

Ide Primary School

Newsletter



2nd December 2019



December will be Magic!

We are very much looking forward to sharing the upcoming performances from Apple, Oak, Year 1 and 2 as well as our KS2 carol service, led by years 3 and 4. Having heard some of the rehearsals, we are in for a real treat! We look forward to seeing lots of you at the shows to celebrate the season.

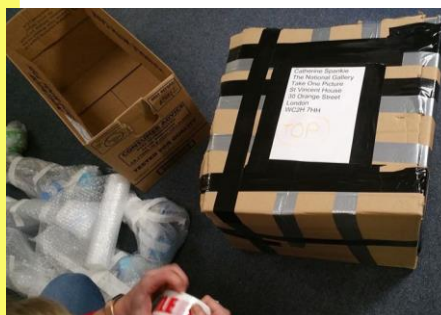


Update: we raised **£131.11** which means that 131 trees will be planted thanks to Ide's fundraising efforts!

Thanks to Chestnut class for writing thoughtful poems for assembly.

Take One Picture

Last summer, the whole school worked together on a collaborative art project, inspired by 'Men of the Docks' by George Bellows. We are delighted to announce that our project has been shortlisted to become one of the exhibits within the National Gallery in London. Mrs Barker was busy last week packaging up the different parts of our display and we can confirm that they have been safely received by the National Gallery. We await further news and are very happy to see in action our aim to take Ide students' work to a national platform ★



Gardening and Maintenance Sundays

Developments in the EYFS outdoor areas Oak and Apple classes are very grateful for developments to their outdoor areas. Apple class have a new sheltered area and Oak class now have a permanent sand pit. Thanks so much to the families who gave their time to help make these new areas for learning. A parent also contributed the money to fill the new sand pit which was over £100. Thank you!



The next Gardening and Maintenance Sunday will be on 5th January. Whether you have specific skills or just some enthusiasm and an hour or two to spare, please join us between 10 and 3 to help improve and maintain the environments around school.

Parent/ Carer Survey

Thank you for all the responses to the parent survey. All the feedback was valuable and constructive. We will be considering this throughout the year, but initially we have identified the following points to focus on:

- We will move the annual report to the Summer Term and provide an additional opportunity for parents and carers to find out about their children's progress in the Spring term
- We were pleased to hear such positive feedback about the opportunities for sports and PE but will seek to provide more extra-curricular activities which are creative including art and drama.

We will be also starting a monthly drop in informal coffee morning on the first Friday of each month between 9-10. This will be a chance for parents to catch up with each other and either Miss Purcell or Mrs Williams will be there as well as a governor where possible to talk with you, ask and answer questions and build links and ideas for how we can work together.

This will start on the 10th of January.

Parking Updates

You may know that the Twisted Oak pub has recently changed ownership and we are pleased that the new owners have agreed that parents and carers are very welcome to park in the car park at drop off and pick up times. We would encourage parents to do this wherever possible to minimise traffic build up at these busy times.

We would like to remind parents that the school car park is for staff only from 8am in the morning until 4 at night, as is shown on the sign at the entrance to the car park.



Curriculum Enrichment

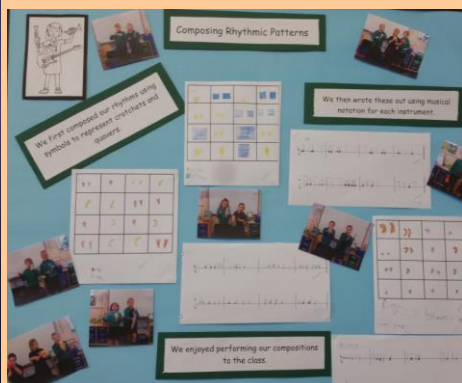
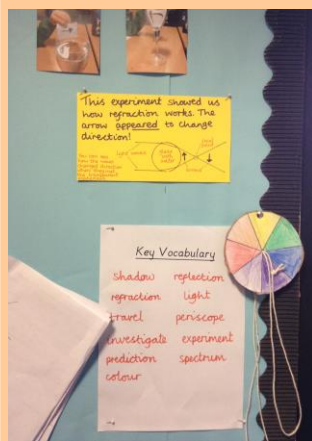
Many classes have taken recent trips out to enhance their learning: Maple have taken a tour of some of Brunel's greatest structures in Bristol, Willow have been exploring how classrooms are the same and different at West Exe and Shillingford Farm School, Elm have been exploring rocks in the local area when enquiring 'What if Ide Walls could Talk?' and Chestnut performed an amazing version of Henry V at the Phoenix.



Mrs Brown took pupils to Sainsbury's and the Ide Community Shop to find out what they are doing to reduce plastic pollution, following up from their letters last summer. The Academy Ambassadors have been working on a climate change project with other children from ELAT schools.

Ofsted You may be aware that the other three schools within ELAT have been inspected within the last few weeks. It may be that we receive an inspection before Christmas. Ide's previous rating as 'Outstanding' in 2011 may also mean that the inspection takes place at a later time.

What are we being? The children are responding with great enthusiasm to our focus on quality learning and progression in every subject. Here are some examples of children being scientists and musicians:



Sports Success

Ide pupils took part in a New Age Curling event at St Luke's and a football match at Bowhill. The children showed incredible teamwork and sportsmanship.



Key Dates

December

Leg it to Lapland until Friday 6th

Tuesday 3rd KS2 Carol Service

Thursday 5th Oak Performance,
Elm class singing at the Jubilee Club

Friday 6th Biker's Breakfast and Bling your Bike

Monday 9th Apple Nativity 9.30

Wednesday 11th KS1 performance 2pm

Thursday 12th KS1 performance 5.30pm

Friday 13th PE house competition pm

Monday 16th Dance workshops for classes all day

Tuesday 17th FIS Healthy Snack Shack 3.30

Wednesday 18th Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th Last day of term

Tuesday January 7th Children return to school