

Ifield School's Newsletter

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Dear Ifield Families, Governors, Staff and Friends,

Since the start of Term 4, pupils have experienced many exciting learning opportunities, including Careers Week and a Ski Residential to Italy.

Thank you to all those families who have booked an appointment for our In Year Parents' Evening throughout week commencing 11th March 2024. Your participation is essential in meeting your child's needs, so we can achieve successful outcomes.

We are delighted to announce that three classes, one in Primary, one in Secondary and one at Sixth Form will be trialing the Evidence for Learning Parent App this term. All our pupils have communication and interaction needs and can therefore it can be difficult for them share information about their school day or pupils arrive and leave on home to school transport which means that as parents, you are unable to speak with the class team at the end of the day. We hope that sharing a weekly photograph with you, will give you an insight into your child's learning and their achievements whilst at school. I am sure that you will agree this new initiative will further enhance communication between home and school across the whole school in the coming terms, once the trial has taken place.

I hope that many families can join The Cedar Federation's World Book Day Parade taking place today from 9:40am.

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CAREERS WEEK

Pupils and staff have enjoyed taking part in Careers Week at Ifield. Pupils particularly enjoyed the 'Before they were Famous' session and were excited to hear that many staff held previous jobs. Our Forest School Teacher, Rebecca used to be a Police Officer, pupils loved seeing an old black and white photo of Rebecca guarding an unexploded bomb! Ruth, our Key Stage 2 Lead used to be a hairdresser, Jess, a Teaching Assistant was a ranger at Lapland and has met the real Father Christmas, and Clare, our Careers Co-ordinator was a driving instructor.

The week also involved pupils investigating equipment used for certain jobs, namely a hairdressing box, cleaning box, and uniform box for pupils to explore and touch.

Ifield's Alumni, former students also visited classes. Edrys gave a talk about his exciting career as a chef at Spring River Restaurant. Edrys looked very smart in his chef's uniform. Joshua is in his final year at Canterbury University studying Fine Art. He is an amazing artist and has his own website.



PTFA FAMILY DISCO

Thank you to everyone who attended our Family Disco on Friday 2nd February 2024. The pupils and their families and friends had a lovely time dancing and enjoying hot dogs and cakes. Thank you to our PTFA for organising the evening for Ifield School's community. Due to the continued popularity and at pupils' request, an additional date has been confirmed and there will now be a Family Disco taking place on Friday 21st June 2024.



SKI RESIDENTIAL

Key Stage 4 and 5 students and staff embarked on their skiing adventure to Italy on Saturday 24th February and travelled overnight via coach and ferry. 22 hours later the ski team arrived safely at Hotel Des Roses. After dinner and an early night, students were up bright and early for their first day of ski school. With careful instruction and encouragement, everyone was enjoying practising their new skills on the slopes. The ski team were very lucky with the weather, which was mild with lots of snow!

The Après Ski evenings were spent bowling, eating homemade Italian pizzas, attending a disco and an awards ceremony to celebrate student' incredible progress throughout the week. These awards were presented by the Interski instructors, who commented on the students' resilience and determination.

We are incredibly proud of our students, who embraced new challenges on and off the slopes, including the Italian culture.



SAVE THE DATES

We have some exciting events planned for the coming terms.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March 2024

Woodland Volunteers' Day - Saturday 16th March 2024

Stay and Learn - Secondary Department 19th March 2024

Stay and Learn - Primary Department - 20th March 2024

Stay and Learn - Sixth Form – 19th and 20th March 2024

PE Enrichment Open Afternoon - Lower School 26th March 2024

PE Enrichment Open Afternoon - Upper School 28th March 2024

Parents' Coffee Morning - Friday 10th May 2024

Bluebell Day - Saturday 11th May 2024

