DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

4th October 2024

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Executive Head

Over the past couple of weeks we have welcomed a variety of visitors into school, all have commented on the excellent behaviour and attitudes from our children. Well done everyone!

Mrs Brand

Robins

Our focus in maths this week for year 1 and 2 has been learning how to compare numbers using less than, greater than and equal to. Reception have been comparing mass and height. During our PSHE lessons as well as class assemblies we have considered several ways that we can look after our world on a daily basis. We thought of ideas such as saving on water and electricity as well as limiting the amount of paper that we use. We have also discussed how to keep our classroom and school tidy. During art we have been building upon last week's activity; creating our own paper for mark making, by carefully drawing around classroom objects of our choice. We have also been recapping on the Christmas story in RE and have started to order this.

Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have finished off their first piece of extended writing. It has been a great process and there is a lot to celebrate. The Year 3s in particular have already shown lots of good ideas and clear writing. Both years are coming towards the end of their guided reading books, which have been challenging and enjoyable in equal measure. The Year 4s have done very weel to keep up with the reading at home - thank you for your support with this. In art we applied Brusho to our pastel drawings of the Hippocrump with some excellent outcomes (pictures will be up in the hall very soon) and in maths we have completed our first block of work on place value. The awful weather drove us indoors for our recent PE lessons so indoor football and benchball were played to develop the relevant skills in both units of work and in music we enjoyed playing the glockenspiels.

Finally, many thanks to those who helped with the maths homework last week. Over half the class brought work back in and we were able to celebrate this in assembly today.

Golden Eagles

We have been so impressed with the homework that our class have completed so far this term – well done Golden Eagles! In Maths this week, we have been recapping our basic arithmetic skills including column addition and subtraction and have begun to extend our knowledge to tackling decimal numbers too.

This half term in French, our topic is 'Ma Famille' (my family). We have begun to learn the basic nouns for different people in the family and to introduce some of our own family members. If you bump into one of our class, ask them to tell you about their family in French. They may give you an answer like this…

" Bonjour! Je m'appelle Sam. Je suis le frere de Frank.'

You may have heard from afar our wonderful music lessons where we have been learning to play more complicated compositions on the glockenspiels – Miss Church has not had to cover her ears once so far!

In computing we have started to think about filming videos and the different camera angles you can use for different effects.

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

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

96.97%

Reading Wings Award

This week

Robins

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

Attendance Award

This week

Robins

Maths Monster 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

- 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)
- **16/10 - Y6 Code breaking at Hobart**
- 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 - DAFS Bake Sale**
- 24/10 - Last day of Autumn Term 1
- **04/11 - School Meals Price Increase**
- 04/11 - First day of Autumn Term 2
- 11/11 - Flu Vaccination (Whole School)
- **11/11 - Barn Owls to visit Care Home**
- 13/11 - Swimming Gala at Hobart (select pupils)
- 19/11 - Golden Eagles Flixton Trip
- **18/12 - Carol Service**
- **20/12 - Rudolph Run**
- 20/12 - Last day of Autumn Term 2
- 07/01 - First day of Spring Term 1
- **09/01 - Good News for You presenting New Testaments to Y6**
- **10/02 - Barn Owls Norwich Castle Ancient Egyptians visit**
- **14/02 - Last day of Spring Term 1**
- **24/02 - First Day of Spring Term 2**
- **04/04 - Last Day of Spring Term 2**



Book Now

Family Voice Newsletter

Please click **here** for this weeks Family Voice newsletter

Baby & Child First Aid Class - Mini First Aid Norfolk

Sunday 13th October 2024 10am - 12pm

💚During the class we will be discussing and demonstrating CPR, Choking, Bleeding, Bumps, Breaks and Burns, Febrile convulsions and Meningitis Awareness.

To book your place, please click **here**

Any questions, please feel free to email norfolk@minifirstaid.co.uk or contact 07852 177 961

Ditchingham Academy Friends

We are very lucky to have a Friends Association at Ditchingham Primary Academy, the Ditchingham Academy Friends 'DAFS' fundraise for additional resources for the school by hosting a number of events throughout the academic year, these events have included

-Easter Bingo
-Summer Fete
-Cake Sales
-Clothes collections
-Christmas Breakfast
--Christmas Raffle
-Guess the name of the squishmallow
-Tombola at the Ditchingham Fete

We have managed to fund the following since we started in 2021

-Ice cream van with ice creams for the whole school
-Selection boxes for the whole school from Father Christmas
-Y6 Leavers Hoodies
-Outside sun/rain shade
-Classroom resources
-Footballs for break/lunch

We would love to be able to do even more for the school this year, if you can help to plan events, volunteer at events, create fundraising ideas, put forward projects that we can help with, or most importantly, be a named committee member please contact the school office. Without Parents in the DAFS, our fundraising activities cannot continue - we need your support.

You can raise funds for the DAFs by simply installing Easy Fundraising on your phone or browser, each purchase made generates money for the school without costing you a penny!

Asda are currently running a promotion called 'Cashpot for Schools' if you nominate Ditchingham Primary Academy under cashpots they will donate to us each time you scan your rewards card.

Ditchingham Academy Friends Facebook Page




BTFC
MULTI SPORTS DAY
BECCLES TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
10AM - 2PM
The Nest, Alan Hutchinson Way, Beccles, NR34 9RL
Ages 5-14 | £15 per Player (Paid morning of) | Packed Lunch Required
Football | Cricket | Dodgeball | and Much More!
Assistant First Team Manager Brad Fisher will lead the day
Supported by Qualified Coaches, first aid trained who work in schools
1st and Res players will be in attendance
To book contact: Brad Fisher, brad@becclestownfc.org.uk
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