



TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

The weekly newsletter of Ipsley C of E Middle School

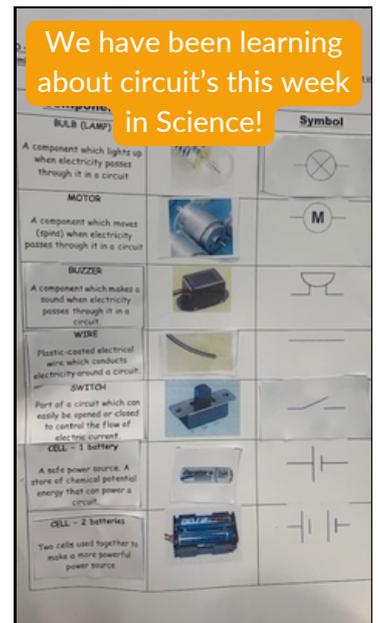
AUTUMN 1 - WEEK 3 FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2024



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We have been learning about circuit's this week in Science!

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MESSAGE FROM MISS SAUL

It feels like summer has returned as the sun has been shining while we have been working hard this week!

On Thursday, our Be You group had their first trip of their 12 week programme, visiting the National Memorial Arboretum to learn about the service and sacrifice of our armed forces. They were deeply moved by the experience and had so much to tell us when they got back:

'I could have stayed at the 'Shot at Dawn' memorial for ages. I remember learning about First World War in Year 6 and reading about it in Private Peaceful. It was so interesting to look at the names and know what had happened to them.'

KS3 had their 'settling in' parents' evenings this week and, as always, so many of you came along to meet your child's new tutor and find out how their first couple of weeks have started. It is so important to us that we work together to ensure that our pupils flourish!

Year 6 have been learning about Henry VIII this week as part of their history lessons on 'Monarchs'. Using a poem, they have learned all about his wives, children, wars, beheadings and divorces! Pupils are able to give very strong opinions about him and his reign and their knowledge about him is incredible!

Clubs have started this week and we have had a great take up so far! We offer lunchtime and after school clubs ranging from sports and choir to Dungeons and Dragons and Lego! Using ePraise, pupils can sign up for lunchtime clubs themselves but parents need to sign up for pupils for after school clubs. Please take a look on ePraise to see the fantastic opportunities available this term. More will be coming over the year!

Have a great weekend, Team Ipsley and see you all bright and early on Monday morning!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Please ensure that if you change your contact details (address, telephone number, email address) that you let us know as soon as you can. Use one of the methods below to let us know any changes.

Thank you for continuing to be considerate of our neighbours close to the school. We enjoy a positive relationship with our neighbourhood community and appreciate your efforts to **avoid obstructing driveways or beeping your horn early in the morning!**

We know that the roads can be busier at the start of the year where pupils new to the school are meeting their families close to the school gates. As pupils settle into the year, **we ask families to consider parking slightly further away from the school gates** to meet their children in order that we can ensure all pupils are able to cross the road at busy beginnings and ends of the day safely.

Additionally, you will be aware that **we do not permit families to park within the school gates unless there are exceptional circumstances**. This is due to the high number of pupils crossing the car park and across the front gate. Thank you for not entering our car park so that pupils can all move safely across, to and from the school site.

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STAY SAFE, TEAM IPSLEY

This week's Stay Safe, Team Ipsley contains a very important letter from the National Crime Agency which aims to raise awareness among parents and carers of the recent rise in financially motivated sexual extortion (a type of online blackmail often known in the media as 'sextortion'). There is excellent advice in the letter but, as always, our school safeguarding team are here to support whenever you need it.

[Click here to read the letter from the National Crime Agency.](#)

[CLICK HERE TO REPORT AN ABSENCE OR TO CONTACT US](#)

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 page 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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BEHAVIOUR & WELLBEING LEADER

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

This week's top performing classes are:

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Mrs Fellows	Mr Johnson	Mr Sheehan	Mr Gripton

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Date	Group	Description
Monday 30th September	Year 6	First day of Pioneer residential
Tuesday 8th October	Year 5 & Year 6	Settling in evening (1 of 2)
Thursday 10th October	Year 5 & Year 6	Settling in evening (2 of 2)
Monday 14th October	Year 5	First day of test week
Thursday 24th October	Whole school	Open Evening 2024 & pupils break up for October HT
Friday 25th October	Staff	Staff training day (3 of 5)
Monday 4th November	Whole school	Pupils & Staff return from October HT
Monday 11th November	Year 6	First day of test week
Thursday 14th November	Whole school	Flu immunisation
Monday 18th November	Year 8	First day of test week
Friday 22nd November	Staff	Staff training day (4 of 5)
Monday 25th November	Year 7	First day of test week

UPCOMING TERM DATES

**OCTOBER
HALF TERM**

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS ON THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

You can view other term dates on our website: www.ipsleyschool.org.uk

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, pupils have listened to the Parable of the Mustard Seed. The Mustard Seed parable highlights the idea that something seemingly insignificant can carry immense significance. Although not the smallest seed known, the mustard seed's humble beginnings lead to remarkable growth, illustrating the theme that many great things start small.

Pupils reflected on the parable and thought about what small, seemingly insignificant things could they do on a daily basis that could help in a bigger way. From smiling, to saying good morning, picking up rubbish to holding a door open, pupils have thought about the small things they can do around school to make a difference – and they have shown it! Ipsley has been a really lovely place to be with more smiles than ever!

“For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

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



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