



DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

16th September 2022



Message from our Executive Head, Mrs. Brand:

Well done and thank you to all for another great week at school. On Friday, last week, all three schools participated some interesting activities linked to the emergency services, organised by Miss Ward from Earsham primary, I hope the children shared with families what they learned. It has been a pleasure to see how engaged the children are, indeed, when teacher's from across Earsham, Gillingham and Ditchingham schools this week they were hugely proud to be able to share the positive start to the term the children had made to their usual curriculum and some of the additional enrichment activities offered. What superstars the children are!

Robins We have had a fantastic week of learning. Reception children have started learning their sounds in phonics, so far we have learnt m, a s, d, t. Year 1 are also in their phonics groups and are learning their new sounds. We have had fun sorting objects into the different materials that they are made of. Robin children are enjoying their PE lessons as well. We hope parents found the reading meeting useful. Please do ask if you have any questions.

Woodpeckers Another fantastic week in Woodpeckers! We have continued to develop our understanding of place value in Maths and have looked at the differences between hot and cold places during our Geography lesson. We started a new topic in Science, looking at habitats, identifying living and non-living things. This involved us going out to different areas of the playground and photographing what we could see.

Barn Owls This Week Barn Owls have made great progress across the curriculum. We have been reading and understanding our story 'The King of Fishes' and we have started to think about our own versions. Guided Reading has carried on after lunch and on Thursdays. In maths we have been investigating Place Value and thinking about Problem Solving & Reasoning. In science we have started to think about forces, especially push, pull and twist and in geography we have thought about lines of latitude. Finally, we have enjoyed more football and dodgeball in our 2 PE lessons.

Golden Eagles This week in Golden Eagles we have started learning about WW2 and the reasons why Britain went to war in 1939. We have also started learning how to play the recorder in our music lessons! In English we have continued learning the features of a quest story and in maths we have continued with our place value work. Earlier in the week, year 6 had a visit from Hobart high school and received invitations to their open evening happening this half term. We are all looking forward to our learning café next Tuesday afternoon.

Upcoming Dates

- 19/09 – SCHOOL CLOSED – State funeral
- 20/09 – Bikeability Level 1 – Year 2
- 20/09 – Golden Eagles Learning Café 2.30pm
- 21/09 – Woodpeckers Learning Café 2.30pm
- 22/09 – Barn Owls Learning Café 2.30pm
- 22/09 – Tempest Individual and sibling photographs
- 23/09 - Robins Learning Café 2.30pm
- 26/09 – European Languages Day
- 12/10 – Langley Cross Country

Attendance

Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure was **93.33%**. We know that ensuring good levels of attendance at school has a significant impact on positive outcomes with children's learning. We are required by the Department for Education to ensure clear procedures are in place. Please find attached to this letter further information about how we want to support with maintaining good levels of attendance. Again, many thanks for your support with this.

Who's who!

Name - Laura Stone

Role – School Secretary

Favourite School Subject – Art

Hobbies – I enjoy collecting tropical plants, mainly Philodendrons, Monstera and Epipremnum. I enjoy spending time with my family, and reading a good book!



KINGFISHER READING WINGS



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Barn Owls & Golden Eagles

Maths Monster
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