DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

27th September 2024

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Executive Head

Another busy week of learning across all classes this week. I have been delighted by the number of children who have been delighted to come and talk to me about or show me the work that they did as part of languages celebration. I hope they have shared some of this with you at home too!

Robins

During maths this week Year 1 and 2 have been representing numbers on a number line as well as estimating where missing numbers go. Reception have been practicing their number recognition as well as ordering numbers.

Robin Class have demonstrated so much creativity during our digital computing unit this term. We have so far recreated Henri Matisse's 'The Snail' on the 'Paint' program as well as abstract artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian.

In celebration of languages day, Robin Class learnt lots of facts about the country of Spain and learnt to read and identify colours and numbers in Spanish!

During PE we have been exploring the theme 'mythical creatures' learning to use equipment safely and responsibly. We have also been developing our talking, listening and sharing skills, giving clear instructions and listening carefully to our partner's instructions.

Barn Owls

This week we have planned our own versions of our wishing take before the writing next week. In maths we have focused on adding and subtracting 1,10,100 & 1000, looking at exchanging in preparation for more focused addition and subtraction work. In science we investigated how to make and alter volume and pitch with wind, string and percussion instruments and in geography we investigated polar regions in close detail. PE saw positional and match play developed in football and we worked on throwing and catching with a variety of different balls. Finally, we mixed computing and art together, working on pastel pictures and digitally made pictures based on the Hippocrump.

Golden Eagles

It has been 'Test Week' in Golden Eagles this week. Our students have coped brilliantly with everything we have challenged them with including reading comprehension, spelling, punctuation, grammar and maths reasoning papers. In English we have completed our Quest stories. Characters range from a magical pearl at the bottom of the sea to archaeologists amid the Sahara Desert – we hope to showcase these stories with you very soon.

In History, we had been using a range of sources to research what life was like as an evacuee in World War 2. We worked in small groups to decide how to present these findings to the rest of the class.

On Wednesday afternoon we celebrated 'Languages Day' with Barn Owls Class. Our KS2 pupils were lucky enough to be visited by language teachers and students from East Norfolk Sixth Form. They led a variety of activities that focused on learning Mandarin and Spanish and a great afternoon was had by all. Sending a big thank you to all the volunteers from East Norfolk – you were fantastic!

Mobile Phones

I am sure that you have seen some of the media around mobile phones for children. Like most primary schools we do not allow children to have phones in school. If children do need a simple phone as they walk to and from school, a reminder that this must be handed in at the start of the day.

As part of our curriculum, we look at aspects of safety, including online safety. You may find this link to NSPCC useful for any discussions at home: Keeping children safe online | NSPCC

Consent forms

If you have not yet completed the following consent forms, please do so at your earliest convenience

Paper Versions

- Y6 Code Breaking Event at Hobart

Online Versions

- Golden Eagles Flixton Air Museum
- Whole School Harvest Service
- Golden Eagles & Barn Owls Cross Country at Langley

School 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

Parent Invites

- **14/10 - Barn Owls Parent Share 2.30pm**
- **16/10 - Robins Parent Share 2.30pm**
- **17/10 - Golden Eagles Parent Share 9.00am**
- **22/10 - Harvest Service**

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

97.93%

Reading Wings Award

This week

Golden Eagles

Attendance Award

This week

Golden Eagles

Vacancy

An opportunity has arisen for an Administrative Assistant at Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy, click here for more information about this opportunity to work for our amazing Federation

Helpful Information

School Website - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org.org/

School Meals - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/our-school/school-meals/

School Calendar - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/calendar/

Term dates 2024 / 2025- https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38151

Term dates 2025/2026 - https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/57134/Term-dates-and-school-holidays-2025-2026

