



NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th March 2025

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



CELLO CLASS

Cello have had an eventful and educational couple of weeks filled with fun activities and new discoveries.

The students embarked on a thrilling minibeast hunt in the wildlife garden and were excited to find and learn about various creatures such as woodlice, slugs, snails, millipedes, and worms. They used trays and magnifying glasses and got a bit muddy - truly a very sensory experience.



In Numeracy the class has been measuring lengths and discovering who is the shortest and tallest. The students enjoyed comparing their heights and solving word problems using Numicon.

Four students are reading Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach." whilst the other students continue working on their phonics skills using ELS in their groups and writing simple captions about minibeasts. In ICT some students have started to make a PowerPoint presentation about Roald Dahl, whilst others saved, edited and printed a picture of their favourite minibeast using an iPad. The focus in Art is 3D sculpture in which they have been making minibeasts using plastic bottles, stickers and pipe cleaners.

A group from Cello have been participating in the Shakespeare rehearsals and are excited about their upcoming performance at The Lights theatre. They have been working hard and their enthusiasm is inspiring. We can't wait to see them shine on stage!

Additionally, the class had a fun session making fruit salad when the students practised chopping and peeling different fruits. They loved tasting the results of their hard work!

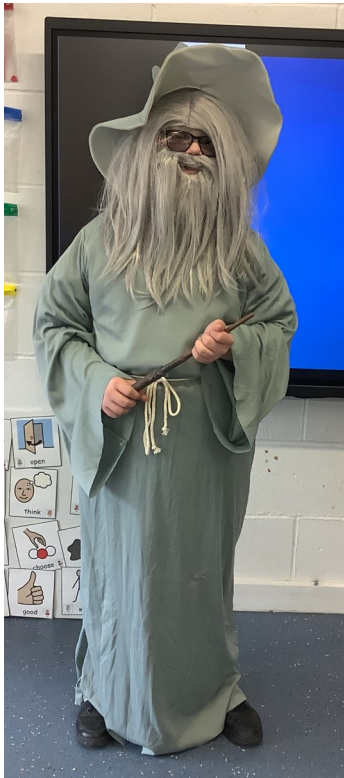
We are proud of our students' enthusiasm and achievements in the first couple of weeks of this half term.

WORLD BOOK DAY(s)

We celebrated on Thursday (the official day) with a themed school lunch and on Friday we welcomed all sorts of book characters to school—some were instantly recognisable and others needed a little bit of guess work which is what makes the whole day so enjoyable! Home-made costumes are so much more fun, inventive and usually much cheaper, so a big well done to the parents who took on the challenge and got their thinking caps on!



We also met a lovely array of teddies today. Some were clearly loved and well-worn which is fantastic. Our theme—



The Icknield Bear Hunt— was well-received by the students and the classes read different books which had a bear as the main character. These books included “Paddington” (of course), “Goldilocks & The Three Bears”, “That’s Not My Bear”, and the all time favourite “Do Bears Poop in the Woods?”. Banjo class also made some lovely teddy bear toast which went down a treat! Some of the children even joined the school nurse for a teddy bears’ picnic.

We hope the children enjoyed the day as much as the staff did.







KINBALL

On Tuesday this week we were visited by Daniel Grace of Kinball UK to teach our students of all ages and abilities to play Kinball. This is an inclusive team sport which involves GIANT balls and is becoming popular because the teams can only achieve success when they work together. It proved to be a great hit with our students who could touch, bounce, hold, kick and even attempt to spin them on their fingers. They had a fantastic time splitting into teams to play against each other and shouting out the colours of each team as part of the rules. Kinball UK was formed in 2018 however the sport has been going since the 1980s and is played in Canada, US, Far East and other European countries. It may become an Olympic Sport, so we had better get practising! George (Triangle) was engaged for nearly the whole session; Jaycob (Cello) said "It was good to do something different. Can we do it more?" and Luci (Cello) gave it a big thumbs up because it was better than Maths and "good fun keeping a ball bigger than your head in the air".



FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

This is a reminder that if you are need of food vouchers, please contact Sharon Portsmouth, our Family Support Practitioner.



ALL REQUESTS WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY

Her contact details are as follows:

School office: 01264 365297

Mobile: 0789 5984244 (call or text)

Email: s.portsmouth@icknield.hants.sch.uk

There is also the option of contacting Sharon via Clasdojo.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...

James, Maracas 15 years old

BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

Arthur, Banjo 14 years old



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



happy	sad	angry	excited	worried

DIARY DATES — SPRING TERM (2) 2025

MARCH

- 10th Class Group Photos
- 17th Theme Week (3 of 3) - Holi
- 18th Governors' Curriculum Meeting (09.30am)
- 18th Hamlet performance, The Lights (7pm) - ticket only
- 21st Down Syndrome Awareness Day
- 21st Comic Relief
- 24th Wiltshire Air Ambulance visit (FE)
- 25th Full Governors Meeting (4pm)



APRIL

- 1st Hants Music Service Special Event
- 2nd World Autism Day
- 2nd Yr 10 & Yr 11 Parents' Information Evening @ FE
- 4th **INSET DAY (FE only)**
- 7th-21st **Spring Holiday**
- 22nd **INSET DAY (Whole school)**
- 23rd Return to School (Whole school)

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

We are having class group photos taken on Monday (10th March). Please ensure your child is sent in with a school jumper (*with the exception of students who attend the FE Centre*) and appropriate school wear. Thank you.



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award

- Drum - Charlotte
- Maracas - James
- Tambourine - George
- Triangle - Noah
- Trumpet - Ellie
- Oboe - Kabya
- Banjo - Leon
- Cello - Jaycob



The School Superstar of the Week is ...GEORGE!!

George is a kind, caring, and playful member of Triangle Class. He loves interacting and playing games with the adults working with him, rewarding them with beautiful eye contact, a giant smile, and his happy sing-song noises. George loves to move and particularly enjoys going for walks around school, going swimming, jumping on the trampoline, and spinning. When it is time for some relaxing, George enjoys a bit of threading or a puzzle of any kind.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

CHAMPIONS



Jake & Gary

