

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you all for your patience this week while I have been flying solo in the office and overseeing the Year 6 SATs! Well done to our Year 6 children for demonstrating all our values this week! You have been stars! While SATs papers may measure achievement in English and Mathematics, they do not measure kindness, creativity, perseverance, courage, resilience, musicality, your sporting achievements, nor do they measure your personal journey and the progress you have made during your primary education! We are all very proud of you!

I hope you enjoy this bumper edition of the newsletter! Last week I had the pleasure of spending time with our wonderful Year 5 children during Adventure Week. During the week they took part in a range of activities from mountain biking to climbing to paddle boarding. I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of them, some faced fears, others tried new activities and everyone lived out our school vision and demonstrated our school values in abundance. There were lots of Ows, Wows and Nows and the memories made will hopefully stay with them for life!

Thank you to the staff who joined us and those that stayed behind to keep the school running smoothly!

Here are a few highlights from our week:



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Hopefully you all saw our VE Day bunting adorning the fence for the last two weeks. Back in 1945, the children had two days of extra holiday to celebrate! This is the entry from the School Log Book:

8th May 1945

The War in Europe has ended with complete victory for the Allies and the unconditional surrender of Germany. Today was celebrated as V.E Day and was a holiday for all.

Well done and THANK YOU to everyone who baked, helped or came along to support the Tea Tent on Saturday. This event raised over £735! Every penny makes a difference to your children! A special thanks to Steph for organising everything to make it happen!

Many of you have noticed the HUGE improvements in the flower beds at the front of the school, this is down to Jenny and Ann who have donated plants and their time to help make the beds look welcoming, thank you both! Jenny has also been spending time in the main school garden sorting out the EYFS sensory garden and the planters near the Ark. We will post photos as the beds bloom!



The whole school community welcomed Pumpkin to the team this week. Zog has shown him the ropes and the children have been very excited to meet him and stroke him! He is very content in the office, however, we are working on walking on a lead... he just sits down when he is wearing it and refuses to move!



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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles enjoyed their time in Forest School on Monday, they were very confident this week, balancing on the wooden planks and learning how to safely climb the tree. They loved sliding down the big tube too!

Pebbles and Ladybirds enjoyed Denise's Dough Disco, squeezing, prodding, rolling and pinching their dough to music. Dough Discos are great for building strength in fingers and hands to help with pencil control and grip.

The Pebbles children are working hard to learn how to write their own name and other letters. They are also practising other skills to help them be ready for when they start in Reception in September. They have been practising putting on and taking off their own jumpers and shoes.

The highlight of our week was when Zog and Pumpkin joined us for a ride in our boat!



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds the children have been working so hard with writing their own stories based on The Rainbow Fish. They have changed the character and have written a sentence to go with a story strip based on our story map. We will continue to work on this and finish the story next week.

In mathematics we have been looking at adding and taking away. We have used ten frames and double-sided counters to help with our adding and subtracting. We have been counting lots, starting from any number and counting forwards and backwards. We have played maths games with friends to help with this practically.

In phonics we have been reading and writing longer words; our new tricky words are, there, when, what & one.



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Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing their innovated versions of Beegu. They have enjoyed creating aliens to write their own rags to riches stories. We have also been working hard to use adjectives and similes to describe our characters. In mathematics, Year 1 have continued their learning on multiplication and division. This week the children have been identifying equal groups and have been learning how to write repeated addition number sentences. Year 2 have been learning to measure temperature and have started their unit on fractions.

In science, the children have been exploring microhabitats. This week, we went outside to find microhabitats and minibeasts around school. We found lots of worms, spiders and even a millipede. In art, we have been exploring texture. This week, the children looked at a range of natural objects and have been recreating their textures by using a selection of tools including cotton buds, sponges and paintbrushes.



Kestrel Class

In English this week, we have been doing some short burst writing to support our innovation of the text. We have used lots of similes and exciting phrases to build suspense. The class have started to box up the text and think of changes that they could make when they write the text next week.

In mathematics, Nemo's have completed their unit on money. They have been adding and subtracting money; finding change in pounds and pence. They have now started working on time. Frogs have finished working on money. They have been comparing, estimating and calculating amounts of money to solve problems.

In Art and DT, we have continued looking at sculpture and explored some of Anthony Caro's work. We also explored positive and negative space within sculptures. The children then had to find positive and negative shapes in 2D and 3D spaces.



