



Newsletter May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy 5 weeks in school we have had! Not only have the children in year 2 and year 6 completed their SAT tests and EYFS class have been moderated, but we have also held our biggest Open Day ever!

The children in all year groups have worked as hard as they always do, and we cannot ask for more. We are always proud of the children, particularly their work ethic. Now we wait for the results. Children in year 1 will sit the Phonics screen test in June, so keep practising all of the sounds in phase 5!

The Open Day allowed us to show everyone how proud we are of our academy, from the vibrant displays to the amazing science fayre and of course, our music room. Your support was very much appreciated.

The new Ofsted framework comes into force in September and places a large emphasis on the importance of the wider curriculum, such as the arts and PE. We work closely with Miss Reidie at Aspire PE to provide as many opportunities as possible. This term Miss Reidie held a parents session for those in Acorn and Willow class. After half term she will do the same for the older classes. Mrs Hovell also took a team of older children to the Qwik tournament, where we came fourth. Mrs Hovell was extremely proud of our team sportsmanship-well done all!

FOHSA have a stall at the Hockwold Country Fair, so please come and see us there on Sunday 2nd June.

We return to school on Monday 3rd June, for the last half term of the year, until then, have a wonderful week off!

Mrs E. Owner
Principal



Iceni Academy's Open Day - 17th May.

Thank you for supporting us!





Acorn

We have really enjoyed this half term! Not only have we continued to improve our writing, reading and number work, we have also learnt how things grow, including planting beans. We have cared for some caterpillars, watching them change into butterflies and released them during a butterfly party! We also went to Snettisham Farm Park and got to see lots of animals as well as feed a lamb and some deer!

We can't believe that next term is our last in Acorn class before we go into Willow class!

We hope you have a lovely break!

Mrs Harris



Willow

It has been a wonderful half term in Willow class and all children have been amazing, especially Year 2 who have worked hard over the last few weeks with all of their tests. I could not be prouder of their efforts and resilience.

The topic this half term was “What is the weather like?” Both year groups really enjoyed this topic and they loved checking the weather station every day. Below is just a quick recap about what we have been learning about in class.

In Maths, we have worked on data, children collected information from each other recorded the information on tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. Children were also able to answer questions on data dilemmas by reading information from a bar chart. We have also revisited some maths we have covered during the year such as: fractions, word problems, symmetry, addition, subtraction and time.

In English, Willow class have worked on adjectives, verbs and adverbs and recognising them in a sentence. They have also continued writing the perfect sentences and children are now starting to independently edit their own work. Linked to our topic, children performed a rhyme about weather and then wrote their own poems about weather. Many students used rhyme in their poems. Most mornings Willow and Oak worked together during handwriting sessions, both classes really enjoy this session.

Willow have also explored the differences between inland and coastal areas and seasonal differences in different parts of the world. Children learned how to navigate a compass. They then made their own weather devices such as wind vanes, wind streamers and rain gauges. Willow class also learned about clouds and the rain cycle. They have used body percussions to make different weather sounds in music lessons. They even became weather presenters for a morning, making predictions about the weather and presenting their reports to the class. Children have created posters of a tree during each season and learned why weather changes during each season. We have been very busy.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and see you all soon.

Miss Doherty



Beech

“In Topic we were learning about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We went to Kings Lynn Museum to learn about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

In science we were learning about plants.

My favourite thing we learnt about was the battle of Hastings.”

By Erin

“In maths we did subtractions, multiplication, line graphs and division. This is my favourite subject because it is challenging.

In English we read ‘How to train your dragon’. We had a reading café with fun activities including pin the tooth on Toothless and guess the smell.”

By Bow



Oak

This term in our Topic lessons we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks: in Greece the Acropolis ruins show where the Greeks staged fights. We've also been

reading Greek myths (and we've written our own) and found out about the Olympics. We made olive wreaths, Olympic torches and mosaic patterns too. One of the most complicated things we've done is making a maze for the Minotaur on the laptops using the Scratch programme.

This term we had the astounding new Music Room opened on our open evening where the Steel Pans played - they were amazing! Year 6 love the 'vibe' in the Music Room so much they voted to take their SATS tests in there last week - we're so proud of our Year 6 friends.



This week, some of us in Oak Class represented the school at the Kwik Cricket tournament - please see the photos on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

Oak Class have been really enjoying working with Willow Class in Operation Handwriting. Miss Rickards says some of us should consider going into teaching - we've really enjoyed seeing the little ones make rapid progress (and it's consolidated it in our minds too).

We have really enjoyed this half term but we really can't wait for the residential to Hautbois in June!

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ICENI HOCKWOLD TALENT SHOW 2019!



Friday 7th June at Hockwold Village Hall.

Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

**Tickets will be available from the school office from
Tuesday 4th June.**