



IVY LANE SCHOOL

Newsletter #10

Monday 10th February 2020



IVY LIFE

It's hard to believe we are nearly at the end of Term 3 already and what a busy term it has been. Last week our Year 4 children and staff were extremely lucky to go to the Lyceum Theatre in London to watch the Lion King (see write up below). We would like to say a huge thank you to FOILS for funding the tickets and giving our children the opportunity of a lifetime. On Friday 31st January, FOILS held a cake sale at the end of the school day – thank you to all the Year 1 parents who generously donated cakes. Thank you also to everyone who donated money during our Muffin Day last Friday.

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Smith, Y3 Walliams Class teacher, on Friday as she heads off to have her second baby soon. I am sure you will join us in wishing her and her family all the very best for the future. She will be missed by all the children and staff here at Ivy Lane and is looking forward to becoming a full-time mum.

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to two new Teaching Assistants who started at Ivy Lane last week – Mrs Kane, who is working in YR Rosen Class, and Mrs Besant who has joined the Year 4 team in Hughes Class.

Welcome also to Devishi (Y5) and Vandita (Y2) who joined us last week.

We hope you all have a fabulous half term holiday, and don't forget Monday 24th February is a TD day so we will see all the children on Tuesday 25th February.

HOME LEARNING WORKSHOP

On **Wednesday 12th February** between 8.50am – 9.30am there will be a Home Learning Workshop being held in Ivy Hall to share ideas for supporting pupils with practising their spelling and maths targets at home in light of the recent changes to our home learning format. We look forward to welcoming lots of parents/carers into school.

OPEN CLASSROOMS

Please come along to Open Classrooms on **Thursday 13th February from 3-5pm**. Teachers will be available for you to meet with and children's books will be on display for you to look at and discuss. Mrs Lammin and Mrs Burton (SENCo) will also be available during the afternoon.

SENTIMENTAL/PERSONAL ITEMS IN SCHOOL

Please could we ask that children do not bring any toys, trinkets, sentimental items, notepads or pens to school. Such items should remain at home to ensure that they don't get lost or broken. Many thanks.

WELL-BEING DAY



On Monday, we focused on being 'kind to our minds' in a whole school well-being day by taking part in lots of fun activities. We spent time in other classrooms and enjoyed activities such as painting a calm



place, making expressions out of playdough, 'proud of myself' picture frames, creating class worry boxes, breathing exercises, stories about feelings and emotions, being kind to ourselves, turning negatives into positives and many more. In the afternoon, we met Kevin from the NSPCC who spoke to us about keeping safe. We learnt how important it is to "speak out, stay safe". We even met his special friend Buddy! There was also a helpful parent information session in the morning which we would hope to run as an evening session soon.

School Diary

Term 3

11/02/20 – Safer Internet Day

13/02/20 – Open Classrooms
3-5pm

14/02/20 – Last day of term

Term 4

24/02/20 – TD Day School
Closed

05/03/20 – Y1 Bedtime Stories

12/03/20 – Y3 Class
Celebration 1-3pm

13/03/20 – Sports Relief

19/03/20 – YR Mother's Day
Celebration

20/03/20 – FOILS Quiz Night

25/03/20 – Parents Evening
3.30-7pm

26/03/20 – Parents Evening
3.15-5pm

03/04/20 – Last day of term

Term 5

20/04/20 – First day of term

23/04/20 – Y5 Hardenhuish
Primary Liaison Day

06/05/20 – Y5 Sheldon Taster
Day

w/b 11/05/20 – Y6 SATS week

13/05/20 – Y5 Sheldon Taster
Day

15/05/20 – Y6 end of SATS BBQ

21/05/20 – School Census –
Lucky Plate Day

22/05/20 – Last day of Term 5

Term 6

01/06/20 – First day of term

15-18/06/20 – Y6 PGL
Residential

19/06/20 – TD Day School
Closed

24/06/20 – Y6 Chippenham
Games

25/06/20 – Music Concert 6pm

01/07/20 – Sports Day

(weather permitting)

08/07/20 – Reserve Sports Day

11/07/20 – FOILS Summer
Fayre

14/07/20 – Y6 End of year
production

16/07/20 – FOILS end of year
discos for YR-Y5

16/07/20 – Y6 end of year
disco (parents organising)

22/07/20 – Last day of term –

FINISHING AT 2PM

YEAR 3 ART WORKSHOP

Year 3 would like to say a big thank you for the teacher that came from Sheldon School last week to deliver an Art Workshop. We created fish by tracing them using clear acetate and a sharpie. After that, we tore up colourful paper and stuck it to the back to make the colour for the fish. It was amazing because they looked just like real fish!

YR DINE WITH YOUR CHILD

Carle & Rosen classes recently held a 'Dine with your parent' event during the school day. They loved inviting their parents into Ivy Hall so that they could have a taste of our delicious school lunches and enjoy telling them all about their morning activities. Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to attend and a big thank you to our fabulous kitchen staff for cooking such a yummy lunch!



YEAR 4 LION KING THEATRE TRIP



Year 4 went on an amazing adventure on Wednesday 5th February. We went to London to see the sights and sounds of this city AND to see a show in a real West End theatre - the awesome Lion King.

First we set off on the coach and got a bit worried when the coach was broken and we had to swap to two coaches! But after that the trip got much better.