Office email - ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org

Office Phone - 01986 893 277

App for School Communications - https://www.myedschoolapp.com/

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 01/10 - School Meals Price Increase
- 03/10 - Tempest individual and sibling photos
- 09/10 - KS2 Cross Country at Langley
- 14/10 - Barn Owls Parent Share 2.30pm (Parents welcome)
- 16/10 - Robins Parent Share 2.30pm (Parents welcome)
- 17/10 - Golden Eagles Parent Share 9.00am (Parents welcome)
- 18/10 - No after school club on this date
- 22/10 - Harvest Festival St. Marys Church
- 23/10 - Y6 NCMP Measurements
- 23/10 - Reception NCMP, vision & hearing screening
- 24/10 - Last day of Autumn Term 1
- 04/11 - First day of Autumn Term 2
- 11/11 - Flu Vaccination (Whole School)
- **13/11 - Swimming Gala at Hobart (select pupils)**
- 19/11 - Golden Eagles Flixton Trip
- 20/12 - Last day of Autumn Term 2
- 07/01 - First day of Spring Term 1
- **14/02 - Last day of Spring Term 1**

Ditchingham Church of England Primary Academy

Wraparound Care

Autumn Term 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Club *8.00am - 8.50am*	*Morning Club* *8.00am - 8.50am*	*Morning Club* *8.00am - 8.50am*	*Morning Club* *8.00am - 8.50am*	*Morning Club* *8.00am - 8.50am*
After School Club *3.20pm - 4.20pm* Mrs FB Lego Club £25 per half term £4 per one off session	*After School Club* *3.20pm - 4.20pm* Karate Traditional Karate and Fitness Limited £5 per session *cash direct to instructor*	*After School Club* *3.20pm - 4.35pm* Art Club Mrs Woodgate £25 per half term £4 per one off session	*After School Clubs* *3.20pm - 4.20pm* *Football Club Mr Sibbons £25 per half term £4 per one off session *Y2 Upwards	*After School Club* *3.20pm - 4.20pm* Board Games / Gardening Club Mrs Woodgate £25 per half term £4 per one off session

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


Will your child be starting school in 2025?
Ditchingham Primary Academy would like to invite you to our 'drop in' open morning on Thursday 7th November between 10am - 12pm.
Please register your interest using the link above!
DPA
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Good Provider
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Book Now

earthwake

ART Club

10.30am - 12 noon

for 5 - 11 yr olds

£5/Child

Make a mini raft or boat using natural materials & arty bits. Fresh air & play. Picnic & materials included.

TO BOOK PLACE/S:
lornaearthwake@gmail.com
TEXT 07825 097732

Saturday Sept 28

ART Evolution

1pm - 4pm

for 12 - 17 yr olds

Basher Boat/Coracle

Using a mix of materials create a floating boat for use on the river. Bring a change of clothes! Campfire and food included

This project is funded by the Aviva Access to Nature Fund

WWF NORFOLK RIVERS TRUST AVIVA

VENUE
Riverside Centre NR35 1BF
Off Staithe Road Bungay

Club Open Evenings

EAST COAST HOCKEY CLUB est. 2019

On Wednesday 4th & 11th September we are holding Open Evenings. Why not pop down, see where we play, what a session looks like, and meet some of the players and club volunteers.

6.00-7.00pm for children age 5+

7.30-8.30pm aged 16 years +

at East Point Academy Astro.





Find us on Facebook or contact Alex, 07760 166977

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A national initiative for inviting neighbours

Childrens Activities · Cultural Food · Quizzes & Prizes · Calligraphy · Hennah Art · Bouncy Castle

Saturday 10AM-4PM

Sept 2024 28th

Sun Road Broome Bungay NR35 2RW

Feel welcome to give us a call on: 07792184465

@Siddiqa Nawaz, Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre



family hubs

Free Event

'Back to School' Drop-In

Monday 30th September

14:30 – 16:30

At Poringland Library, NR14 7WB

Meet with a range of professionals and organisations for information, guidance and advice including:

- Family Hubs
- School and Community Team
- SENDIASS (available 14:30 – 15:00)
- Poringland Library Service
- Community Connector
- Mental Health in School Team

Suitable for families with children and young people of all ages

Any questions, please contact Daisy – Early Help Community Worker – daisy.palmer@norfolk.gov.uk

