



## Message from our Executive Head

Welcome back! I'm hope you all had some time to relax over the Easter break. We are very much looking forward to the summer term.

This half term our value is Hope. At our school we talk about how each of us shine and the importance of bringing our light to the world. Over the next term we have lots of opportunities to share our hopes for the future through our curriculum and enrichment opportunities, we look forward to seeing all shine.

**Mrs Brand**

## Skylarks

It was so lovely to see the children happily bound back through the door after Easter. From what I have heard it sounds like there were lots of exciting things going on over the holidays! we have jumped back into learning a lighting speed. We have already begun our sculpture topic for art by re-creating some Andy Goldsworthy inspired patterns with buttons, stones and other materials. In Geography we have looked at the United Kingdom and will be exploring the 4 countries that make it up over the coming weeks. In Science we have begun looking at 'growing up' and in music we are doing a singing topic this half term. P.E. days are Mondays and Wednesdays.

## Mallards

Welcome back to the summer term, Mallards!

I was really impressed with everyone at swimming on Monday. All the children were super confident in the water.

We have started brand new topics in History (The Mayans) and Science (Classification of animals). In art, we will be creating sculptures using clay.

We have also started looking at the Pied Piper of Hamelin in our English lessons. We all agreed that we didn't like the ending, and will be writing a sequel later on to ensure we give the children a happier ending!

## Swans

In English this week we have been writing parts of our own autobiographies. I have heard many interesting stories and thoughts from everyone in the class and they have engaged brilliantly with their piece of writing. In art we have started looking at Henry Moore, ready to be sculpting in his style in clay in the next few weeks. In computing this week we started to look at vector graphics and had a go in Word at making our own using simple shapes. PE this half term continues to be on Monday and Thursday and should be outside each week weather permitting.

# DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Ofsted

We are delighted to share the results of our recent Ofsted inspection which confirms that our school is Good across all areas.

The inspectors highlighted that 'Everyone is friendly and supportive.' and that, 'Pupils achieve well. There are high expectations about what they should learn.'

We are pleased that inspectors were able to explore so many aspects of what school is typically like for all, we are proud of the culture and ethos of our school and the role that all play in making sure it is a happy place to be.

Inspectors noted that 'Pupils behave respectfully.' and that 'Music and singing play a big part in pupils happily coming together as one school community.'

The report is [attached](#) if you would like to read it in full.

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Good

### 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



### After School Clubs

**Mondays**  
**Multisports**

**Tuesdays**  
**Tennis**

**Wednesdays**  
**Gardening**

**Thursdays**  
**Football**

**Friday**  
**Craft, lego, junk modelling  
and games**

### Whole School Attendance

YTD



**93.33%**

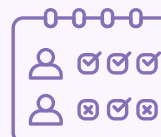
### Kingfisher Reading Wings



**Swans**

Are this weeks winners!

### Attendance Acheivers



**Mallards**

Have the highest  
attendance this week!

## Important Dates

- 23/04 - Y4 Maths Challenge at Norwich Lower School
- 24/05 - Y5 Maths Challenge at Norwich Lower School
- 25/05 - Y6 Maths Challenge at Norwich Lower School
- 26/04 - Y6 Forensic Science Day at Hobart High School
- 06/05 - May Bank Holiday
- 13/05 - 17/05 - SATS Week
- 21/05 - Y6 Crucial Crew at The Space, Norwich
- 24/05 - Last day of Summer Term 1
- 03/06 - First Day of Summer Term 2
- 20/06 - Sports Day, Families invited
- 17/06 - 19/06 - Swan Class Residential to Horstead
- 25/06 - Reception NCMP Vision & Hearing Screening
- 26/06 - 27/06 - Y6 Bungay High School transition day