

TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

The weekly newsletter of Ipsley C of E Middle School

SPRING 1 - WEEK 5
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024



Year 6 have had a visit from some very special visitors this week!



More cooking taking place in Art & Design lessons for KS3 pupils!



Year 6 Koi fish art inspired by Canadian artist Terry Gilecki!

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MESSAGE FROM MISS SAUL

Welcome to the Team Ipsley newsletter! We have had a busy final week of half term!

On Monday, Year 6 had a visit from some very special visitors - a selection of animals brought to us by The Animal Man. Each class received a very informative workshop about some of the animals that live in rainforests and even got to hold them. These included a corn snake, cockroach, bearded dragon, a toad, a crested gecko, a hedgehog and a firm favourite - the honey bear! It was a really lovely session spent learning about rainforest animals and everyone enjoyed getting close to nature - and even overcoming some of their fears!

Year 6 have also been learning about Canadian artist Terry Gilecki in their art lessons and how he paints beautiful pictures of Koi fish. They have been imitating his style and creating some beautiful artwork, as you can see in the pictures above!

In French this week, our Year 7 pupils have been learning how to make crêpes! Miss Miller makes sure that while she is teaching our pupils to speak the French language, she also teaches them about French culture, and food plays a very big part in that! Pupils have really enjoyed the cooking and the eating of the crêpes - hopefully our pupils will be bringing home what they have learned and cook them for you - using all the French vocabulary they have been learning at the same time!

It has been a short but jam-packed half term! We hope you have a great half term break and will see you all back in school at 08:30AM on Monday 19th February!



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YEAR 8 FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

Over the past four weeks, a selected group of Year 8 scientists have spent Thursdays after school up at Arrow Vale High School.

There, they entered the world of forensic science investigation. One of the labs was turned into a crime scene and the pupils were charged with looking at, and gathering, evidence to build up an argument to prove who committed the most grizzly of crimes!

Our pupils had to use their knowledge of anatomy as well as carrying out some basic forensic science techniques such as flame tests, testing for carbon dioxide, hydrogen, and oxygen. They also had to identify the basic types of fingerprint patterns.

The Year 8 team met a variety of suspects and had to use their listening skills and memory to sort out fact from fiction. Our pupils had to work as forensic scientists to crack the case.

All the teams were close but a big congratulations to Zuzanna and Corey who put the fragments of evidence together and caught the culprit.



Mr Pierce
KS3 Science Lead



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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 8 | [Chester residential - Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th June 2024](#)
- Year 5 | [Pioneer - Monday 30th September 2024 to Wednesday 2nd October 2024](#)

Friday 8th March is World Book Day! Please note this is a day later than the official World Book Day due to internal tests. Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Also, on this day we will be holding a book swap. The Student Council are appealing for any unwanted books that are looking for a new home and still in good condition. These can be bought into Mrs Lamb in Room 61 anytime up to Friday 8th March. We are also asking children to turn a toilet roll tube into a book character. The student council will be judging this competition and there will be prizes.

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day! Children are invited to come into school in non-school uniform for a donation of £1. Sensible clothes please, as lessons will be as normal. More details to follow...

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!

See you all back in school, ready to learn at 08:30 on Monday 19th February!

**FEBRUARY
HALF TERM**

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

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ATTENDANCE

This week's top performing classes are:

| Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 5B - Miss Hill | 6C - Mr Johnson | 7C - Miss Winch | 8D - Mr Thomas |

This year's top performing classes so far are:

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

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

| Date | Description |
|-----------------------|--|
| 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). |
| Friday 15th March | Red nose day 2024. |

UPCOMING TERM DATES

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

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

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week, Team Ipsley has been thinking about **courage** and how we can be **courageous** in different ways.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week, and it is about empowering young people and providing them with tools they need to express themselves. This sometimes takes a lot of **courage**, but we can be strong with the support of each other.

Cannon Garth Nathaniel also led Collective Worship this week exploring Ash Wednesday and its significance in the run up to Easter. It is always lovely to welcome members of Team Ipsley to share our special time together.



“One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision:
“Do not be afraid; keep on speaking; do not be silent.”

Acts 18:9

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



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