals. They have also thought about the place value of each of the digits in a decimal number. Group 3 have been using numberlines to help them with adding and finding the answer to missing number questions.

In history, Kestrel Class have looked at how Ancient Egyptians wrote using hieroglyphics and had a go at writing their name in hieroglyphics. They discovered that it was quite difficult and not very quick!

In science, they have started a new unit of work on plants and have started looking at the different parts and the role they play in keeping the plant alive.



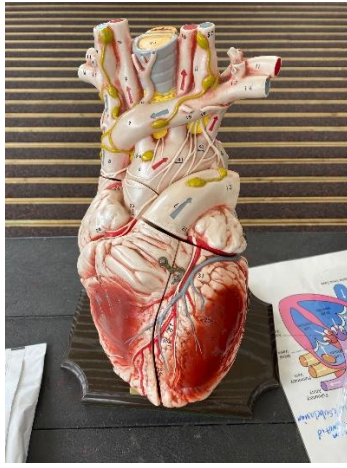
Osprey Class have continued to work on their innovated version of the Cogheart passage. They have changed a variety of aspects to create their own passage using the structure, language features and punctuation from the original extract. They have also been revising grammar rules and using the correct grammatical terminology.

In mathematics, Year 5 have been learning how to multiply unit, non unit and mixed number fractions by an interger, they have also been finding fractions of amounts. Year 6 have been reacpping and revisiting the learning they have covered throughout Years 5 & 6.

In science they have started a new topic about the Circulatory System and have been finding out about the heart. They gained so much knowledge from Natasha who very kindly came in to talk to the children about her job as a Cardiac Physiologist. Thank you so much for coming in to talk to us!

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### In other news:

#### Easing of Lockdown in School

Following on from the announcements last week, staff will no longer be advised to wear facemasks whilst in their classrooms. However, they should continue to wear a facemask if they are working in another classroom or space in the school.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May we will be operating an EYFS & KS1 group and a KS2 group, enabling our children to play together more at playtime and lunchtimes. After half term we are planning on reverting to **normal** with all children being able to mix outside. This will be closely monitored and it will be adapted and changed as and when needed.

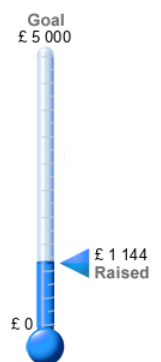
Worship will continue to take place outside until the end of the school year. Rolling drop off and socially distanced pick up will continue until the end of the school year. From **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Ladybirds collection time will be by 3.15pm** to be in line with the rest of the school. KS2 collection will remain at 3.15pm until the end of the school year.

#### Secondhand Uniform Shop

We are planning on hosting a weekly secondhand uniform shop on Monday afternoons from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any secondhand uniform, PE kit, Forest School kit, football boots, school shoes etc, please send your donations in from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Fundraising

Our fundraising total has remained the same this week £1144.13!



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Our Reception and Year 1 children helped harvest the first rhubarb crop today, they were amazed by the size of the leaves!



Have a good weekend!  
Louise Long  
Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards



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**Diary Dates**  
**New or amended dates in BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>May 2021</b>		
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Berkshire Reptiles</b>	<b>Osprey Class</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Garsington Workshop	KS2 children only
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – 3pm	Whole School
<b>June 2021</b>		
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day	Staff only
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term for all children 8.50am	Whole School
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Adventure week (more information to follow)</b>	<b>Year 6 children only</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Full Governing Body Meeting – 7pm</b>	<b>All Governors</b>
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dan the Skipping Man (more information to follow)</b>	<b>EYFS – Year 5</b>
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Berkshire Reptiles</b>	<b>EYFS, Y1/2, Y3/4</b>
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Marlow Fayre</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>July 2021</b>		
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Transition Day</b>	<b>All children</b>
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sports Day – PROVISIONAL (subject to change) – 1.30pm</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – 1.30pm	Whole School
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day	Staff only

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