

ISP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Happy Springtime! The last few weeks of this term have been mostly glorious in terms of the sunshine which has meant that the pupils and staff have been able to use our beautiful outdoor space a lot more, which is a good thing, and what we should be taking full advantage of. This term has been great for many other reasons too. The pupils have been engaged in their learning, creative and mindful in their thinking about current events. Everyone has been very involved in supporting causes such as the war in Ukraine and Comic Relief. Pupils have also been very much involved in Japanese Day and our RE day. Overall, in spite of a very rocky and unsettling start thanks to the Kent transport debacle, the term has been a positive one and we're all looking forward to a well-deserved break. Thank you to parents, staff and pupils for all your hard work and support. Have a fantastic Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next term!

Mrs Cox

This Term

The sun has at last been shining at ISP and what a difference it makes to us all. The Cherry blossom is growing beautifully in our grounds and everyone has been enjoying spending more time outside. This term we have had our RE carousel day and the focus was Christianity. Pupils have attended the local church and interviewed Reverend Steve about his life in Teynham, learnt about the importance of Easter, the food that is eaten and participated in an Easter Egg hunt which was great fun.

With the devastating war between Ukraine and Russia the pupils have been keen to ask lots of questions and find out ways that they can help the families. The pupils decided that they would like to raise money on the last day of term to go to a charity that is supporting the people of Ukraine. We also had a non uniform day this term to raise money for Comic Relief. Such lovely, thoughtful pupils we have here at ISP. We will keep you updated with the money that we raised.

As we head towards the summer term, KS4 are working so hard towards their impending GCSE's and looking at the next steps they will be taking once they leave, a really stressful time for our older pupils but we know that their work ethic is something that they can be really proud of.

Finally, Mr Savva, who has been with us for the past two years, is leaving us to become a SENCo. We all want to wish him the best of luck in his new role. He will be missed by both the students and staff alike.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Easter weekend - 15th-18th April
School returns - 20th April
St George's Day - 23rd April
May bank holiday - 2nd May



CHAIR OF GOVERNORS UPDATE

Happy Springtime to all the staff, pupils and their families! It has been wonderful to see the sun and feel the warmth and helps us look forward with hope for the forthcoming months.

I have been delighted to see and hear about all the hard work the young people have been engaged in recently. Their enthusiasm for learning continues to be a real asset for the progress they are making. In addition, their generosity of spirit in supporting those less fortunate than themselves should be commended and I thank all the parents and carers for their support for the causes too.

Various members of the Governing Body will be visiting the school over the next term in order to engage with staff and pupils and hear their views and wishes for the future. We look forward to this opportunity for seeing the teaching and learning in action plus the face to face contact after such a long time.

Jacqui Ward

CLASS UPDATES

PINE

Pine class have had a busy term, this included a wonderful Japanese day where pupils got to have a go at some karate skills. In English Pine class have learnt how to create a story map, create a character and plan a story. The children especially enjoyed learning about levers in D.T. making models of waving hands to snapping crocodiles. Pine class have had excellent attendance this term. - Mrs Guilder

MAPLE

We have had another brilliant term in Maple class. The group have completed and produced some impressive work. We have been working on fractions, percentages and decimals in Maths and looking to wilt them down into simplest forms which has been a steady improvement throughout the term. It has been just as brilliant to welcome Leon into the class, who has joined us over the last couple of weeks. Well done Maple class - Mr Ward

SYCAMORE

Sycamore Class have been demonstrating a growth mind set. In English we have been using our inference skills to determine how characters are feeling. In our topic lessons about Africa, we have been learning about animals native to that continent and in PE we have been developing our tennis skills. Well done Sycamore for all your hard work!

- Mr Edwards

BIRCH

This term Birch has been looking at Amazing Africa in topic and humanities. We have made Ndebele houses, African masks and created our own Landscapes. Birch have worked so well on their group skills this term and enjoyed some great games of UNO! - Miss Loasby

ROWAN

We have had another really busy term, making lots of progress towards our end of year targets. We have had lots of fun together, especially completing World Book Day and MFL day activities. - Mr Burrows and Mr Savva

ACER

The new season has brought longer days, tree blossom and a renewed creativity in Acer Class. Students have been very busy investigating percentages, reading about China and generally being very busy. - Mr Jenkinson

WILLOW

In Willow class we have been looking at the very sad events in Ukraine and discussing the causes and effects of war. We have written letters of support to Ukrainian children and made artwork to display and hopefully sell at our end of term open day.- Mr Wayne

FERN

I am pleased to announce that Fern Class have surpassed their 10,000 point mark on Class Dojo this term! As a reward for their efforts, we will be visiting Wingham Wildlife Park next week for a day with the animals. Well done Fern
Mr Hoult



FOCUS ON....MFL

The pupils celebrated our carousel MFL day this term by learning about Japan and Japanese culture. The pupils participated in 6 different sessions throughout the day including: Karate, Origami, making and tasting Sushi, learning Japanese numbers, designing their very own Manga and Japanese architecture/Samurai's and Geisha's.

The MFL days have become an integral part of our learning here at ISP and enable the pupils to enjoy, and be part of, different cultures.

There were some great creations of Origami, from dogs and cats to some spectacular frogs, tigers and elephants. Some serious Karate experts, showing skills of determination, respect and focus and some budding artists creating their own Manga (comics originating from Japan).

We also had Ms Loasby and Ms Hay joining in the fun by coming to school dressed in traditional Kimono's.

We would also like to congratulate the newest members of our school council who have just attended their first meeting. We look forward to hearing all your wonderful ideas over the next few months.



KID'S CORNER

How does the Easter bunny feel the Monday after Easter?

Eggs-Hausted