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Osprey Class

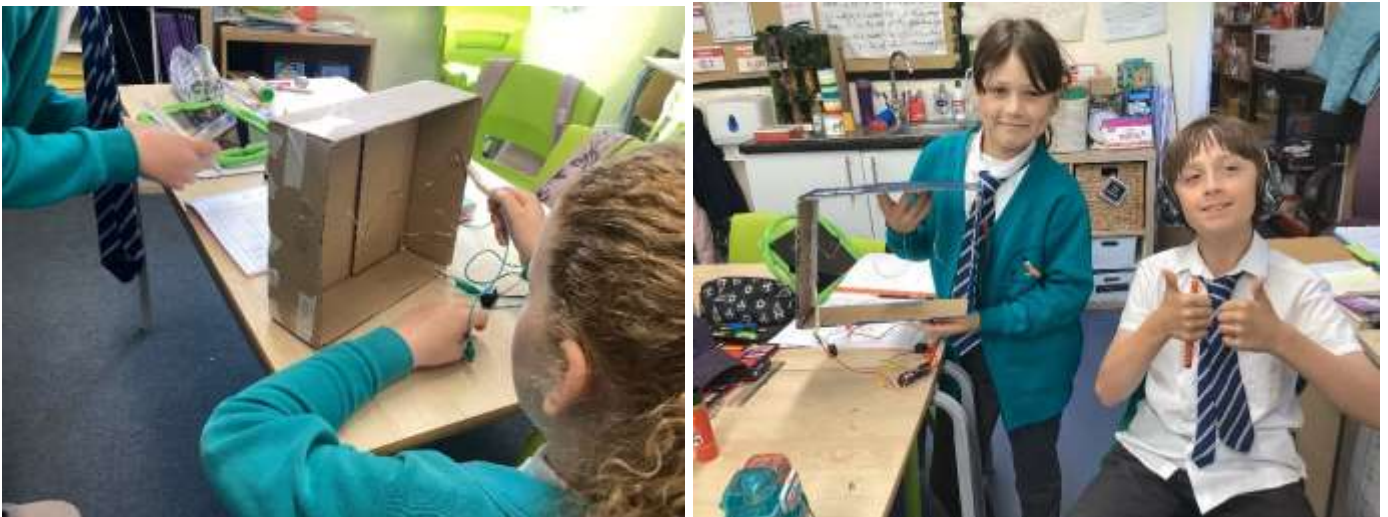
In mathematics, Year 5 have been applying their knowledge of angles to figure out the missing angles in a variety of shapes. This is a very tricky topic but I have been so impressed at how everyone has approached it and tried their best.

This week in English, the children have been annotating their class text; picking out key toolkits used by the author and then applying them in their own action writing. The class have also created a futuristic action story based on a robot who stores peoples secrets but then gains consciousness!

This week in art, Osprey Class have been learning about chiaroscuro and street art. We have been discussing the ethical implications of graffiti (through the work of Banksy) and whether it should be classed as art or vandalism.

In science we have been applying our knowledge of electrical conductors and insulators to make a wire loop game, with a buzzer that sounded when the loop touched the wire and the circuit was closed. In Family Time, all the children had a chance to try our games.

Finally, I want to say a huge well done to our Year 6's for working hard this week in their SATs. They have taken it in their stride and we are all very proud of their efforts.



Barn Owls

In English, the children have been investigating various language features, with a specific emphasis on using similes to create vivid contrasts between two places. Furthermore, they've gained confidence in retelling the story 'Staying Out' and have visually represented its key events by designing comic strips for each paragraph.

During mathematics lessons, the children have been developing their understanding of money. They have investigated the value of different coins and notes using real examples. Their learning has included calculating the total value of combined coin sets and determining the remaining amount after subtractions. They helped Mrs Long work out how much change she would have after a shopping trip to Mrs Burkitt's stationery shop!

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In other news

Pre Loved Uniform

Don't forget we have a large range of pre loved uniform. You can view the most up to date list here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qylm8REOTTJ6yf7cvEzo3gJCD5Xx0Qj3-aJnOT_1dEo/edit?gid=0#gid=0

If you are struggling to view the spreadsheet, there is a free app that you can download that will allow you to view the spreadsheet easily. Google Sheets is free and is available from Google Play and the App Store.



Kites Holiday Club

Holiday Club is running on 28th & 29th May, bookings are open via iPal!

Sports Clubs

After half term we will be offering After School Cricket to all year groups on a Thursday and Gymnastics Club will continue to run on a Friday after school. Bookings can be made via iPal.

Cross Country

As summer time is now here, the last Cross Country Club will be Monday 19th May. Thank you so much to Brooke for heading up the club and to all the parent helpers who give up their Monday lunchtimes to make Cross Country happen for our KS2 children. We all really appreciate your time and support!

Ibstone Investments

Four children came to spend some of their savings today! Today's purchases were: Pick my seat for the day, take Zog for a walk, a hot chocolate with a member of staff and a movie afternoon for my class!

Remember, every time your child reads at home, they get an Ibstone Investment stamp in their savings card!

Have a wonderful weekend, see you all on Monday!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Headteacher Awards



Pumpkin Awards



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Family Time Awards



Lunch Awards



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Runners of the Week



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Maths Whizz



Diary Dates

New or amended dates will be shown in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2025		
23 rd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2025		
2 nd	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 rd	Back to school	Everyone
5 th	Secondary Transfer & Moving Up to Secondary School Meeting – 7pm – School Hall	Year 5 parents only
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
8 th	Garsington Opera First Performance – more information to follow	Year 5/6 only
11 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11 th	Pebbles' Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow	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

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