

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

This week we have been finding out about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, the whole school community came together to take part in pancake races on Tuesday morning. We enjoyed sharing pancakes together in the hall after the races. In Worship we talked about Lent and the significance of Lent to Christians, we also found out about Ramadan and some of our Muslim children explained how their families were fasting and what this meant.



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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles have enjoyed the warmer weather this week and have been outside using the stepping stones to develop their balancing skills, they have enjoyed using the sand pit for mark making and they have used the pipettes and water toys to fill and empty containers. They have been using flour and water in the tuff tray to pretend to make their own pancake mix!

Pebbles joined the whole school for pancake races on Tuesday and enjoyed tucking into pancakes with the rest of the school. They have also enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day. They listened to so many stories with the Ladybirds children throughout the morning and really enjoyed sharing their special books.



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have been busy retelling the story of Whatever Next! Putting it into a S story plan and sequencing the story through pictures. We enjoyed taking turns to be Baby Bear sitting in the chair answering lots of questions from our friends. We looked closely at the moon and loved watching the moon landing, we then thought of lots of adjectives to describe the moon. Baby Bear wanted to be an astronaut so we found out lots of interesting facts.

In mathematics we have been looking at time; using the 1-minute timer we explored lots of different activities to see how many things we could do in 1 minute. We are learning the days of the week, thinking about different activities that happen on different days. We are building up to 9 and 10, learning how these can be represented in many different ways and putting the numbers into a 10 frame.

We have recapped double letters and longer words in phonics with a reminder of the tricky words, pull, full, push, go & and.



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Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have enjoyed reading the poem 'The Quangle Wangle's Hat' by Edward Lear. This week, we thought about the imaginary creatures that lived on the hat and drew our ideas onto a life-size version. We have also looked at alliteration and similes and have practised using these for our own poem writing next week.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning about near doubles and have started to subtract numbers within 20 by counting back on a number line. Year 2 have started their unit on multiplication and division and have been learning about equal and unequal groups.

In history, the children have been busy designing and making their Tudor houses in preparation for our 'Great Fire of Ibstone'.



Kestrel Class

In English, we have continued to look at poetry this week. The class have been looking at the five senses and how they can be used to describe a situation. We have written poems about a major change in our life and used similes to describe how our senses have influenced the event.

In mathematics, Nemos have started learning about mass and capacity. We have been looking at how to use scales; comparing them with a number line. To understand how to calculate mass, we have been learning about grams and kilograms. Frogs have continued working on fractions. They have been looking at equivalent fraction families and adding fractions and mixed numbers.

In history, we continued looking at the Anglo-Saxon Kings and made posters with facts about them. We also discussed the laws and justice of the Anglo-Saxon period, and decided if we thought the punishments for the crimes were fair or unjust.



Osprey Class

Osprey Class continued their learning about Ancient Greece and have been exploring some more stories to help develop their knowledge. They have written spine poems about a minotaur, looked at paintings of Icarus by Pieter Bruegel the Elder and Matisse. Can you spot Icarus in Pieter's painting The Fall of Icarus?



They have recreated Matisse's Icare. We learnt that Matisse was a painter who, due to ill health, moved away from painting and began creating collages. He created this image of Icarus falling using collage.

In mathematics, Year 5 have been focussing on fractions, they have been finding fractions of quantities and amounts. Year 6 have been multiplying and dividing by decimals!

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In RE we have been exploring the frieze of 'God's Big Story'. We have ordered the frieze panels and then matched each panel to a different concept from the story. We had a great discussion about which image represented which concept and why!

In Science we have started our new topic on electricity. Today we investigated the effect that voltage has on the components of an electrical circuit. We created an electrical circuit and added more batteries to see what effect that this had on the brightness of the bulb. We used a voltmeter to measure the voltage of the circuit.



Barn Owls

In English this week, we have continued our work considering whether plastic is fantastic. We have written lists of the benefits and problems of plastic recognising both the valuable place plastic has in our world but also the problems that it creates if people use it without thought.

In mathematics, we have continued our work on fractions. We looked at non-unit fractions where the denominator is greater than 1. We have compared fractions with the same denominator learning that in this case, the greater the numerator, the greater the fraction. We have compared fractions with the same numerator learning that in this case the greater the denominator, the smaller the fraction.

In other news

Osprey Class Teacher

We are delighted to inform you that we have recruited a wonderful teacher for Osprey Class. Miss Comrie will be joining the Ibstone Family the week before the Easter holidays and will be teaching Osprey Class from after Easter. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Comrie and we all look forward to getting to know her better in the coming weeks.

40 Acts

As a community we have talked about giving things up or taking things up for Lent. The children have been thinking about things they can do to make a difference, today we have sent home a 40 Acts sheet with all children with some ideas of things they can do in and out of school, this can be a whole family challenge if you would like. You can tick or colour the boxes, please send them back in after Easter so we can see your achievements.

World Book Day Challenge

To celebrate this year's theme 'Read your way', we are inviting the whole school community to send in a photo of them reading in any place or any chair! It could be in their WBD costumes, in the garden, up a tree, whilst practising gymnastics or just chilling at home. Leigh our lovely librarian will be judging the photos on Monday so please upload them to your child's Google Classroom by 1pm on Monday.

Book Tokens

Your child has been given a World Book Day voucher today, this entitles them to a free book (from the WBD books that have been printed for £1) or £1 off another title in most book shops. They are valid until 23rd March 2025!

Enjoy the weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Zog the Dog Awards



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Lunch Awards



Family Time Awards



Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

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Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2025		
April 2025		
4 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 nd	Back to school	Everyone
May 2025		
6 th – 9 th	Year 5 Adventure Week –sent 13/01/2025	Year 5 only
12 th – 15 th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 rd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2025		
2 nd	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 rd	Back to school	Everyone
July 2025		
1 st	Transition Day	Everyone
3 rd	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 th – 6 th	Year 6 Adventure Weekend – information sent via email 10/01/25	Year 6 only
11 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11 th	Pebbles’ Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Pebbles families
14 th	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 st	Leavers’ Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 rd	INSET Day	Staff Only