

Nurture Inspire Grow

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Thank you to our parents, governors, staff and friends for all the preparations for the logistical organisation and for the refreshment tent at Higginson Park. This will be a major fund raiser for the school so we are grateful for everyone's donated cakes and everyone's support.

We are sending home today a printed copy of the communication consent form which we would like you to sign and return to school. This form is required to enable us to bring our records up to date in readiness for the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018.

As we are taking our fundraising into the community it seems logical to look at 'Community' as our value this week. The children have talked about what community is and what community means to them. These are some of their thoughts: *Our shared interests; thinking of others; our school community; doing things together; our church community; helping one another; coming together; our local area of Ibstone; sharing our values; working together and shared interests together.*

This week we have been making the most of the beautiful weather by taking the learning outside where possible. In the Kestrel class the children went outside with paper and clipboards. They looked at the view and discussed what they could see. They then selected an aspect of the view to sketch. The children commented that with the leaves on the trees, the view looked a little like their rainforest maps. The children discussed aspects of the view and identified a field which they thought would be ideal for a helicopter to land in.

In maths the children have been revisiting the grid method of multiplication and working their way through two-step problem solving. In science, the children were tasked with designing a new school bag which needed to have some reflective material incorporated. The children tested the reflective properties of a range of materials by shining a torch on them. They were then able to select the best material for their design.



In English, the children are still focusing on play scripts. The children are contributing to turning a well-loved story, 'Monkey Puzzle', into a class play. The children are enjoying reading the parts of different characters.

In the Woodland class the children had lots of Bank Holiday news to share. The children were given the opportunity to discuss what they had been doing and then to talk about it in sentences. The children were then tasked with writing their news in correct sentences, remembering to use capital letters and full stops. The children were also learning about acrostics. The children took the theme of ocean animals to create an acrostic.

In maths the children have been completing a range of problems which involve deciding which of the four number operations needs to be used and then using that number operation to solve the problem. The children have also been considering the differences between 2D and 3D shapes. The 3D shapes proved to be quite a challenge for some of the children.

In science, the children have been considering different aspects of plant life and how plants grow. This week the children were all able to plant seeds. The planted seeds have been sent home in pots. We hope that your child will be able to water and care for their pot, hopefully seeing the seeds germinate and start to grow. When the seeds are growing, we would like your child to bring the pot back to school so that we can plant the seedlings out in the vegetable garden beds.



In art, the children have continued work on their ocean frieze. The frieze is an exciting three-dimensional collage depicting an amazing coral reef.

In the Ladybird class, the children have been celebrating the arrival of some new resources. Mr Allaway very kindly rescued and installed an enormous whiteboard set within a fun animal surround. Mr Allaway has installed this whiteboard on the side of the school hall so that the children can easily access it for writing and drawing outside. As an added bonus the board looks really smart and great fun. Thank you, Mr Allaway, the children (and grown-ups) love it!



The children also have some new big bricks which they can use for a range of building / activity needs and an exciting new bamboo water course system. The children have been delighted to unpack the bricks and the bamboo lengths and to think about what they can do with them. They were also really excited with the enormous cardboard box which was big enough to hide a child in. We are able to include photographs from the ladybird class this week. Last week the Ladybird Ipads were unavailable as the software was being updated.

The Ladybird class have started their topic about growing. The children have discussed their favourite vegetable choices and have started to compile their own book as inspired by the story 'Oliver's Vegetables'. The children have tried to think of interesting words to describe their different vegetables. The children have written instructions about how to grow a curly cress caterpillar! The children have produced delightful drawings to illustrate their sentences. The children have also designed and created posters for their own garden centre as well as labels for their seeds.

In maths the children have made a cress caterpillar, counting the sections of the caterpillar. The children have practised doubling numbers and halving numbers. The children have also been dramatizing the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' which has been great fun.



Thank you for all your support.

Ruth Goddard
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



House Point Certificates



Diary Dates New or amended dates inBOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2018		
12 th May	May Fayre Marlow	All
22 nd May	Stay and Play 9am	Ladybirds
25 th May	Kites May Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
25 th May	EOT 3.15/3.30pm	All
29 th May – 1 st June	Kites Holiday Club	All
June 2018		
7 th June	Sports day 1pm	All
14 th June	Reserve sports Day	All
15 th June	INSET Day	All
25 th June	E-Safety for pupils 1-2pm and parents 2-3pm	All
July 2018		
6 th July	School Reports	All
6 th July	The Big Sing – Details to follow	
12 th July	School Trip – details to follow	All
18 th July	Opera First Performance 6pm – details to follow	
20 th July	Kites Summer Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
24 th July	Summer Celebration Service 9.30am	All
24 th July	EOT 1.30pm	All
30 th July	Kites Holiday Club Starts	All