



### Message from our Executive Head

Welcome back! I'm hope you all had some time to relax over the Easter break. We are very much looking forward to the summer term.

This half term our value is Hope. At our school we talk about how each of us shine and the importance of bringing our light to the world. Over the next term we have lots of opportunities to share our hopes for the future through our curriculum and enrichment opportunities, we look forward to seeing all shine.

**Mrs Brand**

### Robins

During art this week Robins have been studying Andy Goldsworthy & Richard Long's work on sculpture, ready to create our own exciting life sculptures using everyday objects of our choice! During science we have been learning about vertebrates and the major groups including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We have discussed how invertebrates don't have a backbone, like worms insects and jellyfish, and how some have a hard outer casing covering their body, like spiders and crabs. We have also been learning about lifecycles, watching some fascinating clips of these before choosing our own to draw and label. Our geography lessons this term will be focussed on the UK. This week we have been studying a UK map and labelling the countries, our local village Ditchingham and the capital cities. We also had fun watching some fascinating clips of some famous landmarks found in the UK and discussed which we would like to visit and why.

### Barn Owls

This week in Ban Owls we have started out =r new text - writing instruction to catch a mythical creature. We have enjoyed the text and look forward to the grammar work. We have also started new Guided Reading books. Y4 are Reading 'Who Let The Gods Out' and Y3 are reading Esio Trott. Y4 will now need to read 2 chapters a week at home as this very funny and enjoyable book is also quite long. In maths we have spent the week drawing and interpreting graphs and in science we have started a new topic on classifying living things by similar characteristics. Our art this week was making coil pots - with great success - in French we are learning language to do with the classroom and in history we are investigating the ancient central American culture The Mayan.

Please note for Year 4:

Reading 'Who Let The Gods Out' - 2 chapters each week. (Please do not read ahead)

Maths - please start using the website:

[timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)

to help prepare for the Multiplication Test Check after half term.

### Golden Eagles

It has been lovely to be back at school- despite the variable weather! In Golden Eagles we have started learning our new text, a story about losing and then finding something. As part of this, we have had a go at some descriptive writing of our own. In maths we have all been learning about perimeter and area. We have started looking at systems and searching in computing and regular verbs in French. In Science, we have started our new unit of work all about classification of plants and animals, and in history we have recapped all of our knowledge about Greece as a country and started looking at some ancient artefacts linked to the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur!

# 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



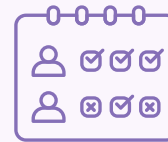
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## Reading Wings

### Robins

Are this weeks winners!

## Attendance



### Golden Eagles

Have the highest attendance this week!

## Art Gallery

We are holding an art gallery week beginning 29th April. This will be open for specific slots for classes and their parents and then after school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 4 pm for anyone that wishes to have a look.

Monday 2:45 - Golden Eagles

Tuesday 2:45 - Robin

Thursday 2:45 - Barn Owls

**After school clubs will run as normal on these days**

## Out of school achievements

# WELL Done

Matilda has won a 'Soccer in the Community Award' and has a bronze medal for scoring a goal. Matilda and Joseph both have a Bungay black dogs running award for taking place in the 'Festival of Running Fun Run'.



## Important Dates

- 23/04 - Hobart Forensic Day (Year 6)
- 23/04 - Y4 Maths Challenge at Norwich School
- 24/04 - Y5 Maths Challenge at Norwich School
- 25/04 - Y6 Maths Challenge at Norwich School
- 29/04 - Barn Owls Hockey Session in School (wear PE kit)
- 29/04 - Golden Eagles Art Gallery 2.45pm
- 30/04 - Robin Art Gallery 2.45pm
- 01/05 - Barn Owls Art Gallery 2.45pm
- 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

## Communications

We are moving away from MyEd/Parentmail and moving over to a new system called Arbor. You will receive further information on how to download and use the Arbor app over the coming weeks.

If we can ask that when contacting the office you use phone or email rather than PS Connect for the next few weeks while we change over it would be very much appreciated.

