DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Executive Head

This half term in science our Y5/6 children are learning about light. In particular they have been exploring how light travels. They have conducted a few experiments to understand how light rays travel in straight lines from the light source into our eyes. They have also learned that sometimes objects may block some the light rays and that is how a shadow is formed. As you know, 'light' forms a key part of all that we do in school and it has been a really interesting week, exploring learning in each class and seeing the various ways that they have made sure that their light is able to shine.

Mrs Brand

We eagerly anticipate your presence at our Parent Share sessions in February. Please refer to the important dates for additional details.

Robins

This week Robin Class have been learning about the significant events in Louis Braille's life and plotting these on a living graph to include happy and sad times that Braille might have experienced. During our science lessons we have been sorting objects made of metal, wood and plastic and identifying some objects made of these materials ourselves. During PSHE we have been discussing what it might feel like to be similar or different from others. Exploring the theme of aeroplanes, we have been developing our throwing skills and learning to keep score during our PE lessons this week.

Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have been investigating how different grammar and strategies are used in writing a story. Dialogue and similes have been the main focus, along with fronted adverbials and noun phrases. In maths we have multiplied and divided by 10 and 100 and we have started to multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. In science we have continued to look at force and friction, investigating which surface slows a spinning top the quickest and in history we have started to think about how the Ancient Egyptians lived 5000 years ago and how we know. In computing we are working with Scratch and in PSHE we are thinking about ow we will respond if we need to give First Aid.

Year 4 need to keep reading the next chapter of 'The Secret of Platform 13'. This week is Chapter 3.

Golden Eagles

Thank you to all the Year 6's who have been working so hard on the CGP Books both at home and in school. We were really pleased to see so many of them attend our before school SATS club on both Tuesday and Wednesday this week –they have all displayed a wonderful commitment to learning that will serve them well as they progress through primary and high school.

In English this week we have been talking about how to create suspense in our Warning Tales. We have used literary devices such as rhetorical questions, similes and metaphors, repetition and descriptions that appeal to all 5 senses to build mystery and tension. Next week we will begin to work on our own terrifying tales now that we have all our writing tools in our English toolkit.

Fractions, fractions, fractions have been the order of the day in maths. Both Year 5 and Year 6 have looked at multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by integers (whole numbers) and by Thursday were also multiplying mixed numbers (whole number with a fraction e.g 3 ½) by integers.

In French we have begun to talk about habitats. By the end of the unit, we should be able to:

- Say and write the key elements that animals and plants need to survive.
- Name the 5 most common types of habitats.
- Name an animal and a plant that live and grow in each type of habitat.

Don't forget that you can log into the Language Angels website at home using the login details in your reading record to play games to help you learn the associated vocabulary.

Barn Owls Norwich Castle Ancient Egyptians visit (10.02.25)

If you have not yet made payment for this trip please do so at your earliest convenience.

Robins Sea Life Centre visit (25.02.25)

If you have not yet completed the consent forms, or made payment for this trip please do so at your earliest convenience.

Cold Weather Clothing

The weather is very cold, so please can we ask that children bring in appropriate clothes for outside play including hats, scarves and gloves for lunch and break time. Please ensure all items are named.

Children also need a spare pair of shoes to play on the field

Any donations of spare gloves are gratefully received.

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

97.06%



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Parking

We would like to gently remind you that the school parking lot is designated solely for staff use. Please avoid using the staff parking area for pick-up or drop-off unless you have arranged this directly with the office in advance.

Additionally, please do not park on the yellow chevrons or block driveways and access roads.



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

Golden Eagles

Reading Wings Award

This week

Robins

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 29/01 - Robins Road Safety Session
- 03/02 - Barn Owls Parent Share 2.30pm
- 04/02 - Robins Parent Share 9.00am
- 05/02 - Golden Eagles Parent Share 9.00am
- 10/02 - Barn Owls Norwich Castle Ancient Egyptians visit
- 14/02 - NSPCC Number Day
- 14/02 - Last day of Spring Term 1
- 24/02 - First Day of Spring Term 2
- 25/02 - Robins Sea Life Centre visit
- 05/03 - Y1 & Y2 to Dance Festival at Hobart
- 04/04 - Last Day of Spring Term 2
- 23/04 - First Day of Summer Term 1
- 05/05 - Bank Holiday
- 06/05 - Tempest Y6 Leavers Photos & Class Photos
- ~~07/05 - Y1 & Y2 Multskills at Hobart~~ - Cancelled
- 09/05 - Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5)
- 23/05 - Last Day of Summer Term 1
- 02/06 - First Day of Summer Term 2
- 22/07 - Last Day of Summer Term 2 (end of Academic Year)

Helpful Information

School Website - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org.org/
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
Support Resources - https://padlet.com/senco134/kingfisher-federation-6tczryp0bt0pjcu7
Office Phone - 01986 893 277

Community



Tuesday 18th 10-12 (The Final Third) ⚽

https://forms.gle/4cDAcedgWKGqdFa8A

Thursday 20th 10-15 (The Finisher) 📖

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFwJCDzYBd8ZRmaRFP_GE8fnvjI8cdGBM7Lu6b0CSI6ileqg/viewform







Indoor Car Boot Sale

Ditchingham Village Hall
Saturday 22nd Feb
9am - 12pm

6 foot table pitches available, contact on the details below to secure a space

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