



8th March 2024

## Message from our Executive Head

What a busy week we have had! The highlight clearly being World Book Day! It was a pleasure to see children engaging in a range of activities to celebrate the joy that books can bring. Thank you for your continued support to help us to foster a love of reading for all.

**Mrs Brand**

## Robins

This week during our science lessons we have been thinking very carefully about the suitability of different materials and matching these to their uses. We decided that a headband should be made of elastic as it is flexible and stretchy and that modelling clay is great for making a model as it is flexible and squashy. During our PE lessons this week we have been aiming balls and bean bags towards a target with the aim of getting them as close to the target as we can! Art this week has focused on creating a vibrant abstract drawing inspired by the work of Joan Miró. I was so impressed by how much creativity was shown by all! Robin Class had so much fun on World Book Day! We drew our own representations of The Witch's cottage in Hansel and Gretel, designed book covers and created block graphs of our favourite fairy tale characters. A big thank you to parents/guardians for all the amazing costumes!

## Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have completed their writing task explaining why people should NOT go into a certain place. Lots of great persuasive and descriptive language was used. In maths Y4 have started to investigate mixed numbers and improper fractions and are seeing the importance of knowing their times tables. Y3 have been measuring and have just started to combine measurement with addition, which they are finding a challenge. In history we continue to investigate the Saxons in East Anglia and in science we investigated whether our arm and leg lengths can predict how well we can jump or throw. Finally, we enjoyed dance and dodgeball in PE and the costumes for World Book Day were excellent.

Recently we have only had a few Reading Wings bookmarks signed - fewer than half the children have done this since half term. Please could I ask that this is done from now on. I will be finding parents at the gate to follow up on this. 😊

## Golden Eagles

This week in Golden Eagles we have started writing our own persuasive texts, we have a huge variety from 'Why you should play rugby' to 'Why we should terraform mars!' I can't wait to read the finished texts next week. In maths, year 5 have been learning about decimals and place value and year 6 have been looking at the four operations with decimals. In our French this week we looked at what we do at the weekends and we had a PSHE afternoon where the children led workshops for the rest of the class to showcase their interests. We had workshops led in: dance, football, origami, art and drama. It was a jam-packed afternoon and so much fun was had by all!

# DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the power of a good book to transport us to new places and to give us new experiences.

Thank you for the creativity of authors and illustrators in creating books for us to enjoy.

We are thankful for our own ability to read and to imagine.

We thank you for the people who have helped us to enjoy reading,  
Amen



## World Book Day



## Whole School Attendance

YTD



# 97.28%

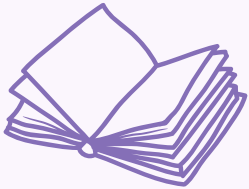
## Live calendar

You can check upcoming dates and term dates over on our website here:

<http://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/calendar/>



## Reading Wings



### Robins

Are this weeks winners!

# Well done!

## Important Dates

- 11/03 - Reception and Y2 Road Safety Sessions
- 15/03 - Comic Relief - Non-Uniform
- 21/03 - World Down Syndrome Day - Wear something shiny
- 25/03 - Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
- 25/03 - Easter Church Service (parents invited)
- 27/03 - Last day of Spring Term 2
- 15/03 - First day of Summer Term 1
- 01/05 - Y1 & Y2 Multiskills at Hobart (info to follow)
- 02/05 - Level 2 Bikeability (Year 5)
- 06/05 - Bank Holiday
- 07/05 - Leavers Photos
- 13/05 - SATS Week

**Norfolk County Council Trusted help, advice and information for 11 to 24 year olds**

<https://www.fyinatorfolk.nhs.uk/>

## YMCA Fundraiser

Thank you for all of your delicious donations, we raised **£40.60!**



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# Mother's DAY

Read the wonderful  
messages our students  
have written

on Friday 8th March in the

**Beccles & Bungay**  
JOURNAL





### LOCAL DROP OFF POINT

8 Yarmouth Road

Broome, Norfolk

NR35 2PE

**Bungay House is now a local drop off point for donated items for the Norwich homeless support charity.**

**Please drop off any of the following donated items to help those less fortunate.**

**Items required are: Razors, Shaving foam, spray deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, Snacks, biscuits, packaged cakes and chocolate!**



# WORLD DOWNS SYNDROME DAY 2024

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024



FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY 2024, WE CALL FOR PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD TO END THE STEREOTYPES

Within kingfisher schools everyone can shine and succeed in school each and every day!

So on the 21st we ask for children and staff to add something shiny, sparkly or colourful to their school uniforms.

This could be shoes, tutu's, fairy wings, crazy socks or hats... but something that shows that we stand with children with downs syndrome everywhere.



## Enrichment Clubs Spring Term 2

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<b>Morning Club</b> 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail	<b>Morning Club</b> 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail	<b>Morning Club</b> 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail	<b>Morning Club</b> 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail	<b>Morning Club</b> 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail
<b>After School Club</b> 3.20pm - 4.20pm  Mrs FB Lego Club  £25 this half term via Parentmail  Single session £4 - via Parentmail	<b>After School Club</b> 3.20pm - 4.20pm  Premier Sport Archery  £25 this half term via Parentmail  Single session £4 - via Parentmail	<b>After School Club</b> 3.20pm - 4.20pm  Mrs Woodgate Messy Arts & Crafts  £20 this half term via Parentmail  Single session £4 - via Parentmail	<b>After School Clubs</b> 3.20pm - 4.20pm  Mrs White Multi-Sports  £25 this half term via Parentmail  Single session £4 - Book via Parentmail	<b>After School Club</b> 3.20pm - 4.20pm  Minimoons Circus Skills  £32 this half term pay <a href="#">here</a>  Single session £4 - Book via <a href="http://minimoonsco.com">minimoonsco.com</a>

*Please contact the school office if you require financial support  
or head to <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs>*