

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been another busy week in school and the children have noticed the autumnal changes that are happening around the school site, there has definitely been a cold nip in the air this week. It might be time to start digging out the warm coats, hats and gloves! I'm going to have to develop a strategy for keeping my visor on my head on windy days!

What we have been learning this week:

Ladybirds have continued their 'Ourselves' topic, they have been writing their names and drawing their families. The children enjoyed thinking about what they are good at and have been exploring their environment using their senses. They enjoyed listening to all the different sounds around them, playing a guess the smell, using pots with a variety of scents and exploring how a range of objects felt. In mathematics they have been learning about length using vocabulary such as longer, taller and shorter.

Woodland Class have had a very exciting week, on Tuesday morning they were captured by a troll and held captive in a cave. The children had to be rescued by their friends who had to go on a perilous journey through a dark cave, across a lava river and over a rickety bridge. They then had to find the key, creep past the sleeping troll and unlock the cage to rescue their friend!



Back in the classroom they wrote a recount about how they saved their friend. In mathematics they have been ordering numbers, using more, less and equals signs to compare numbers and have been learning about the part whole model. In science they have been learning about extreme weathers and where they take place. The children have also been comparing these extreme weathers to the weather in the UK.

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Kestrel Class have written their own version of 'The Old Mill', these have included adventures to magical forests, quarries and space stations! In mathematics the children have been comparing objects and numbers and have ordered 3 or 4 digit numbers. They have also been counting in 25s and 50s! In science they have been investigating magnetic and non magnetic materials, they have tested different materials and objects around the classroom. There was an awe and wonder moment when they used iron filings to look at magnetic fields!



Osprey Class have finished reading 'Journey to Jo'burg' They have studied how a character's mood changes over the course of a chapter. The children have used the book to learn more about Apartheid and have learnt about the life of Nelson Mandela. In mathematics, Year 5 have continue to learn about place value, rounding and comparing numbers to a million. Our Year 6 children have used various methods to solve division problems using 2 digit numbers including using factors, chunking and the formal long division method.

In RE they have been exploring freedom and justice and have debated these at length, they have also listened to Jewish, Islamic and Christian stories that demonstrate freedom and justice and have discussed these as a class. In art they have been developing their portrait skills and have produced super self portraits and portraits of one of their chosen people from their Black History topic.

I think the pizzas were well received and the feedback suggests they were very yummy too!



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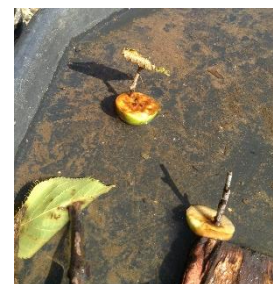
Forest School News

Year 1 enjoyed listening to the story of the apple star, they enjoyed cutting windfall apples to find the star and then used the apples to make apple boats.

Year 2 enjoyed listening to the story of the old apple tree and spent time thinking about all of the different seeds that you can find at this time of year.

Year 5 battled against the wind to make tarpaulin shelters and then tested their perseverance skills to the limit by attempting to make leaf pictures! They were able to investigate where the most sheltered part of the Forest School area was to complete their works of art!

Year 6 finished making ink and then decided to make feather quills to test out the ink they had made!



Enjoy your weekend!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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Forest School Award



Worship Leaders



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2020		
Mon 28 th	School Photos - Last chance for Early Bird Discount Online Last day for orders via school	Everyone
Mon 28 th	Forest School – Blue Session	Y 3 /4
October 2020		
Fri 9th	Celebration Worship via Zoom (more information to follow)	All families
Fri 23 rd	End of Term	All children
November 2020		
Mon 2 nd	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Thurs 12 th	Children in Need – more info to follow	Everyone
December 2020		
Fri 18 th	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
January 2021		
Mon 4 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 5 th	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
February 2021		
Fri 12 th	End of Term	All children
Mon 22 nd	Back to school 8.50am	All children
March 2021		
Thurs 4 th	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 19 th	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
Wed 31 st	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
April 2021		
Thurs 1 st	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 25 th	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
May 2021		
Mon 3 rd	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Fri 28 th	End of Term	Everyone
June 2021		
Mon 7 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 8 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
July 2021		
Tues 20 th	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
Wed 21 st	INSET DAY	Staff Only
August 2021		
TBC	Ibstone Horticultural Show	Everyone
September 2021		
Wed 1 st	INSET Day	Staff only
Thurs 2 nd	School starts for all children	All children

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