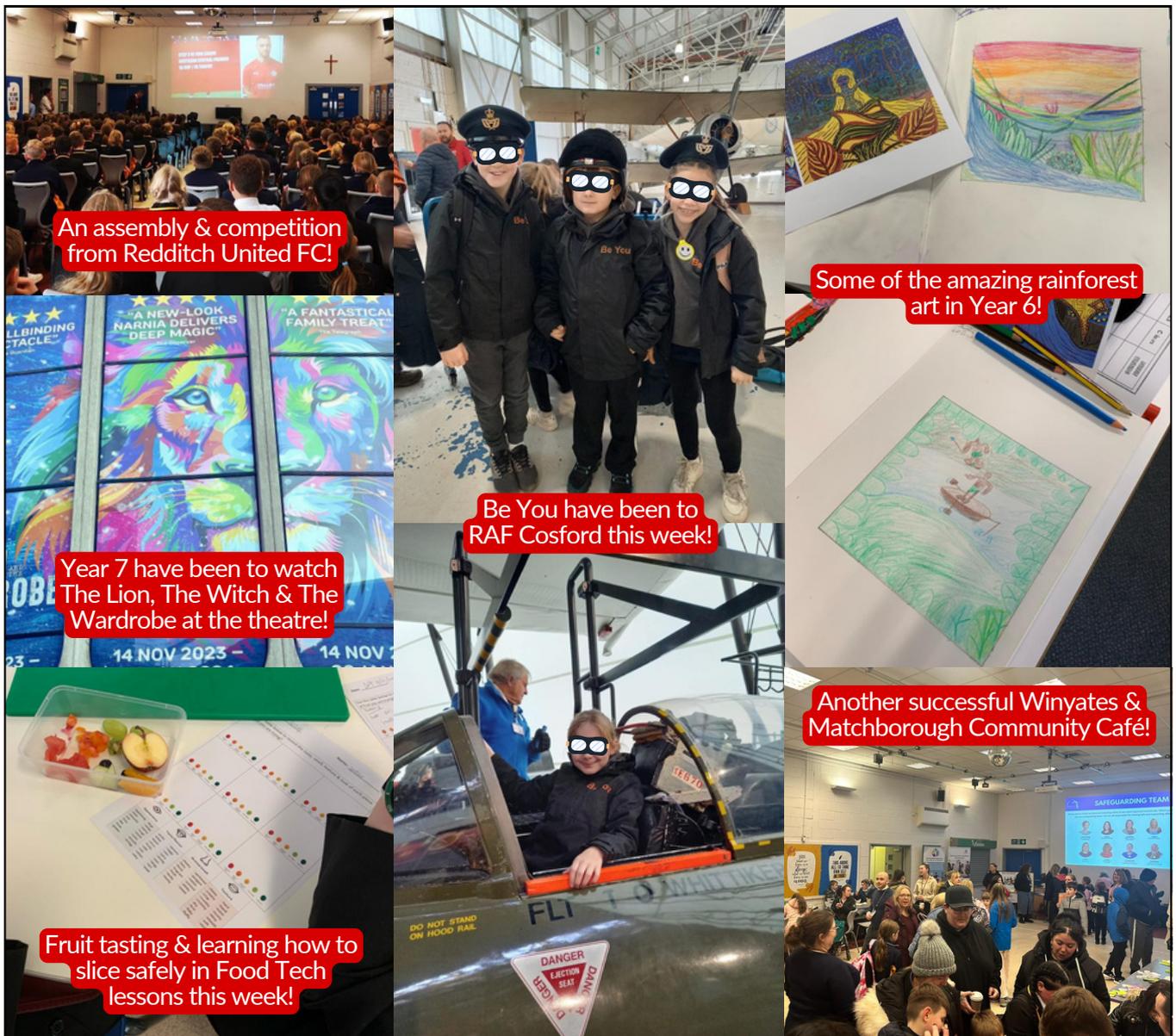


TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

The weekly newsletter of Ipsley C of E Middle School

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MESSAGE FROM MISS SAUL

I hope you have had a good week and been keeping nice and warm! We have had an amazing week in school with some incredible experiences in our lessons and on trips!

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who came to the Community Café on Tuesday. We had hundreds of people brave the cold to come along and meet our stall holders and grab some pizza and hot chocolate. The buzz in the hall, gym and library was wonderful! The information shared from our community groups was incredibly helpful and I know so many people will be attending the big local derby match at Redditch United this week after practising their football skills in the gym! Thank you so much to Mr Williams and Mrs Curtis for all their hard work in organising this, to Oakland for their contribution to the pizzas and other resources and to all the stall holders for coming along. We can't wait until the Summer Community Café!

