

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

We have reached the end of this very busy half term! Looking back we have achieved a lot, even with Covid restrictions still in place!

Worship on a Walk has been very successful and our new route (avoiding the stiles) seemed to work well for everyone. The children are thoroughly enjoying being able to be out and hopefully next term they will be able to walk together without our social distancing rules!



Our KS2 children had a fantastic day with the Garsington OperaFirst Team on Monday, they worked well together and clearly enjoyed their day and learnt a lot! Thank you to the whole Garsington Team for making this happen safely!



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On Monday evening, a new planter popped up at the front of the school! Thank you to Ben, our Chair of Governors, for building it in the rain! There was a huge team effort on Tuesday afternoon to move the top soil into the planters! The KS2 children decided to draw on their KS1 learning about the Great Fire of London to make a long chain to help move the soil quickly and effectively! Everyone spent the afternoon demonstrating our school values!



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Well done everyone! I can't wait to see how big the peas, beans and sunflowers are after the holiday!

In other exciting news, Miss Smith has passed her final assessment and is now a fully qualified teacher! Well done Miss Smith and thank you for all your hard work!

After half term we are relaxing our in school Covid restrictions further and the teachers will be able to organise their classrooms differently if they wish. Following on from this we will be working towards whole school mixing from 21st June.

Please keep Thursday 8th July in your diaries as we are hoping to have Sports Day from 1.30pm.

What we have been learning this week...

Ladybirds have continued their colour topic and their focus on Elmer stories. This week they have used adjectives to describe the monster in one of Elmer's stories. Ladybirds have also been finding out about the word camouflage and have made their own camouflage people that they have enjoyed hiding for each other to find.

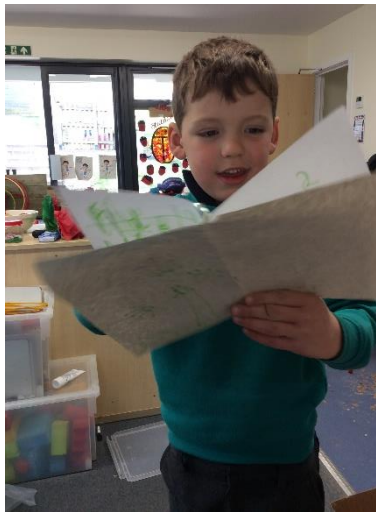
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The children have wowed Mrs Statham as they have been independently choosing to write their own Elmer stories to share with the class! Well done Ladybirds. They have also been inspired to design a cape for Super Elmer!

In mathematics, they have been working on their subtraction skills and have made up their own subtraction stories as well as taking part in lots of activities relating to taking away.

They have made colour spinners and have loved being creative with the new pipes we have acquired for our loose parts play.



Woodland Class have been busy planning and writing their newspaper reports this week. The children have been learning how to write an exciting headline for their reports and have also looked at how to use adjectives effectively in their writing to interest the reader.

In mathematics, Group 1 have started their work on fractions. The children have been learning how to make a whole and how to find half of a shape. Group 2 have continued their work on position and direction. This week the children have been learning how to describe movement and have practised writing their own instructions to describe a route.

In science, the children have been learning about the lifecycle of bean plants. Through the use of drama, the children were able to retell the cycle of a bean plant using key words such as bean, germinate, seedling, flower and bean pods. The children also enjoyed spending some time outside to plant their very own bean plants.

Kestrel Class have used their planning from last week to write their innovated versions of the Tunnel. I know Miss Firth is looking forward to reading the children's stories and finding out what happened to Jack

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when he went through the tunnel and how he was turned into a stone statue. Group 3 have been learning about nouns and have been sorting them into groups such as person, place, thing.

In mathematics, Year 3 have reached the end of their unit on fractions and have been adding and subtracting fractions. Year 4 have finished their unit of work on decimals by looking at comparing, ordering and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number. Group 3 have been counting in 2's and 5's and have used their knowledge to solve calculations when multiplying by 2 and 5.

Osprey Class have been using their new writers' toolbox skills to build tension and suspense in their own writing. They have drafted and then improved their own stories based on the film clip 'Francis'. They have also started their new class reader 'Skellig' by David Almond, they have been using their comprehension skills to infer, predict, explain, retrieve and summarise information from the text so far.

In mathematics, Year 5 have continued working with decimal numbers and have been recognising the values of digits in numbers up to 2 decimal places and beginning to look at 3 decimal places. They have been comparing these numbers and looking carefully at what the digits represent. Year 6 have been revisiting and revising their previous learning in all areas of mathematics.

In art they have been learning about Pop Art and have found out about Roy Lichtenstein, they have studied and explored his style to design and make their own Pop Art pieces.



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In other news:

Dan the Skipping Man

We are very excited that Ben from Dan the Skipping Man will be visiting us on Thursday 17th June to work with the children. You should have received a letter about this from the PTA, along with a sponsorship form. If not, these can be found on the PTA page of the school website. Children who raise over £20+ in sponsorship will be given a Dan the Skipping Man Speed Rope (worth £5).

The workshops will happen for all year groups (including Y6 who will be off-site).

Can you help?

- We are looking for 3 or 4 suitcases (medium sized) for a playtime project we are working on, please let us know if you can help us! They do need to be in working order and the zips need to work.
- Any camping equipment that you would like to donate to the school. We are building our camping stock for our KS2 residential trips. We are looking for cooking equipment, saucepans etc.

Have a super half term break!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

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

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