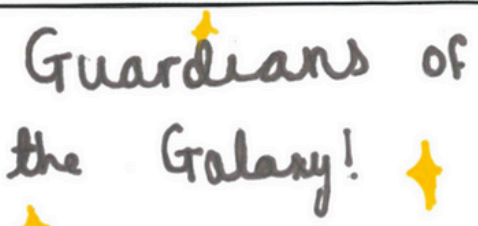


TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

The weekly newsletter of Ipsley C of E Middle School

SUMMER 1 - WEEK 4 Friday 3rd May 2024



A HUGE congratulations to Eden (Year 7), who is the winner of the CRST World Book Day competition!

Beyond a place you call home there is a galaxy. A galaxy with alien monsters and much more. A human being called Peter found himself in a strange world. This world was completely different to ours, it small like rotten eggs and everything was dark with little sunlight. In this other world he met his soon to be best friends, Rocket and Groot. They were not like any other aliens as they had supersten powers. Together they were known across the universe and beyond as the, **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY!**



Mr Scarle led Collective Worship this week on Wisdom



Pupils in KS2 took a plunge this week, enjoying their time at Matchborough FSA's new swimming pool!

Don't forget to install



Arbor

to stay up-to-date with all things Team Ipsley!

Year 5 have been writing their own poems based on the theme of 'If'.

<p><i>If I had pins, I would fast the sails Sea water, poisonous like burning acid.</i></p> <p><i>If I had pins, I would spread the melted Stinker like a tyrod frog dead at the bottom of the sea.</i></p> <p><i>If I had pins, I would say the st. Sunday of Ships as dark cars under the ground.</i></p> <p><i>If I had pins, I would hear the calls of dolphins like someone smiling.</i></p> <p><i>If I had pins, I would scrub fresh Sea mud as sticky as blue cheese.</i></p> <p><i>If I had pins, I would dream of swimming from countries to countries at the speed of light!</i></p>	<p>If I had wings, I would touch the snowflakes, watching them melt in my palm as they disappear, vanishing into nothing.</p> <p>If I had wings, I would taste a chunk of the moon as yellow as cheese.</p> <p>If I had wings, I would listen to the flap of the eagle's wings beating like a drum in the wind.</p> <p>If I had wings, I would smell the fresh raindrops like spring flowers as they bloom in April.</p> <p>If I had wings, I would gaze at the sun blazing down, shining and sparkling like a diamond.</p> <p>If I had wings, I would dream of a shooting star as fast as a cheetah running across the dark night sky.</p>
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MESSAGE FROM MISS SAUL

I hope you all had a good week and managed to dodge all the showers!

This week has seen some of our 'Always Amazing' pupils from Year 6 visit Matchborough First School and use their pop up swimming pool for a fun swimming session. Our pupils loved every minute of it so a huge thank you to the team at Matchborough for letting us use their amazing pool!

Pupils from all year groups have also been taking part in a rowing competition against other Redditch schools over the last few days! Using rowing machines, they have been competing to see how fast they can row the distances they are set – watch this space for more information on how we have done!

Year 5 have been busy writing their own poems this week, based on the theme of 'If'. We have been blown away by the fantastic, imaginative work they have produced. We hope you enjoy reading the two examples above as much as we have!

Year 6 are in the final run up to their SATS – four more school days! The papers have arrived in school and are safely locked away, the food for breakfasts and snacks has been ordered and lessons are preparing pupils for the week beginning 13th May! At home, please support pupils with getting plenty of sleep, eating lots of good healthy food and giving them opportunities to have lots of fun!

Finally, I wanted to share how proud we were of our pupils when we had to go into a soft lockdown yesterday, due to an incident in the community. They responded brilliantly to the staff who kept them safe until we could return to normal lessons.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and see you all back in school at 8:30am on Tuesday 7th May.



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MESSAGE FROM IPSLEY

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Arbor app!

You will be aware that after listening to feedback from our recent parent survey we made the decision to implement a new system in school called Arbor, which would strengthen communication between school and home and enable parents and carers to more regularly update important details (such as addresses, phone numbers, medical information) on their child's school records. This app is an important part of our safeguarding measures as a school to ensure we can contact all families with essential information as required and without delay.

The Arbor app will not replace ePraise. There will be no changes to the way we use ePraise.

[Click here](#) for more information.

STAY SAFE, TEAM IPSLEY

SAFEGUARDING

Being safe in school and beyond, including online, is our most important school rule. When pupils join Team Ipsley, they join our safeguarding team. We are all responsible for staying safe and supporting others to stay safe too. The members of staff on this poster are our school safeguarding leaders, and you can speak to them about any concerns you have. These members of staff are always there to help if you, or somebody you know, could be unsafe for any reason.



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STAY SAFE SATURDAY

Be sure to check out our Twitter/X feed for guidance on how to keep your child safe online.

We publish new information every Saturday! Last week's focus was online shopping platforms and the risks involved when using them.

Twitter/X feed: [@IpsleySchool](#)

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM

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)

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ATTENDANCE

This week's top performing classes are:

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
5C - Mr Hylton	6E - Mrs Capper-Smith	7A - Mrs Smallwood	8C - Miss Lopes

This year's top performing classes so far are:

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
5C - Mr Hylton	6B - Mr Bunn	7A - Mrs Smallwood	8B - Mr Greavy

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Date	Description
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday - school closed to pupils & staff
Thursday 9th May	Year 7 STEM day.
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs week.
Monday 20th May	Year 6 Young Citizen's Challenge.
Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th May	KS3 French trip (Opal Coast).
Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 5th June	Year 8 Chester residential.

UPCOMING TERM DATES



MAY
HALF TERM

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS ON **FRIDAY 24TH MAY**

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON **MONDAY 3RD JUNE**

SUMMER
HOLIDAY

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS ON **FRIDAY 19TH JULY**

NEW SCHOOL YEAR STARTS **WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship we have looked at King Solomon – a man considered to be one of the wisest ever to rule over a country. Additionally, we then tried to transfer that understanding into how we can be wise in 2024, after looking at famous quotes from people such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King and Albert Einstein.

Knowing that **wisdom** is all about an action that creates an impactful change; how can we show **wisdom** in how we act in and outside of school?



“For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

Proverbs 2:6

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



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