



Headteacher Message

As the sun continues to shine and we approach the Easter break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding term at school. The progress the children continue to make throughout the school is great, and it was wonderful to share these achievements during our recent parents' evenings. This term, our children have been fortunate to participate in a variety of trips, visits, and events and we have been delighted to welcome many of you into the school for class assemblies and our Year 1 Toy Exhibition. These occasions are invaluable for showcasing your children's hard work and creativity.

The children have continued to make us proud at sports this term, engaging in more competitive events. This includes participating in our first-ever lacrosse tournament and a gymnastics competition, where the children,

parents and staff loved every moment. Well done to everyone involved for their dedication and hard



work in practice. It was particularly thrilling to see our young gymnasts flying over the vault! Once again, a thank you goes to all our staff for their continued hard work and dedication this term. A special mention to Mrs. Daniels, who has worked tirelessly over the past two years to achieve the Nurture UK accreditation, passing with flying colours just yesterday. We look forward to sharing more details when the report is published.

I would also like to express my thanks again to all our parents and extended family for their involvement and support, and to the PTA for your tremendous hard work. Your contributions are vital to the success of our school community. The Easter event and activities planned recently were enjoyed by all and it was fantastic to see the children with their buddies on the field. Thank you! Looking ahead to the Summer Term, we have much to anticipate, including further use of our field, SATs, other National Assessments, events and our Whole School Production. It also marks a year since I joined Ide Hill, though it feels like much longer! Thank you all for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to the future and continued development and progress we make together.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Message from Anne Fletcher – Chair of Governors

As the Easter holidays beckon, I would like to look back at the term.

It started with a really good "Good" OFSTED about which I am sure you are all very proud. A huge thank you to all of the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Updates RE: governors and governance:
The term started very sadly because of the unexpected and incredibly sad death of Ian Baseden-Smith. He worked for 10 years as our finance governor and he is deeply missed. Sue Caskey, has stepped in and is hugely experienced and I am so grateful to her; we are so fortunate to have someone of her skills and dedication. Niall Dickson who joined the governors at the end of last year took over the Chair of TLC this term. I am extremely grateful to him too. Richard French has been working incredibly hard with Miss Alexander, the school and various professionals in order to create a development plan for the outside space.

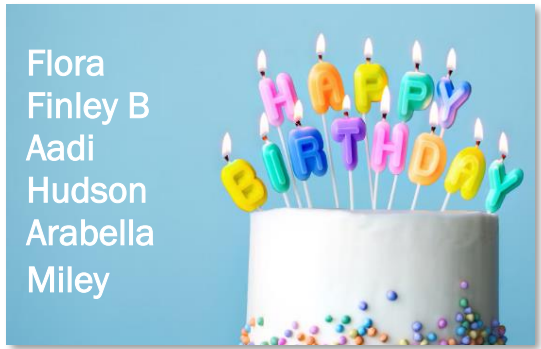
It is with great pleasure that I can report that the fundraising dinner evening is sold out. This is really pleasing as both past and present members of the school community will be there. The committee is being chaired by Sharon Taylor, head of the PTA, who is doing a brilliant job. She is joined on the committee by both parents and governors and I have every confidence it will be a hugely enjoyable event.

I would also like to acknowledge yesterday's news that we are now officially a Nurture UK approved school. This is absolutely brilliant and the result of a lot of work being done by the staff, with Mrs Daniels taking the lead. Well done to you all!

The sun is out and so is the blossom. A huge thank you to Miss Alexander, Miss Johnson and the whole staff team. I hope you and your families have a very enjoyable and restful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all next term. Best wishes - Anne

Uniform

Children may wear their summer uniform after Easter. With the warmer weather (hopefully) upon us please ensure children have drinking water, a hat and sun cream applied before school. Thank you.





PTA Easter Egg Competition

A huge well done to the winners and runners up of the PTA Easter Egg Competition.

KS1:

WINNER: Annie A
RUNNERS UP: Harley B, Emma T and Phoebe F



KS2:

WINNER: Harry R
RUNNERS UP: Miley H, Alice H and Bow W



Judging the fantastic entries was an incredibly tough job! Thank you to everyone who took part and for the PTA for arranging!



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| <p>Saplings</p>  | <p>Ossie - Well done for practicing your tricky words ad number bonds – keep it up! Annabelle - Thank you for your positive attitude towards your learning.</p> |
| <p>Elms</p>  | <p>Remy - For your enthusiasm and for writing such detailed fact files of the wild thing and old toys for our museum. Harley - For your careful and such detailed fact files of the wild thing and old toys for our museum.</p> |
| <p>Beech</p>  | <p>Finn - For working collaboratively and cooperatively as a team in P.E. Finn was excellent at passing to his team members and dribbling the ball away from the opposing team. Well done Finn! Poppy - For showing perseverance when tackling tricky problems in maths- money totals and finding change. Excellent maths work Poppy!</p> |
| <p>Willows</p>  | <p>Zach M - For his enthusiasm, perseverance and sunny nature in all that we do. He did some excellent origami. Eva - For her excellent attention to detail and her ability to take extra care in the presentation of all her work</p> |
| <p>Hazel</p>  | <p>Finley B - For his detailed and thoughtful responses when evaluating who should be Edward The Confessor's successor. Well done! Ralph - For his excellent focus and attitude whilst learning Lacrosse. He showcases great sportsmanship during all our PE lessons.</p> |
| <p>Ash</p>  | <p>Arabella - You showed fantastic skills using Tinkercad to create your brilliant 3D design of your animal monitoring device. Great Job! Jack - Super participation in our science lesson this week, sharing your observations and thinking about how to explain your experiment conclusion</p> |
| <p>Oaks</p>  | <p>Elliott - For his excellent improvement in his understanding of coordinates this week Felix - For displaying positive behaviour linked to our values of love, respect and responsibility</p> |

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