

Ifield School's Newsletter

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Dear Ifield Families,

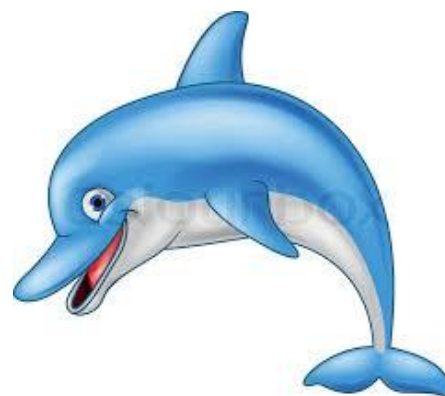
As we have approached the final term of this academic year, I am incredibly proud of our pupils and staff for all their fantastic hard work, teamwork and resilience displayed each and every day throughout this academic year.

Throughout this year, pupils have established wonderful relationships with their peers and supporting adults. I know that as we prepare for a new academic year, it can create some worries regarding changes and transition into a new class. The leadership team have worked very hard to ensure pupils' learning needs are carefully considered for a new year. In order to support our pupils to prepare for September 2023, we have arranged the following transition sessions:

Date	Event
Friday 23 rd June 2023	Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 28 th June 2023	Transition Morning
Friday 7 th July 2023	Transition Day

Thank you to all parents and carers for taking the time to complete the parent/carers survey shared last term. We are currently collating the results and will share the report with you all before the end of term 6.

Pupils and staff have been working hard to prepare for our up and coming Sporting Days next week and we all very much look forward to our families joining the fantastic events. Our annual sports days provides our pupils with opportunities to enjoy, participate and compete as individuals and in house teams.



Thriftwood Residential

Students in Key Stage 4 and 5, experienced an amazing week during their residential to Thriftwood and enjoyed participating in a variety of different outdoor activities.

During archery the objective was to make a pizza by hitting various colours on the target. White was the base, black was olives, blue was a topping of choice, red was tomato sauce and yellow was cheese. The students had a great time trying to build a perfect pizza.

Crate Stack involved students working together to build the crate stack as high as possible without it falling over, whilst students were on top of the crates. One pair managed to stack 10 crates, which was an amazing achievement. The assault course was designed to test our students' fitness and the students exceeded expectation with their ability to crawl through and under obstacles and climb the cargo net.

The Water Roller was a lot of fun with our students bouncing around as they turned the roller on the water. All students managed to stay dry. Raft building consisted of the instructors teaching the group how to make knots, each group attached their barrels together to form the base of the raft. Poles were then inserted into the raft and these were used to tighten the raft and keep it together. All groups successfully launched their raft and paddled into the lake. Unfortunately, one of the rafts did not survive the journey and the group went into the water. Everyone then decided it was hot and all went for a swim. A wonderful and memorable week was had by all.



Sensory Play and Learning

Many of our pupils engage in sensory play throughout the school day in order to support and enhance their engagement and learning. Thank you to all parents for providing additional clothing and for your continued support.

I'm sorry I got messy today but..

I've been exploring the water and learning about emptying, filling and pouring. Sometimes I might spill a little bit - the muscles in my hands are still developing.

There was flour in our messy area today. I was so interested in how it would make clouds if I threw a little into the air.

I loved the texture of the playdough, but I rested my arm on a little bit as I reached across the table. I didn't realise it would stick to my sleeve!

I was learning about what happens if I mix two colours together.. It's messy work, but the green paint on my jumper comes from the blue and yellow that I mixed!

This mark is from a pen. I'm trying really hard to learn to hold the pen and make marks on the paper.

The mud kitchen is very dirty, but it's so much fun! Playing there helps me develop my imagination and explore my understanding of the world. I watched you cook at home and I wanted to try by myself.

Family Disco

The PTFA organised a wonderful summer term disco on Friday 19th May 2023. The hall was decorated with balloons, and all attendees were very grateful to DJ Dan for providing the music. It was lovely to see so many pupils and their family and friends dancing the night away.

The pupils really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with their friends and have fun, whilst interacting and dancing.

The refreshment stall was a great success and the sweet treats, including homemade emoji cakes and hot dogs, which were very popular.

Thank you to all staff who attended to make sure that the evening was a great success.

Although our Family Disco events are not primarily for fundraising, we collected an amazing £375.49 which will help fund future activities for our families.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to future celebrations.

