



11th October 2024

Executive Head

It was really pleasing this week to look at the work that the children have been completing in their maths across this term. During Autumn 1 we have a focus on number and place value particularly. Children use physical resources, then place value grids through to more formal methods to work out calculations of increasing complexity as they move through the school. I was really impressed by the determination and resilience that children bring to this aspect of their learning. If you want to find out more about the scheme we use to plan our maths curriculum, please have a look here: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths>

Mrs Brand

Robins

This week year 1 and 2 have begun to look at addition and subtraction in maths and Reception have been exploring and creating patterns of our own. Our PSHE lessons this week have focussed on learning and practicing our rules and routines for whole school assemblies. We had lots of fun exploring a superhero theme during our PE lessons, working with others co-operatively as well as planning with a partner and small group to complete challenges. During art this week we have been finger tracing drawings and re-creating these tracing onto paper. We have also been working hard in our geography lessons to create a fact file describing a hot or cold place.

Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have started a new text - a letter retelling the wishing tale from the start of term. We have looked at how letters are set out and how letter writing is different to story writing. In maths we have started to add using the formal written method and exchanging. Y4 are being reminded how this works and Y3 are seeing it for the first time. In science we investigated sound and the decibel scale (dB) and how sound changes over distance. In geography we have started a mini project investigating climate zones and in art we have been looking at William Morris patterns, enlarging them and repeating the pattern. Lastly on Wednesday morning we all went to Langley School to run in the annual cross-country event. Everyone took part with great enthusiasm, but I was more impressed with the overall behaviour and what good sports our children are. They did their best but also supported their friends and other pupils with enthusiasm and positiveness. Well done to all (and to George for the amazing result of 3rd too).

Golden Eagles

Golden Eagles have enjoyed starting to plan their own videos in computing. They are working in groups to then teach other people a skill. In English we have had great fun with a discussion text and putting our arguments forward for whether we should wear school uniform or not.

On Wednesday, Golden Eagles represented our school at the cross-country tournament at Langley Senior School. Our pupils were a total credit to us all and we were very proud of every single one of them.

Last week in Celebration Assembly, our class was awarded the Maths Monster challenge. This means that we need to complete a 'special' piece of maths homework (linked to our World War 2 history topic) to share next week with the rest of the school. This is an optional piece of homework but all children that complete the activity will receive three merits for their efforts. Please feel free to engage with your child on this piece of work and we look forward to seeing how they present their findings.

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
- 05/11 - Parents Evening

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

97.21%

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

Parents evening

Booking forms are available in reception, please make a note of your appointment as reminders/confirmations will not be sent.



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

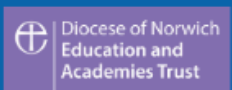
- 14/10 - Barn Owls Parent Share 2.30pm (Parents welcome)
- 16/10 - Robins Parent Share 2.30pm (Parents welcome)
- 16/10 - Y6 Code breaking at Hobart
- 17/10 - Golden Eagles Parent Share 9.00am (Parents welcome)
- 18/10 - No after school club on this date
- **18/10 - Reception class featured in Beccles & Bungay Journal**
- 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
- **05/11 - Parents Evening**
- **07/11 - 2025 Reception Open Morning**
- 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
- **21/11 - Scholastic Book Fair (runs for 1 week)**
- **04/12 - Golden Eagles walking to Broome Village Hall**
- 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



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!



Book Now

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.



Ditchingham Academy
Friends Facebook Page

The poster has a pink background with white and pink splatters. At the top, it says 'BAKE SALE' in large, bold, black letters. Below that, in smaller black letters, it says 'RAISING FUNDS FOR DITCHINGHAM ACADEMY FRIENDS'. In the center, there are two circular images of cupcakes: one with white frosting and colorful sprinkles, and another with pink frosting and white sprinkles. To the right of the cupcakes, a pink circle contains the text 'THURSDAY 24/10'. To the left, another pink circle contains 'CASH ONLY'. At the bottom, in bold black letters, it says 'ALL CAKEY DONATIONS MOST WELCOME!'.



Craft Fair

Sunday 3 November

11am – 3pm

Village Hall, Ditchingham

NR35 2QN

Local crafters, unique gifts

Shop early for Christmas

Refreshments

Piano Lessons at Ditchingham
Primary Academy

Lessons are held weekly during
school time and last for 20
minutes. Each child is taught
individually and the current
cost is £12.00 per week.

Please e-mail the school office
for more information

Kate Horsley Music Tuition BA Hons.in
Music
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MULTI SPORTS DAY

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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