

### Message from our Executive Head

Thank you to everyone who celebrated World Down Syndrome day on Thursday. World Down Syndrome Day, 21 March, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed since 2012. The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.



We chose to have our theme as wearing something to allow us all to 'shine bright', because at our school, we believe that everyone shines in their unique and special way. **Mrs Brand**

### Robins

During art this week we have started to draw our self portraits in the style of Miró's 'The Sun Eater'. During PE we have been practising our aiming skills and using a range of different equipment to reach towards a target. It has been great to see how much progress we have all made. During history and science this week we have been completing our end of unit sticky quizzes. I am so impressed by how much subject knowledge we have all gained! I hope that everybody has a fantastic Easter!

### Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have started planning and writing their own versions of a Non chronological report. They are sharing information on imaginary creatures like Rainforest Unicorns or Wardrobe Dragons. In maths, Y4 have moved onto adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers and Y3 have started to investigate angles, turn and direction. In science we investigated different animal skulls and teeth to see if you could work out if they were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores, in PE, dodgeball and dance skills were developed further and in art final pieces were created ready for our art gallery next term. Finally, in computing we set up dataloggers in different places, viewed the data and tried to decide why the findings were different and what this told us

### Golden Eagles

This week in Golden Eagles we have started our new text: writing an autobiography. We wrote a Captain Hook autobiography as a class and have started planning and writing our own. We finished our dance unit in PE and worked in pairs to choreograph our own dances with a variety of actions, dynamics, relationships and space. In French we combined our knowledge of how to say the time and weekend activities, as well as adding in adjectives to describe how we felt about these. We completed our European study geography unit and we also spent time programming Microbits to sense movement in computing.

# DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Prayer

Mighty God from up high,  
You are the Lord of the earth  
and sky,  
We know we sometimes get  
things wrong,  
We're sorry for those things  
we've done.  
We thank you for our  
families, friends and school,  
We thank you for loving us  
all.  
Please can you let our lights  
shine,  
In all our work, including  
mine.  
Amen



## After School Clubs

After School Clubs for Summer Term 1 are now available to book

- **Monday** - Lego Club with Mrs FB £25
- **Tuesday** - Multisports with Premier Sports £25
- **Wednesday** - Messy Art with Mrs. Woodgate £25
- **Thursday** - Tennis Club with Mrs. White £25
- **Friday** - Musical Theatre with Minimoons book via their website

## Whole School Attendance

YTD



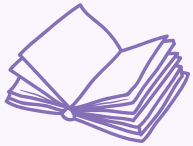
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## Out of School Achievement

*Well done*  
*Nevaeh on*  
*getting so many*  
*Gymnastics*  
*Medals!*



## Reading Wings

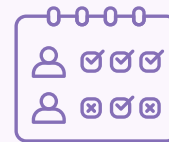


### Robins

Are this weeks winners!

*Well done!*

## Attendance



### Golden

### Eagles

Have the highest attendance this week!

## Important Dates

- 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
- 19/04 - Dental Survey (Reception)
- 23/04 - Hobart Forensic Day (Year 6)
- 01/05 - Y1 & Y2 Multiskills at Hobart (info to follow)
- 02/05 - Level 2 Bikeability (Year 5)
- 06/05 - Bank Holiday
- 07/05 - Tempest Leavers Photos (Y6)
- 13/05 - SATS Week
- 20/05 - Barn Owls Hockey at Langley
- 24/05 - Last day of Summer Term 1

# Science competition 2024

## Invent a timer

Sasha and Oliver want to practise for their sports day event. They are in the ball throwing competition. They want to practise throwing their balls into the bucket, but mum has said they can't throw balls near the clock because it might break. They want to make a timer to take into the garden with them.



Invent a one minute timer for the children to use.

### Rules:

- It must time 1 minute.
- Must be a new invention- designed using materials from home
- Can't use existing timers e.g. stop watch, phone, tablet, watch.
- Be ready to test in school or tested on video from home.
- Any videos made to be emailed to [ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org](mailto:ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org)
- **Competition deadline: Wednesday April 17th.**





# Enrichment Clubs

## Summer Term 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning Club</b> <b>8.00am - 8.50am</b>  £2.50 per day via Parentmail	<b>Morning Club</b> <b>8.00am - 8.50am</b>  £2.50 per day via Parentmail	<b>Morning Club</b> <b>8.00am - 8.50am</b>  £2.50 per day via Parentmail	<b>Morning Club</b> <b>8.00am - 8.50am</b>  £2.50 per day via Parentmail	<b>Morning Club</b> <b>8.00am - 8.50am</b>  £2.50 per day via Parentmail
<b>After School Club</b> <b>3.20pm - 4.20pm</b>  <b>Mrs FB</b> <b>Lego Club</b>  £25 this half term via Parentmail  Single session £4	<b>After School Club</b> <b>3.20pm - 4.20pm</b>  <b>Premier Sport</b> <b>Multisports</b>  £25 this half term via Parentmail  Single session £4	<b>After School Club</b> <b>3.20pm - 4.20pm</b>  <b>Mrs Woodgate</b> <b>Messy Art</b>  £25 this half term via Parentmail  Single session £4	<b>After School Clubs</b> <b>3.20pm - 4.20pm</b>  <b>Mrs White</b> <b>Tennis</b>  £25 this half term via Parentmail  Single session £4	<b>After School Club</b> <b>3.20pm - 4.20pm</b>  <b>Minimoons</b> <b>Musical Theatre</b>  £32 this half term pay Minimoons direct  Single session £6

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

LIGHTWAVE SUNDAYS OUTDOOR EASTER CELEBRATION!



**SUNDAY 31st March 3pm**

Including  
Easter Egg  
hunt

Join us for an all age service  
Picnic & games after from 4pm

Bring a  
picnic!

**CASTLE GREEN, BIGOD CASTLE, BUNGAY NR35 1AW**







# Earthwake Easter Activity Days

Wednesday 10 April

Thursday 11 April

Join us for outdoor adventures with spring-themed natural arts & crafts, garden bird activities, campfires, cooking, woodworking, games & relaxing in hammocks!

Space and time to be together, in nature.

**10am – 3pm @ Ilketshall St Lawrence Primary**

Open to local, primary age children. Meet & collect at the school gate.



**Be prepared to be outside all day – bring waterproof coat, lots of layers, hat, gloves, scarf and water bottle.**

Hot lunch, snacks and warm drinks provided, indoor facilities available, if required

Facilitators (Katherine and Lorna) are experienced, friendly and inclusive, are qualified First Aiders & have enhanced DBS checks. All sessions. and the site. risk assessed.

**Fully funded HAF places are available for**

children eligible for free school meals.

£26.04 per child (inc. cooked lunch).

Limited places. Please book HAF places via [the booking website](#). For paid places, please contact Ilketshall's school office (01986 781315) or 07881 527967 in the 1st week of the Easter holidays.