After we went to the services, London soon came into sight and our driver took us right past Big Ben (covered in scaffolding) and the Houses of Parliament – the reason London is our capital city. We saw the gates to Downing Street where Boris Johnson lives and we saw the London Eye. There was a lot of traffic and it was very busy but our coaches managed to park by Trafalgar Square and we got off to eat our picnic. There were lots of monuments and Nelsons Column and a lot of pigeons who wanted to share our lunch. We definitely did NOT feed them!!!

Soon it was time to walk through the very busy streets to get to the Lyceum Theatre. We went inside and found our seats which were in the Royal Circle and gave us an amazing view. When the animals came in we could not believe our eyes. The puppets were so real and the costumes and masks were very detailed.

The story was just like the one we had read at school. Some of the story was sad

but it had a great ending. When we came out of the theatre at the end it was dark and the London streets were packed so we had to hold tight. We found our coach and made sure no one had got lost. Luckily no one had. We had our tea on the coach and it was dark and late when we got home. This day was a really good day and now we are excited to do our own play at school. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who looked after us for the whole day and to FOILS for giving us the chance to have such a fantastic experience.

Written by David and George

CAKE SALE IN AID OF AUSTRALIA BUSH FIRES

On Friday 31st January, we did a cake sale in the playground to raise money for an Australian bush fire charity. We raised an amazing amount of £145.73. It was so busy, we had a big queue with lots of people loving our cupcakes and they sold so quickly – we only had 3 cupcakes left! Thank you to Olivia too and everybody who helped us especially our lovely mums who helped us bake the cakes. The money raised is going to the following charity: www.org.uk/koala-protector. We will receive a certificate from the charity and regular updates.

Written by: Ava, Isabella and Charlotte from Walliams Class

DANCE FESTIVAL



On Monday 3rd February, Ivy Lane represented the school in the annual Dance Festival held at the Neeld Hall. This year's theme was Olympics and with the help of the Dance Teacher, Diane, the children put together a medley with a sporting theme. They were dressed in red, blue and white caps to represent the Union Jack flag. The children were immaculately behaved whilst waiting to go on stage and other staff commented on how superbly they acted. We had to wait until almost the very end to see Ivy Lane perform, but it was worth the wait. They opened with a slow motion performance to Chariots of Fire, before then upping the pace and energy with cartwheels, forward rolls, huge moves and elements of breakdancing.

Following their performance, they received a standing ovation of applause and some very loud cheers from Mr Johns, Mrs Monaghan and Miss Neil. We couldn't have been prouder of them, especially the Year 5 and 6 children who lead the rest of the children through the dance brilliantly.

Special mention goes to Daniel P, who was the compere – one of our parents commented after the performance that Daniel spoke clearly, confidently and is a natural public speaker, well done Dan. Thank you to Miss Neill and Mrs Monaghan who supported Mr John on the evening of the event.

HOCKEY FESTIVAL

On Friday 24th January, Ivy Lane Hockey Team went to Sheldon School to play in a tournament against other schools in Chippenham. We played 4 games in total against Kings Lodge, Queens Crescent, Redland and Kington St Michael. We eventually finished in runners-up position in our group. We had a fabulous afternoon at Sheldon School and would like to thank Mr Johns for taking us and coaching us in the run up to the tournament.

Written by Charlie, John and Daisy.

ATTENDANCE

The class with the highest attendance for the last two weeks is **Hughes Class with 99.64%**. Well done. The class with the highest % every fortnight will be announced in our Friday Celebration Assembly. A certificate will be placed on their classroom door and they will receive an extra 10 minutes of playtime over the course of the week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Rosen	89.94	Dahl	96.88	Hughes	99.64
Carle	94.74	Griffiths	95.61	Byars	95.76
Hargreaves	97.83	Walliams	96.49	Lewis	97.47
Donaldson	92.59	Morpurgo	96.56	Rowling	96.16
Milligan	98.07	Pullman	95.71	Overall %	95.99

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to all the amazing children who have recently brought in certificates, medals and trophies; Cameron T, Enzo H, Opal T, Evan C and Thomas G. Layla G represented Avon in the South West Sportshall 2020 UK Athletics Championships – she raced against the best athletes across a number of counties and did brilliantly.

BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corners; Bronwyn C (Hughes), Lara F (Lewis), Sienna C (Dahl) and Mr Johns.

STAR AWARDS

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Lewis C, Kasper H, Joel D & Carsar M (Carle) Rufus W, Amelia T, Sophie M & Milo W (Rosen) Seryn T & Bailey M (Donaldson) Olivia H (Hargreaves)	Libby H & James H (Dahl) Ella F & Otis De B (Milligan) Tiffany K & Emma K (Griffiths) Evangeline LW Jack O (Walliams) Jacabo L Taylor B (Hughes)	Ollie G & Amber K (Morpurgo) Michaela J & Daniel B (Byars) Freddie S & Josh S (Pullman) Lily-Rose H & Max C (Lewis) Sophie A & Rebecca H (Rowling)
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GDPR – Use of Photos and Videos during school events

Please be aware that you may take photographs and videos during School events such as Sports Day and Seasonal Productions, however they must be for your own personal use and not shared on social media.

FOILS

To volunteer for FOILS or pass on any suggestions for fund raising ideas/events – please e-mail our FOILS team on: Foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk.

MATHS CONFIDENCE PARENT WORKSHOP

Please find attached information about a Maths Confidence Workshop being run at the Neeld Community & Arts Centre on Thursday 27th February and Saturday 29th February. For further information, please contact Nicola on 07552483987 or email her on info@mindsowonder.com.

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