

Headteacher's Newsletter

Term 5: week 3

CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday the 3rd of May, some pupils from year 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to a cross country competition in Chiddingstone.

As we started to arrive we saw many other pupils from other schools pacing around to find the sports field. As we reached the field (that was enormous!), I started to doubt myself; I have never run around a field this big before; this was going to be hard for me. Running up to my fellow team I gazed at all the children that were taking part. We had to wait a while for the first race to begin; it was year 3 and 4 girl's race. The race began with the blow of a claxon, Ella B, from Ide Hill, took an early lead with Tegan near behind. The first lap had finished and Ella was still in the lead with Tegan now closing up to her. Seconds later, at the last corner of the race, Tegan got overtaken by two ambitious participants.

Overall, Ella came first and Tegan came fourth, with other Ide Hill runners not far behind. After a few minutes of praise and admiration the year 3 and 4 boys race was about to begin.

Yet again, the claxon blurted out a large noise and the boy's race had started. Charlie and Ethan got a good start. On the last lap, Charlie managed to overtake Ethan and came in to have a great finish, along with the others.

Next was the year 5 and 6 girls race, lining up to get ready, I felt a wave of anticipation through the many racers. Seconds later the race had begun. All of the Ide Hill runners got a great start with many others behind. It was on the final lap that many competitors

started slowing down on, but, with the help of other team mates, they managed to make it with a huge applause waiting for them at the finish line. All of the year 5 and 6 girls did brilliantly.

Now came the last race of the day, year 5 and 6 boys. I was in this race and as I was lining up I felt very scared. The race had started with many runners sprinting of as fast as they could, and many paced themselves, saving their energy. After the first lap, I started to feel very weak and tired, yet all the other runners from all schools kept on going. Luckily, Mr Howse had come over to encourage me to reach the finish line. All the year 5 and 6 boys had finished with a great score. Even though I came last, I still had a great time and I was proud that I finished, which to me was a great achievement. (And most importantly, there was cake!)

Report by Aaron (Oaks class)

Happy Birthday to you!

Alfie, Olivia W and Maia R

From all your teachers and friends
at Ide Hill School



House Points	
Bodiam 84	Leeds 81
Hever 55	Dover 66

Attendance Ted:		
Saplings 94%	Elms 91%	Beech 94%
Willows 99%	Ash 98%	Oaks 100%

VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers can no longer be collected, so if you have any strays lurking at home or in your shopping bags and you would like to donate them to us, please do drop them into school via the office. We currently have over 3000 vouchers - Miss Akehurst was lucky enough to have the job of counting them!

UNIFORM CHANGE

We are very pleased that parents will now be able to order some children's uniform via the Tesco website.

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/ide-hill-church-of-england-primary-school/13956.school?source=others>

Embroidered school PE Tshirt	from £5.00
V neck jumper	from £8.00
PE Jumper	from £8.00
Rucksack	from £8.00
Girls Scalloped edge cardigan	from £9.00
Unisex half fleece	from £10.00

Please note that the fleece is new and should be worn for PE only. Uniform can still be ordered via Schoolwear4less however this can no longer be ordered via the school office.

WEEKLY AWARDS:

The children will receive their awards at Celebration Worship on Monday at 2:30 in St Mary's church. The awards from last week will also be presented. Parents are, as always, very welcome to attend

Saplings:

Aria - for your brilliant enthusiasm for our Africa topic and sharing it with the class.

James - for your excellent 2d shape work this week.

Elms:

Phoebe - for really trying hard to push herself in maths.

Zachary - for his hard work and determination in phonics - you've moved up a group, well done!

Beech:

Lola - for the improvement that you have made with your handwriting and the presentation of your work. Well done.

Marley - for very accurate measuring in maths this week.

Willows:

Martha R and Bronte - for their fantastic contributions and understanding in French.

Ash:

Oscar - for your super understanding of perimeter and area in maths.

Daisy - for working systematically and neatly through an area scaling problem.

Oaks:

Alice D and Eleanor - for persevering with Cross country and showing great endurance to ensure that you reached the finish line.

TAG RUGBY

Arriving at Edenbridge rugby club, we had high spirits and a great team.

We immediately set about warming up: passing, throwing and catching. Our first game was against Fordcombe A, we got off to an incredible start with three quick tries by Jake, but sadly Fordcombe came out on top with five tries. Ide Hill tried to match their score by a great team effort and a simple try by Jake.

After a comfortable victory against Edenbridge (7-0), we then drew with Weald 4-4. After a few more wins, we faced Chiddingstone in the final game with a chance of overall victory. Sadly, we lost but came a valiant joint third with Crockham Hill. Chiddingstone came second with Fordcombe A winning, so we only lost to the top two sides.

We enjoyed ourselves very much and played well as a team - everyone contributing greatly from the squad. Well done everyone!

Report by Jake and Alice D

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Mrs Edmonds and Miss Lovegrove, for rushing to our aid at lunchtime today. Sadly, we had no lunchtime servers and it was all hands to the decks!

Thank you also to you all for your patience and understanding on Tuesday, after we lost our water supply and needed to close early.

A special mention to Mrs Lawson and Mrs Caskey, who were wonderful and helped us to deal with a number of situations as they arose!

Also, thanks to Mrs Baker, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Caskey for supporting us so well with the maypole dancing.

E SAFETY

Please be aware that I sent an esafety letter to all parents earlier in the week. If you think that you have missed the emails please do let us know and we can organise for the office to resend it to you.

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to all our year 6 children, who will be sitting their SAT tests next week from Monday - Thursday. During this time Oaks children are able to enter the school from 8:15 for some relaxing activities and fruit snacks in preparation for their tests.

SAPLINGS 2017

Please be aware that if you have accepted a place in Saplings for this coming September, that you will receive a new Saplings Starter Pack with all relevant documentation and a Newsletter from Mrs Daniels. We ask that you please complete the paperwork and return it to the school office at your earliest convenience. The Saplings Newsletter details the transition arrangements for both children and parents in term 6.