

Thursday 6th April 2017

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #26



Ivy Life

It's been a really exciting week with class assemblies, house sports, Easter bonnet parades, and a special song-sharing showcase assembly celebrating our musical learning from around the world. Tomorrow, the staff are meeting with teachers from the other 9 town primaries to compare books and discuss learning in year group teams.

I am pleased to inform you, the Governing Body is committed to having 14 classes next academic year, all children in current Y4 & Y5 will be in single year classes from September.

Our best wishes to Miss Broadhurst who moves onto to her new job this week. We'll all miss having her around the school. We will also be interviewing for a new Assistant Head next term, as Mrs Burchett will be leaving at the end of the academic year to travel the world in 380 days - ask and you'll be jealous I assure you!

Finally, congratulations to Mr Remedios (Dad of Connor in Carle) who became European Jiu-Jitsu champion in Rome last weekend and watch out for Hollie (Morpurgo) & Declan Jones (Rosen) who won a trip to Florida to appear in Ant & Dec's 'End of Show Show' on Saturday Night Takeaway this Saturday.

Multi-Academy Trust Consultation Meeting

A reminder that our MAT Parent Consultation Evening is being held on Tuesday 25th April at 7pm. Please e-mail any questions to clerk@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk and additionally, please let us know via this e-mail address if you are attending the meeting.

Good Deed Feed



Daniel (Y3 Walliams) and Milla (Y4 Pullman) have risen to the challenge of raising money for charity by organising a family boot camp. The event took place on 2nd April run totally by the two of them making sure everyone was involved in activities, children and adults alike. Between them they have raised £20 for the Blue Cross Animal Charity. Milla & Daniel have shown many of our Ivy Lane values including caring and sharing, so very well done to both of you.



Football & Netball Tournaments - Sat 1st April



The annual Chippenham Schools Football Tournament was once again blessed with good weather. Many schools entered this year with very strong teams and it was a hard fought competition. Ivy Lane managed great victories against, Charter and Monkton Park which really highlighted what the team could do. A draw with Redlands was also a success and with all the shots in the game it should have been another victory. A few last minute mistakes cost the team at the end but a 6th place finish out of the 10 teams that entered meant the team could be proud of their achievements.

Ivy Lanes' Netball Team competed in the Netball Tournament the same day. The team were really determined and showcased some fantastic netball skills that impressed us all. We lost 6 games but all with low scores due to our fantastic defence, drew 1 game and then won two with one of the games coming to an amazing 9-0! Every player showed great sportsmanship and enjoyed themselves with the hope that some of them will continue playing Netball in the future. A huge well done to: Shemica, Lily, Amber, Ellie-May, William, Grace and Megan.



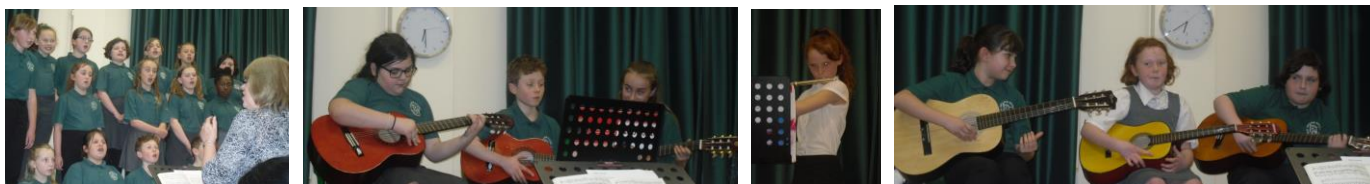
Arithmetic Bee



On Thursday 30th March Ivy Lane had their inaugural Arithmetic Bee. The contestants were: Gill Graham-May, Layla Rose Bullock, Scarlett Burrett and Liam Henderson for Years 1 & 2. Toby Hunt, Maya Garraway, Marcie Graham-May, Aila Layton-Walker, Ethan McAveety and William Hancock for years 3 & 4. Sylvia Davies, Aditya Naik, Amy Navarro and Saul Spencer-Williams for years 5 & 6. There were also ten Year 6 children to support including Ashrith Agastyaraju as chief scorer. We all hope this is a regular event. Written by Amy Navarro & Saul Spencer-Williams.

School Concert

At the school concert last week, children from Years 5 and 6 performed on their musical instruments and showed parents and friends different skills. A big thank you to Mrs Kalbskopf and Mrs Williams for playing and conducting the choir. The choir sang a medley called Captain Noah and his floating zoo. Written by Grace and Macy. We'd like to encourage more children to learn a musical instrument, so if your child is interested, please take a look at the Music page on our web site and get in touch with one of the teachers who will be pleased to talk to you about what's available: <http://www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=16>



Star Award Winners

Congratulations to those children who have impressed the staff at Ivy Lane recently:

Jasmine Gardiner (Carle)	Evie Cooper (Milligan)	Isla Bamford (Pullman)
Violet Bamford (Rosen)	Layla Boothman (Dahl)	Robyn Onslow (Hughes)
Layla-Rose Bullock (Hargreaves)	Chloe Harrison (Walliams)	Anwyn Tailby (Byars)
Nyah Smith (Donaldson)	Hollie Jones (Morpurgo)	Jesse Russell (Lewis)
		Kelsi Learmonth (Rowling)

Birthday Books

A big 'thank you' this week to Maggie MacLure, Rocco Crook, Alannah Watson, Rowan Shergold and Mr Faulkner.

Attendance

Today 41 children received an award for 100% attendance since September and a further 45 received an award for 100% attendance since Christmas. School attendance for Terms 3 & 4 was 96.1%. Highest class attendance in Term 4 was a tie between Byars & Lewis with 97.8%. The table below shows attendance for Terms 3 & 4:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rosen	96.6%	Dahl	95.9%	Byars	96.6%
Carle	96.2%	Walliams	95.8%	Lewis	95.9%
Hargreaves	95.1%	Morpurgo	96.8%	Rowling	95.7%
Donaldson	95.4%	Pullman	96.6%	Overall	96.2%
Milligan	96.5%	Hughes	97%		

Dragonflies Easter Holiday Fun



Please find attached a flyer about Dragonflies and their Easter Holiday Club. Each day they will make, bake, explore, play and create inside and out at Ivy Lane School. From Reception to ages 11 years, all children are welcome. To book a place or to find out more information, please call the Dragonflies office on 01249 652004 or e-mail info@newroadnursery.co.uk.

What's On

Also attached is a poster about meeting the Easter Bunny in Emery Gate on Saturday 15th April.

Have a relaxing Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 24th April.

Yours sincerely,

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