DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

24th January 2025

Executive Head

Our value this half term is Wisdom. It has been interesting to reflect on and explore this value within our school community. We have learned about what we mean by wisdom and where we might get wisdom from. We have learned about getting wisdom from written ideas, history and teaching, but also the wisdom we get from our experiences. Proverbs , Proverbs 3:13–15 talks about how wisdom 'is more precious than jewels'. Certainly, in school, we value hugely the wisdom we learn from each other. It often fascinates the children that we learn just as much from them as they learn from us.

Mrs Brand

Robins

Robin class have had another busy week. In maths we are learning about 3D shapes, we are counting faces, edges and vertices. In RE we are starting to learn about the Easter story. So far we have acted out Palm Sunday and The Last Supper. Please ask us about these days and we should be able to tell you what happened. In PE we are learning to aim at a target by rolling and throwing towards it. In History we are continuing our work learning all about Louis Braille. We look forward to another week of learning next week!

Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have written their own version of the 'Nail Soup' story, including similes and dialogue. In maths we have worked hard on our long multiplication and now see that times tables can really help us! In science we have investigated which materials create the most friction and in history we reenacted Howard Carter entering Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922. PE was Dodgeball catching practise and Computing was developing our scratch programming skills.

Sadly, we now regularly only have 4 or 5 Reading Wings signed each week. |Please can I ask that reading happens regularly and the bookmark is signed weekly.

Finally, you may have noticed that TTRS has stopped. We are now using a free website called timestables.co.uk to practice our tables both at school and at home. It is easy to get onto the correct page (no passwords) and the children all know how to do it.

Year 4 need to read chapter 7 of @Platform 13' before next Thursday.

Golden Eagles

This week we have been continuing to think about our warning tale in English, we have been planning out the possibilities that we might use in our own story that we will be writing next week. In science we have been exploring what effects the size of a shadow and found that if you increase the size of the object the size of the shadow will also increase. In RE we have been thinking about different problems in the world and how Christians may respond to this and what they could do to support others. The children are creating some amazing paintings within their art lessons. In maths we are learning about dividing fractions by integers (whole numbers).

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.

Absences

Please can we remind you that if your child is too unwell to attend school, please contact us by 9.30am, it is important that you contact the school office on **every day of the absence**. This can be via telephone or email to ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org

If you are wondering if your child is well enough for school, this is a great resource from the NHS https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

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

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

97.05%



Out of school acheivements

If your child has accomplished any out-of-school achievements, such as:

- Swimming
- Brownies
- Gymnastics
- Scouts
- Football awards

and you would like them to be highlighted in the newsletter, please send an email to ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org

Kingfisher Reading Wings Award

This week

Golden Eagles

Attendance Award

This week

Golden Eagles

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
- **31/03 - Easter Service, St. Mary's Church Ditchingham 2.15 pm Parents Invited**
- 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
- **30/06 - Horstead Residential**
- **07/07 - Y6 Road Safety Session**
- 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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