

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The Easter Eggstravangaza entries are in and judging will be taking place over the weekend! Winners will be announced during our Easter Service next Wednesday.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be on Zoom at 9.30am on Wednesday 31st March, the link will be sent in the main body of the newsletter email. Everyone is welcome, we are hoping that there may be some singing!

Smarties Challenge

Hopefully the packets of Smarties made it home! Please send the tubes back in by Wednesday 21st April at the latest!

What have we been learning this week...

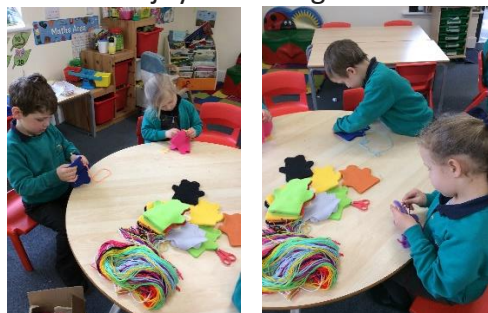
Ladybirds have continued learning about 'Toys' this week. They have designed their own Lego characters and labelled them. The children enjoyed listening to Dogger and made a poster for a missing toy. In mathematics, the children have been looking at patterns and have been challenged to make more complex repeating patterns.



The children worked together to make an Easter garden, they have used it in their play to retell the Easter story.



They have enjoyed looking at old and new toys and have been identifying the materials the various toys are made from. Mrs Statham has set everyone the challenge of learning to sew and they have all started sewing their own hand puppets! The children enjoyed making their own ball and cup toy.



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Woodland Class have continued their work on The Great Fire of London this week. In English, the children have been writing diary entries about the fire in the role of Samuel Pepys. When writing their diaries, the children were challenged to use interesting adjectives and adverbs to describe what they could see, feel and hear. The children also had fun taking part in The Great Fire of Ibstone. They were set the challenge of working together to pass buckets of water to put out the fire. The children then used their recount skills to write some interesting sentences about their experience.



In mathematics, Group 1 have continued learning about length and height. The children have enjoyed measuring classroom objects using both standard and non-standard units of measurement. The children have also used their adding skills to solve addition problems about length and height. In Group 2, the children have been identifying and naming 3D shapes and have also been learning how to count the faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes.

In DT, the children have been busy designing and making their own 17th century houses. The children stacked boxes on top of each other to create a 'jettied house' before decorating it with a black and white design. The children then took their houses outside and recreated the Great Fire of London. They had lots of fun learning how to use fire extinguishers and using them to put out the fire.

Kestrel Class have been writing their own version of Elf Road. Miss Firth has been wowed by their creativity and imaginations, there have been portals that have taken them to jungle temples, deserts, fairgrounds and rainforests.

In mathematics, Year 3 have started a unit of work on fractions and have been looking at halves, quarters and thirds. Year 4 have continued their work on fractions and have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions, when the denominator is the same. Group 3 have continued their work on shape and have been using 2D and 3D shapes to make repeating patterns.

In science they have been looking at insulators and conductors. They have tested different materials, using simple circuits, and discovered that metals are conductors and allow electricity to pass through them.

In history, they have continued looking at daily life for the Ancient Egyptians and have written about the similarities and differences to how we live now.

Osprey Class have used Cogheart to develop their scanning skills in reading. They have scanned the text for information about Ladybird, one of the airships in the story. Once they had gathered this information, they used their findings to draw accurate pictures of the inside and outside of the airship.

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In preparation for writing an appealing description of Ladybird, they have looked at how estate agents use persuasive language to describe houses. They then used this type of language to describe a tumble down, dilapidated house, making it sound attractive and appealing to their audience.

In mathematics Year 5 have continued their learning about fractions. They have added 3 fractions together with different but related denominators, they have also added fractions which give an improper fraction as an answer and have converted these to a mixed number. Year 6 have continued their learning on ratio and proportion and have solved a wide variety of problems. They have started the unit of work on statistics and have been answering questions about line graphs.

In PE, they have been playing their favourite ball games and have continued to develop their team work skills and team spirit!

The children have been planting a variety of seeds as part of the Innocent Big Grow and have worked incredibly hard to help fill the planters at the bottom of the garden.

