

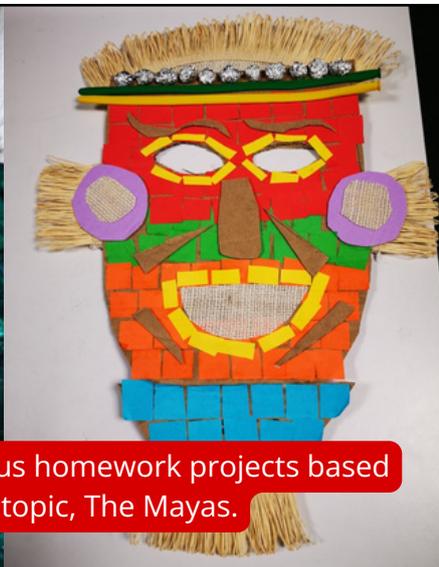
TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

The weekly newsletter of Ipsley C of E Middle School

SPRING 1 - WEEK 4 FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024



Year 5 have created fabulous homework projects based on their History topic, The Mayas.



Be You pupils have been to Packwood House this week!



Cooking club have been making crumble this week!



Yeast experiment in preparation for making bread next week!



More cooking skills being perfected in KS3 Art lessons!



MESSAGE FROM MISS SAUL

Welcome to our weekly newsletter! This week in school we have been very busy...

Our Be You group visited the National Trust property at Packwood House on Thursday where they helped to redesign and redevelop a courtyard. They tidied the garden by cutting back the bamboo and planted new plants ready for spring. While they were digging, they wanted to save all the worms they saw! Then they had a tour of the grounds and visited the Ewe Tree garden, learning about how its planting was based around the Sermon on the Mount. Next, they walked around the lake trying to spot the visiting heron. Finally, they had a tour of the house and learned all about its fascinating history and the etiquette of dinner in a stately home!

KS3 Food Tech lessons continued this week. Year 7 made a delicious and healthy pasta salad, practising their cutting skills that they learned last week. Meanwhile, Year 8 have been looking at how temperature affects yeast in preparation for making bread next week!

Once again Redditch United have been extremely generous and offered pupils and families 100 free tickets to an upcoming match. We hope everyone that is attending, enjoys the match! A reminder to pupils that they need to be thinking about their designs for the new Redditch United kit if they want to enter the amazing competition launched last week!

Our pupils have been representing us brilliantly at the Friday Sports Festivals at Arrow Vale. Last week our Panathlon teams came 1st and 2nd and this week we have two teams representing us at the indoor athletics!

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents who came to the Year 6 SATs evening and workshops on Tuesday. We had over 80 families join us to find out more about how they can support their child to do their best in their tests – and what we will do to help them, too, of course! I think most of the children present were most excited about the SATs breakfast! Mr Scarle also did some pupil voice to find out how pupils felt about their recent test week and what we could do to make it better. I just had to share this quote from Laci-Mai as it made the Year 6 teachers' day:

“ I don't think you need to change anything, I think it's perfectly fine the way it is. Just keep supporting the students and being helpful. You teachers are amazing thank you for everything! ”

Have a great weekend, Team Ipsley!

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MESSAGES FROM IPSLEY

We have the following trips & activities coming up. If you are yet to sign your child up for one of them, please click on one of the following to complete a consent form:

- Year 5 | **Cadbury World - Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th February 2024**
- Year 7 | **Worcester Cathedral - Monday 11th & Monday 18th March 2024**
- Year 5 | **Pioneer - Monday 30th September 2024 to Wednesday 2nd October 2024**

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.

As a school, we work closely with our **Local Community Policing Team** to ensure that our community is safe and well supported. Our local team are:



- PC Caitlin Hayes (22368)
- PCSO Clive Rainbow (8230)
- PCSO Weronika Syrzan (40586)

The team are always happy to speak to you about how they can be of help!

Don't forget that we break up for February half term on **Friday 9th February 2024 at 15:15PM.**

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HOLIDAY**

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ATTENDANCE

This week's top performing classes are:

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5E - Mr Taylor	6E - Miss Capper-Smith	7B - Mrs Barker	8C - Miss Lopes

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UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Date	Description
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).
Friday 8th March	World book day 2024.
Monday 11th March	Year 7 visit to Worcester Cathedral (day one).

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, Team Ipsley have been thinking about blessings.

We have explored what a blessing is and the different ones we have in our lives. Sometimes, when things are difficult, it is hard to remember all the good things we have. But it is important to take time to reflect on them.

This week, let's take a moment to think about all the good things in our lives and be thankful for them.

“ Give and it will be given to you.
For with the measure you use, it will be
measured to you. ”

Luke 6:38

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



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE



Prayer Pilgrimage led by the Archbishop of Canterbury Saturday 3 February 2024

All welcome - join us as we pray for our diocese as well as peace and justice throughout the world in 2024 and beyond.

10am: Top Church, Dudley

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer.

12.30pm: Pershore Abbey

Prayer lunch - bring your own picnic lunch

2.15pm: Worcester Cathedral

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer in various prayer stations.



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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