Redditch United popped in to see us again on Thursday and launched their fabulous kit design competition! Our pupils met the Chairman of the club, who told us about the club's history and how he would like next year's home and away kits to be designed by a pupil from Redditch. There are some great prizes on offer with first prize being that the winning design will be the official kit for the 24-25 season and the school the pupil attends will be provided with football kit for their football team! Pupils need to research Redditch United to get some ideas for their designs and follow the instructions on the design sheet, which we will give out to pupils to complete. How amazing would it be if a pupil from Ipsley won this competition!

Year 7 had the most amazing time at the theatre on Wednesday watching *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* at the Birmingham Rep. It was an incredible show and the pupils loved it, with Aslan being a huge favourite with the pupils! The staff at the theatre spoke to our teachers after the show and congratulated our pupils on their excellent behaviour from start to finish.

KS3 have been continuing with their food tech lessons this week and Year 7 have been learning about the safe and appropriate ways to slice food using the bridge and claw methods. They have also been tasting fruit ready for when they create their fruit salads!

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MESSAGES

Please take a look at our new website at www.ipsleyschool.org.uk. There is a lot of important information on there and it looks fabulous! I'd particularly like to draw your attention to our Early Help offer under the 'Parents' tab. This gives details of the support you can get from us in school and lots of helpful websites.

We have been made aware that some pupils have been playing on the frozen pond near Matchborough centre during this cold spell. We have spoken to pupils about not playing on the frozen water as it is extremely dangerous. Please ensure pupils are reminded of this at home so we can work together to ensure that everyone stays safe!

We are thrilled to share with you the **feedback we received from our recent Team Ipsley family survey**. Thank you to all families who completed the survey, and for the wonderful support you all provide to us every day. To read the feedback, and our 'You Said, We Did...' response, please click the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/2sjkn79d>

FROM: PUBLIC HEALTH

You may have seen in recent news that **measles cases in the West Midlands are rising**.

Measles is a very infectious viral illness and usually starts with cold-like symptoms which can include a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough, sore red eyes and a rash. It spreads very quickly to non-immune children and adults who are unvaccinated or have not previously been infected. Most people will recover completely within a couple of weeks however the virus can cause very serious illness.

The best way to prevent measles is by having the MMR vaccination.

We are encouraging children, parents and staff to check that they, and all family members are up to date with their MMR vaccine and if required arrange for a free MMR catch up vaccination via their GP.

For more information on measles and the MMR vaccine please [click here](#).

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ATTENDANCE

This week's top performing classes are:

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8 
5E-JTA	6F-KLA	7B-RBA	8D-STH

This year's top performing classes so far are:

Year 5	Year 6 	Year 7	Year 8
5E-JTA	6E-ECA	7B-RBA	8C-CLO

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Date	Description
Tuesday 30th January	Year 6 SATs information evening for parents/carers.
Monday 5th February	Rainforest animal experience for Year 6.
Monday 19th February	Year 5 visit to Cadbury World (day one).
Tuesday 20th February	Year 5 visit to Cadbury World (day two).
Monday 11th March	Year 7 visit to Worcester Cathedral (day one).

UPCOMING TERM DATES

**FEBRUARY
HALF TERM**

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS ON **FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY**
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON **MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**

**EASTER
HOLIDAY**

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS ON **FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON **MONDAY 8TH APRIL**

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, Team Ipsley have been thinking about our community and the ways that we can help others in it. We celebrate the fact that we are all unique and have different skills that we can use to support and encourage each other.

We have also explored World Religion Day and how this encourages inter-faith understanding and harmony – valuing and supporting everyone.

Take time to celebrate the skills you have this week and think about how these could be used to support and encourage others – you are all amazing!

“ You are the light of the world.
Your light must shine before all. ”

Mt 5:14,16

More information on Collective Worship at Team Ipsley can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).



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OUR VISION & VALUES

As Team Ipsley, we strive to create a **community** where all flourish, following God's example by loving each other as He loves us. Together, we become the best versions of ourselves by being **ambitious**, **courageous** and **kind**, creating a **community** which can achieve anything we set our minds to.



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We seek **wisdom** and develop **resilience** through our **ambitious** curriculum, enabling all to thrive. **Respect** and **hope** inspire us to be **courageous** in our learning and our relationships, ensuring that we all lead fulfilled lives. By practising **love** and **forgiveness**, we can make our **community**, and the world, a **kinder** place.



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