In science they have continued developing their knowledge of electricity and circuits, they have been using motors and press and slide switches to recreate circuits using the Snaptricity kits.



In other news

Parents' Meetings

The parents' meetings notes will be sent home via email will be sent out on Wednesday 31st March.

Cross Country

There were a lot of smiles on Monday and Tuesday lunchtime as the children set out on their first cross country run of the year. A huge thank you to Mrs Hartigan and Claire Randall for organising these sessions! We are looking for a few volunteers who will be able to help out on a rota, please contact the school office if you are interested in heading out with the Cross Country team!

Ibstone Buying & Selling Page

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Ibstone Buying & Selling page on Facebook, please do join if you haven't already and ask your friends and family to join too. The aim of this page is to raise money for the school through donations when sales are made. There are a few posts on the site already but please feel free to add at anytime, it doesn't need to be children's items, it can be almost anything! We are happy for businesses to advertise too!

Early Birds Breakfast Club and Kites After School Club

Don't forget to return your booking forms to the school office before the end of term.

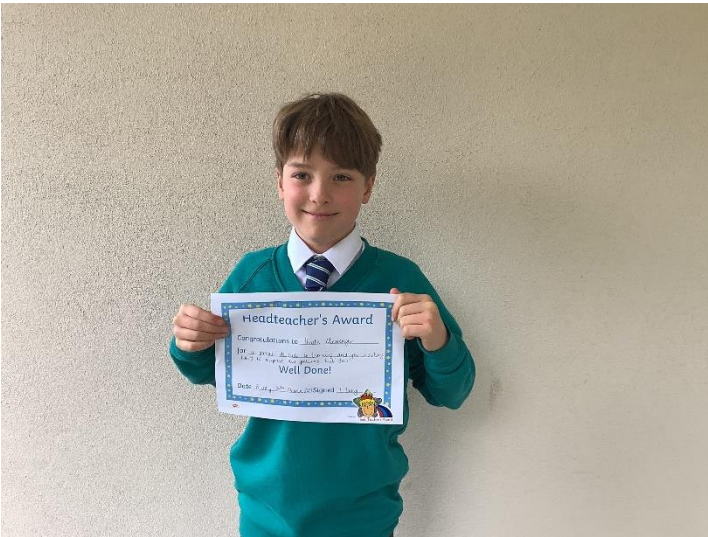
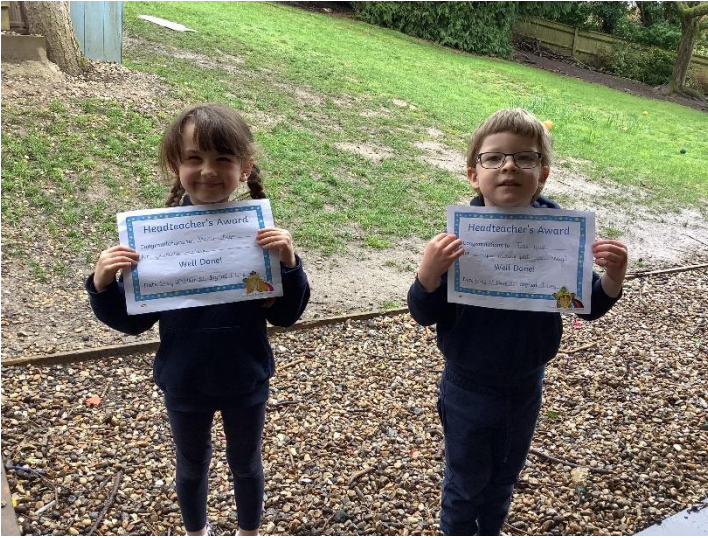
Have a lovely weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Headteacher's Awards



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2021		
Mon 29 th	Woodland Class Parents' Meetings 1.30pm – 5pm	Woodland Parents
Tues 30 th	Ladybirds Parents' Meetings 11am – 5pm	Ladybirds Parents
Wed 31st	Easter Service 9.30am	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
May 2021		
Fri 28 th	End of term – 3pm	Whole School
June 2021		
Mon 7 th	INSET Day	Staff only
Tues 8 th	Start of Term for all children	Whole School
July 2021		
Tues 20 th	End of term – 1.30pm	Whole School
Wed 21 st	INSET Day	Staff only

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