

Ifield School's Newsletter

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Dear Ifield Families,

February's newsletter highlights many learning opportunities provided for our pupils throughout the school within the last two terms.

Last week, we have had a wonderful array of costumes to celebrate World Book Day. Pupils and staff have enjoyed sharing their book characters with each other and their love of reading and stories. There are some lovely photos on our Facebook page for you to enjoy.



Nine students in Key Stage 4 and 5 embarked on their journey to Pila in Italy with the support of five highly dedicated staff members on Saturday 25th February to experience skiing for the first time since 2020. I am delighted to share the Ifield Ski Team 2023 have had an unforgettable experience in Pila, Italy and we are so proud of the pupils' achievements. Our pupils have travelled to another country, experienced a new language, eaten different foods, slept in a hotel and all learnt how to ski this past week! The photo captures the amazing environment our students were learning new skills throughout the week whilst on the slopes. I would like to take this opportunity to share my gratitude to the Ski Staff Team who supported the students to the highest possible standard.

It was fantastic to see so many pupils, their families and friends attend Ifield's Family Disco on 3rd February. The event would not have been so successful without the incredible support and hard work of our PTFA members.

Within last month's newsletter, I shared that we scheduled an external safeguarding review which was led by The Education People and I have included two extracts from the report written by the reviewer below:

"I was able to meet with a group of pupils from a variety of year groups, all part of the School Council, as part of my visit to the school and, when asked to choose words which best described their school, they described the school as 'amazing', 'sensational', 'helped to control your emotions' and 'very safe'."

"Throughout the review, staff were approachable and helpful and presented positive attitudes about the school and the safeguarding team."

Our commitment to working with parents and carers continues and I am very pleased to have the support of many of you at various school events such as PTFA meetings, Parent Workshops and social events. By the end of this term you will receive a link to complete our Annual Parent and Carer Survey. I do hope you can make the time to feedback.

I encourage you all to follow us on Facebook and our website for all the latest news, updates and celebrations. We are working hard to signpost parents/carers to additional support and community events that maybe suitable and relevant for Ifield pupils and their families.

Best wishes,

Maddie Arnold-Jones
Headteacher

REMINDER: Follow us on Facebook via <https://www.facebook.com/IfieldSchool> to find out all our latest news, updates and celebrations.

Jaws and Claws

Last term, pupils in year 3 and 4 received a visit from Jaws and Claws. Each class saw the collection of reptiles, amphibians and insects. These included snakes, toads, cockroaches, giant snails and tortoises. They held them, looked at them, and got tickled by them. Some were slimy, wet, scaly and some had hard shells. He told us how he cared for them, what they ate and how he was able to take them to schools and how they travelled in their special boxes.



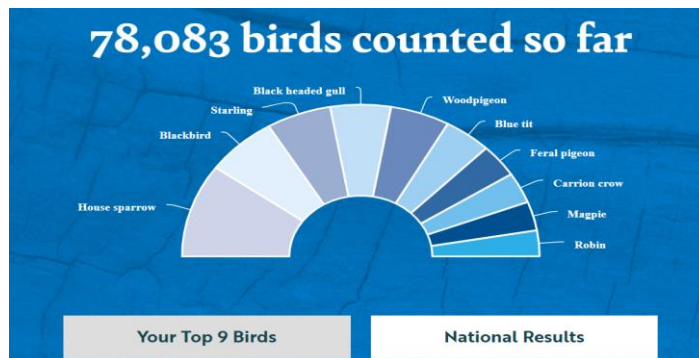


Big Schools' Birdwatch 2023

Ifield School took part in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Big Schools Birdwatch 2023.

Throughout the week pupils' explored the school grounds and local areas to find birds whilst keeping records. The birds pupils at Ifield observed were:

Blackbird: 14, Pigeon: 26, Carrion Crow: 1, Starling: 4, House Sparrow: 2, Magpie: 1, Blue Tit: 6, Robin: 18, Chaffinch: 1



CHALLENGER TROOP

Every Thursday, students from Key Stage 4 and 5 take part in Challenger Troop. Challenger Troop encourage our young people by using a military ethos, which has very clear 'Values and Standards' based on those adopted by the British Army. The young people enjoy it very much and we hope that they embrace some of these values so they can use them throughout their education and their everyday lives! **Attention!**

