

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The whole school community enjoyed being together this afternoon to make Mother's Day posies. It is one of my favourite afternoons in the school calendar as it is wonderful to watch our older children supporting our younger children. Posie making is something that they will talk about and remember for years to come, some of our old pupils who are now in secondary school still reminisce about events such as these and that is why they are important to our school community.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mums, nans, grandmas and mother figures we have in our lives!



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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

This week Pebbles have enjoyed lots of activities to help develop their fine motorskills. We drew different shapes in flour using different size paint brushes. They had fun threading beads onto pipecleaner flowers which were numbered with dots and numbers. The children were very clever putting the correct number of beads on each stem. We have enjoyed stencil painting, bracelet making and played dough disco. Outside we have loved getting 'mucky' in the mud kitchen making Gruffalo pies and our new dolls house was very popular.



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds our focus has been on rockets; we enjoyed watching them blasting off from a space station whilst finding out about the different jobs that they are used for. We all made our own rocket and then throughout the week have written instructions on how to make our rocket, making sure we used our bossy verbs.

In mathematics we have continued to work on our number bonds to 10 and found our own way to represent this. The focus has been on bonds to 10 in 2 parts for example 5 and 5 and in 3 parts 5 plus 2 and 3. We have also been looking at odd and even numbers to 10 and the patterns we can see in the numbers. We made odd and even aliens.

In phonics we have looked at longer words plus words ending in s but sounding like z and es endings which sound like iz endings eg boxes.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been looking at features of a recount. This week they have been learning to form past tense verbs by using the suffix -ed. They have also been learning about conjunctions such as 'and', 'but', 'because' and 'when' to link or extend their sentences.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning to find one more and one less than a given number within 50. They have also started their new unit on length and height. Year 2 have continued learning their times tables and have been learning to multiply and divide by 10 and 5.

In history the children have been analysing historical sources. This week the children looked at a map of London 1666 which showed the spread of the fire across 4 days. The children were able to identify the source, say when it was made and described what they could see using their knowledge from this term.

In computing, the children have continued to use Scratch Jr. This week, we learnt how to record sound effects using the recording block. The children then made animations to tell a joke.

Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children have had a recap of some of the grammar that we have been learning this term. We have started preparing for writing the innovation of our text next week. We have also done some reading assessments to work out what we may have found tricky so that we can continue improving our knowledge next term.

In mathematics, the Nemos have been recapping some of the more challenging topics from this term, including multiplication, division and fractions. The Frogs have finished their unit on decimals.

In music, the children continued using drums and were learning the 'elephant walk' to work on their rhythm. They also practised the song 'Kpan Logo' that has been a feature in classes this term to play two rhythms together.

Osprey Class

Our week started with a challenge to create a mythical creature that was a mix of animals, we looked at minotaurs, centaurs and griffins before designing our own! Following this we accepted another challenge to help write a non-chronological report to help unicornologist Pie Corbett finish his book 'The Ultimate Guide to Unicorns & Flying Horses'. We have found out about various breeds of unicorns and flying horses and have started planning our reports. Did you know there are thunderhorn unicorns, ember unicorns, long whiskered flying horses and many more? I am looking forward to sharing some of these reports with you next week! Zog thoroughly enjoyed learning about the various breeds!



In mathematics, both year 5 and year 6 have started their statistics unit of work. They have been looking at creating and interpreting line graphs.

As part of our Ancient Greek topic we have been making amphoras, this was our second attempt as terracotta clay was not the best choice! This time we used stoneware clay to make our amphoras, we have developed our coil pot techniques and had a go at making handles!



Barn Owls

In English this week, the children have been using laptops to publish their discussion texts. They have also started creating their own posters about plastic pollution.

In mathematics, the children have been exploring capacity and volume. They have been measuring in litres and millilitres and have learned that there are 1000 millilitres in a litre.

In other news

Kites Holiday Club

Kites Holiday Club will be open on Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th April. Please book via iPal as soon as possible to ensure the club can run.

Good Friday Event

We are delighted to announce that our Good Friday Lambing and Easter Egg Hunt Day is back this year. Come along to see the lambs, take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, make some Easter crafts as a family and enjoy refreshments from the Café! We will be open from 10am til 4pm. Please spread the word and share our poster far and wide. If you are free and able to help in the café or the crafts, please do get in touch.

Kites Club Sports

Athletics will be on offer for all children on Thursday afternoons. Gymnastics will continue on a Friday. Please book via iPal.



Cross Country – KS2 only

If your child would like to take part in Cross Country on Monday lunchtimes, please book on iPal, this is a free club.

Pebbles Nursery

If you have or know of anyone looking for Nursery provision for September, please email the office as applications for September 2025 are now being taken.

Easter Walk

On Friday 4th April, we will be heading off at 9am on our Easter Pilgrimage. We will visit three local churches before stopping for a hot cross bun snack. We will be brought back to school by minibus and will be back in time for lunch this year! All children will be offered a hot cross bun, if your child does not want one, they do not need to have one. All dietary requirements will be catered for. Please make sure your child is wearing school uniform and has their school shoes on. Please also send in a pair of sturdy walking shoes/ boots in case the ground conditions change.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Zog the Dog Awards



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Family Time Awards



Lunch Time Awards



Runner of the Week



Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
April 2025		
4th	Easter Pilgrimage	Children only
4th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
18th	Good Friday Lambing & Easter Egg Hunt 10am-4pm	Everyone
22nd	Back to school	Everyone
23rd	Swimming starts for Group 5	Year 2 pupils
May 2025		
6th – 9th	Year 5 Adventure Week –sent 13/01/2025	Year 5 only
12th – 15th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23rd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2025		
2nd	INSET Day	Staff Only
3rd	Back to school	Everyone
5th	Secondary Transfer & Moving Up to Secondary School Meeting – 7pm – School Hall	Year 5 parents only
July 2025		
1st	Transition Day	Everyone
3rd	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4th – 6th	Year 6 Adventure Weekend – information sent via email 10/01/25	Year 6 only
8th	Garsington Opera First Performance – more information to follow	Year 5/6 only
11th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11th	Pebbles' Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Pebbles families
14th	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21st	Leavers' Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23rd	INSET Day	Staff Only