

# Ifield School's Newsletter

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Dear Ifield Families,

Since October's newsletter addition, all pupils and staff have continued to work incredibly hard to maintain Ifield ethos 'Only the Best'. Leaders have been further developing our curriculum offer, which has included the introduction of four pathways to closely match the individual needs of our wonderful pupils. Within December's newsletter, we will include a supplement outlining each of the four pathways to share with our Ifield families. Our English Curriculum Subject Leader, alongside our Lead Speech and Language Therapist have been working closely with all teaching staff to implement Little Wandle, our phonics programme, which includes Foundations for Literacy to ensure high quality and consistent teaching of phonics and early reading for pupils throughout all key stages which will enhance our pupils' love of reading at Ifield. We will be sharing further information within next month's newsletter, which will include strategies to support your children with reading whilst at home.

I am delighted to share Ifield School has joined Challenge Partners this academic year, which is a national partnership of schools working in collaboration to receive external challenge and enhance professional development opportunities. This partnership working also involves a three-day Quality Assurance Review with a team of external reviewers who have a broad range of SEND knowledge and expertise. Our first review took place this week and involved reviewers meeting with a range of staff and spending time within lessons. As a school community, we will benefit from the combined wisdom of the partnership working across the education system. I look forward to sharing the key aspects from their visit with you all in the new year.

The prospect of Christmas approaching can lift our spirits and can be an exciting time, but new and different activities can be overwhelming for some. As a school, this is something we continue to be aware of, as we approach the last two weeks of term. Christmas has always been a magical time at Ifield School. Pupils and staff are working extremely hard to prepare for our up and coming Christmas performances and festivities. Myself, along with colleagues are really looking forward to celebrating this special time of year with you all. Please see the save the dates for the performances and events taking place this term within this month's addition.

Best wishes,

Maddie Arnold-Jones

Please see the safeguarding team of who support our students at Sixth Form, located at the LINK Centre at North Kent College.

## Safeguarding at Ifield Sixth Form



### Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Mandy Braisted  
Senior Assistant Headteacher



### Named Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Kim Mitten

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Sam Hargood  
Assistant Headteacher  
(Sixth Form)



Mrs Maddie Arnold-Jones  
Headteacher



Mr Paul Jackson  
Deputy Director



Mrs Emma Dodd  
Senior Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Suzann Mason  
Assistant Headteacher  
(Secondary)



# Wheelchair Rugby World Cup

Bobby's stepfather, Daniel plays wheelchair rugby for Scotland and has recently competed in the World Cup.

Bobby went to watch the warm-up match between Scotland and Australia, and he is pictured below with the team. Daniel plays for Gravesend Dynamite, you can find them on Facebook and Twitter. The team are encouraging others to give it a 'try' and new members with physical, non-visible disabilities or members without disabilities are welcome.



**SCOTLAND WHEELCHAIR**

**USA**  
Friday 4th November - Sheffield  
1330 - Live on BBC2

**FRANCE**  
Monday 7th November - Sheffield  
1700 - Live on BBC Red Button

**WALES**  
Thursday 10th November - Sheffield  
1330 - Live on BBC2

\*All games available on BBC iPlayer\*

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The poster features a dark blue background with a white and red tartan pattern. It includes logos for the USA Wheelchair Rugby League, FFR (France), and Wales Rugby League. A trophy icon is also present next to the Wales section.







# Ifield School

Cedar Ave, Gravesend DA12 5JT

# Christmas Market

**Friday 9th December 2022**  
**3:30 - 5:30pm**

The PTFA have been very busy planning this year's Christmas Market with some new and exciting stalls and games. It's now your turn to help us by donating items, buying and selling raffle tickets, helping set up or close down and possibly, volunteering on a stall. Please help your children's PTFA by donating any of these items and do get in touch with the school office if you can volunteer time;

**GOOD QUALITY BOOKS, TOYS AND GAMES, UNWANTED GIFTS, ETC.**  
**FRESH FESTIVE CAKES AND BAKES (BRING IN ON FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER)**  
**ANY CHOCOLATES FOR THE TOMBOLA**  
**WINE, ANY FULL FOOD TINS/CANS, SOFT TOYS AND TEDDIES**  
**SPRINKLES, SYRUPS, CAKE DECORATIONS, SUGAR STRANDS, CHOC DROPS**

In return there will be an own clothes day for the children on Friday 9th December. If you would like to drop items off before, that's fine too. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Market.

Thank you in advance

Brought to you by the Parent Teacher & Friends Association of Ifield School  
Working together raising funds for the benefit of our children

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We look forward to welcoming our school community to Ifield's Christmas Market on Friday 9th December from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. May I take this opportunity to thank the members of our PTFA who have been working hard to plan for this year's magical event.



## Save The Dates

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Secondary School Christmas Lunch

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Primary School Christmas Lunch

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022** from 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Ifield's Christmas Market

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Upper School Christmas Performance

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Lower School Christmas Performance

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Key Stage 4 and 5 Christmas Performance

## Can you help?

We are looking for donations of beginner puzzles (20 pieces maximum), wooden insert puzzles, and simple turn taking games, do you have any at home that you could donate?

Any donations will be gratefully received.

