

Ifield School's Newsletter

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Dear Ifield Families, Pupils, Governors, Staff and Friends,

All pupils, staff and Governors have continued to work immensely hard to ensure our pupils receive 'Only the Best' education and experiences.

I hope parents and carers enjoyed the Stay and Learn sessions earlier this term, it was fantastic to see so many families join their child's learning in class. We are planning to invite parents to further sessions later this academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you to Parents' Evening, your comments and feedback is always highly valued and appreciated.

Whilst Christmas is an exciting time of year, we also recognise that it can also be a difficult time for our pupils and their families. We endeavour as a school to keep routines and structure in place to try and reduce pupils' anxiety. We are also aware that it is a very expensive time of year. Please speak to a member of the Leadership Team if you would like a referral to a foodbank, Early Help or would like some practical support such as visuals to support with changes in routine over the Christmas period.

I look forward to celebrating our Christmas festive events alongside you and your inspirational children.

Best wishes,

Maddie Arnold-Jones
Headteacher

Ifield Stars featuring in the Kent Album Project

Ifield School were invited to participate in the Kent Album Project. The vision of the Kent Album project led by Square Pegs Arts Charity was to create an album of original songs to represent each of the 13 districts in Kent and Medway, written and recorded by autistic, learning disabled and neurodivergent young people from each district.

The project was launched by the Square Pegs Art Charity which was set up in 2005 to deliver high quality, inclusive Arts projects with learning disabled, autistic and neurodivergent people of all ages in Kent and Medway. More information on the charity can be found at www.squarepegsarts.com.

Ifield Key Stage 4 and 5 students worked collaboratively with Saint George's School and Northfleet Youth Club to produce the Gravesham Track. The group met initially for a brainstorming session to reflect on Gravesham which helped form the lyrics of the song followed by practice and recording sessions. The Gravesham track, which our students star in can be listened to [here – YouTube](#). The track has also been listed on Apple Music and Spotify following the official launch of the album at the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury on 5th November 2023, which was a fantastic opportunity for Ifield students and staff to attend and celebrate!



School Prefects

At Ifield School, Prefects are nominated by staff when they consistently demonstrate our PRIDE values and are a good role model to other pupils both inside and outside school. Students in Year 11 can become prefects and staff are able to nominate additional students for this role throughout the academic year. Prefects will be responsible for carrying out a range of tasks across the school which may include delivering class registers, helping prepare for school events and assisting with the organisation of educational activities. In Term 3, we will be asking our Secondary Prefects to apply for the position of Head Prefect with additional key responsibilities in school and further details will be shared in the New Year.

Our School Prefects this year are:

- Bradley Neesam
- Sonny Neale
- Luke Ring
- Alfie Tydeman
- Cody Harkett
- Owen Love

In addition to School Prefects, we also have appointed School Council representatives who represent pupil voice in their class. They attend termly School Council meetings where they discuss potential improvements to the school, as well as feedback the opinions of the group they represent. Our School Council representatives for 2023-24 are:

- Jacob Todd
- Nolan Morley
- James Asare
- Vinnie Waghorn
- LJ Foreman-Lewis
- Riley Stuart
- Abby Djouma

We are pleased to share that a new responsibility has been introduced this academic year, for our Computing Ambassadors who will work alongside the Online Safety Ambassadors at King's Farm Primary School to promote online safety and think of creative ways to raise the profile of keeping safe online. Our Computing Ambassadors for 2023-24 are:

- Thomas Love
- Emmy Seville
- Mason Deadman
- Oliver Gould
- Phoebe Evans
- Daniel Leney
- Harry Mills-Ruff

Ifield School Pride Values

All staff encourage our pupils to learn resilience and develop high self-esteem, whilst always respecting the rights of others in the community. Pupils are fully prepared for adulthood, so that they are confident, and they can contribute to, and fully belong to, their community and society in general.

We aim to value, support and challenge our pupils to achieve success whilst following the PRIDE Values below.

P

Personal Excellence

You have the right to a good quality education & the responsibility to work to the highest level you can



R

Respect and Friendship

You have the right to your own friends as long as it is not harmful to others



I

Inspiration

You have the right to explore and share your good work with others



D

Determination and Courage

You have the right to reach your potential



E

Equality

You have the right to your opinion & beliefs and the responsibility to listen to others



Save The Dates - Term 2 – 2023

Friday 8th December Christmas Market - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Monday 11th December Primary Performance - 2pm- 3pm

Tuesday 12th December Secondary Christmas Lunch - 12pm

Wednesday 13th December Sixth Form and LINK19 Bazaar - 10am

Wednesday 13th December Secondary Performance - 2pm- 3pm

Thursday 14th December Primary Christmas Lunch - 12pm

Friday 15th December Sixth Form Christmas Performance - 10am-
11:30am

