DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

10th May 2024

Executive Head

This week, Christians celebrate ascension day, the 40th day after Easter when Jesus went up to Heaven. In our collective worships this half term we have been exploring the value of hope and thinking about the joy and hope that the light of Jesus brings.

In our busy lives it hardly seems possible that 40 days have passed so quickly. This week in staff meeting we looked at examples of children's writing and it was impressive to see the volume and quality of work has been completed across the year and in this term already. Well done everyone!

Mrs Brand

Robins

This week during our science lessons we have been designing hygiene posters. Year two has written step by step instructions for cleaning teeth and Reception and year one has designed posters advertising the importance of washing hands. In art this week we have been responding to a story using two different types of clay, exploring pattern and texture. During our RE lessons, we have been learning about the meaning of 'The Prodigal Son'. We created 'hidden meaning boxes' to demonstrate the story of the parable on the outside and the hidden meaning of the parable on the inside. We have had so much fun practicing our aiming skills during PE this week. We have been aiming a ball towards our partner and letting the ball bounce before our partner catches it.

Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have completed their Instructions writing based on 'How to catch a Grass Goblin'. In maths Year 4 have been working on decimals, looking at 10ths and 100ths and Year 3 have been starting to understand how equivalent fractions can be spotted.. In history we have continued to study the Mayans, focusing on human sacrifices and in science we have used branching databases to help us with classifying different living things. We have enjoyed the sun in both PE sessions, and we have continued to use our French vocab 'en classe' to know what we have in our pencil cases.

Thank you for those pupils who have had their Reading Wings signed this week - we are still missing half of them!

Golden Eagles

This week in Golden Eagles, year 6 have been busy preparing for their SATs tests next week! In English we have all been learning our new text, a recount, and the children are already excited to write their own in a couple of weeks. In history we learned all about Ancient Greek democracy, having a class debate about whether the Parthenon should have been rebuilt and having a go at writing names in Greek. In PSHE we created a class toy catalogue, including words such as 'discount', 'interest' and 'VAT'. We looked more at searching the internet in computing and we have continued to learn about classification in science.

Good news

Congratulations to Lily-Mae who came second in a dance competition at a dance festival



Ogden Competition

Thank you so much to all who entered the Ogden timer competition. We have loved looking at all of the entries and can't wait to take them to partnership meeting this term to share with the other schools. Winners will be announced before the summer so watch this space!

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for coming to earth to teach us more about you. When you went to heaven you said that you would always be with us, please help us to remember this.

Thank you for strengthening us with your Spirit. Help us to continue to let your light shine through us.

Amen

Reading Wings

Robins

Are this weeks winners!

Attendance

Robins

Have the highest attendance this week!

Whole School Attendance

YTD

95.58%

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 13/05 - SATS Week
- 13/05 - Barn Owls Pond Dipping - bring wellies & coats
- 13/05 - SATS Breakfast club from 8.00am for Y6
- 14/05 - SATS Breakfast club from 8.00am for Y6
- 15/05 - SATS Breakfast club from 8.00am for Y6
- 16/05 - SATS Breakfast club from 8.00am for Y6
- 20/05 - Barn Owls Hockey at Langley (certain pupils)
- 22/05 - Y6 visiting Bungay Residential Care Home
- 23/05 - Bake Sale fundraising for Y6 Leavers Trip
- 24/05 - Golden Eagles visit from Hobart
- **24/05 - Last day of Summer Term 1**
- **03/06 - First day of Summer Term 2**
- 03/06 - Barn Owls swimming
- 04/06 - Premier Sports Mini Dance Event Whole School - Please wear PE kit
- 10/06 - Barn Owls swimming
- 13/06 - Y6 Bungay High School Transition Evening
- 14/06 - Y6 Road Safety Session
- 17/06 - Golden Eagles Horstead Residential
- 17/06 - Barn Owls Swimming
- 19/06 - DAFS Clothes collection final day
- 20/06 - Barn Owls & Golden Eagles Athletics Event at UEA
- 20/06 - After School Club Cancelled
- 21/06 - Ditchingham Sports Day
- 24/06 - Barn Owls Swimming
- 26/06 - Y6 Bungay High Transition Day
- 27/06 - Y6 Bungay High Transition Day
- 01/07 - Barn Owls Swimming
- 02/07 - Internal Transition Morning
- 04/07 - KS2 Play
- 07/07 - Ditchingham Grand Village Fete
- 08/07 - Hobart Transition Y6
- 08/07 - Y6 to Crucial Crew
- 08/07 - Barn Owls Swimming
- 09/07 - Hobart Transition Y6
- 10/07 - Hobart Transition Y6
- 10/07 - Bungay Transition day Y5
- 10/07 - Barn Owls trip to Beccles Quay
- 12/07 - Y6 to Pleasurewood Hills
- 15/07 - Internal Transition Afternoon
- 15/07 - Barn Owls Swimming
- 16/07 - Long Stratton High School Transition
- 18/07 - Y6 Leavers assembly
- **19/07 - Last day of the academic year**
- **04/09 - First day back at school**

Communications

We are moving to Arbor for communication and payments, we would appreciate it if you can ensure all balances are £0 at the end of this term to ensure a smooth transition.

After half term clubs, lunches, and communications will all be via Arbor.