



Ibstock Junior School

April Newsletter

Welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter! This term has been as busy as ever, with lots of learning opportunities and fun to be had. Children have taken part in many trips and visits and have been offered wonderful learning experiences in their classrooms too. Thank you to everyone who came to the Chocolate Bingo evening. We also raised an impressive £300 for Red Nose Day; thank you to every one who contributed. We hope you all have a restful Easter holidays. We have our fingers crossed for some lovely weather and we hope that children can get out and about, whilst remembering Mr Robinson's important assembly regarding cycling and scooter safety. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 29th April, refreshed and ready for yet another exciting term.

Knowledge Organiser Training

In the last few weeks Ibstock Junior School have welcomed visitors from over 30 schools, both locally and further afield to learn about our use of Knowledge Organisers. As part of the training, teachers and head teachers visited each of the classrooms to see how children retrieve and recall information and then apply it in their learning. As always, our children were exemplary and chatted to our visitors politely and with enthusiasm. We were super proud of them and received extremely positive feedback from the visitors. Thanks to Mr Carte for organising and leading the training.

Parents evenings

Thank you to parents who attended our recent meetings. We had some great feedback from parents:

"Lovely to speak to staff who know my child so well."

"Happy with the school's way of communicating with us...we feel our child is well looked after."

"100% happy with the teachers and the school. A really welcoming place."

Community Library Opening

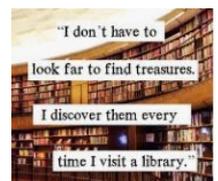


Ibstock Community Library (based in the mobiles by the field) opened its doors to the public on 6/4/19. It is entirely staffed by a group of small volunteers and means that Ibstock has a permanent library for the first time in over 4 years. The library will be open during the following times:

Monday 2.45 - 6pm

Friday 2.45 - 4.30pm

Saturday 10- 12pm



If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, please see their website: <https://ibstocklibrary.weebly.com/opening-times.html> . Please use the library when you can!



Diary Dates

Spring 2 (Please note any new dates or changes in red)

12/4/19 End of term. Please ensure all belongings are taken home.

Summer Term 1

Please note dates in advance are correct as far as we know at present, but can be subject to change.

29/4/19 School opens for children.

3/5/19 FIJS sell ice-creams after school.

9/5/19 Mighty Monument Science Challenge

13 -17/5/19 SATS Week (Year 6)

13th-14th/5/19 Year 4 Residential.

20-22nd /5/19 Yr. 6 Residential

24/05/19 Inset Day. School closed to pupils.

4/6/19 Year 3 trip to Beaumanor Hall

2/7/19 Sport Morning (parents invited)

4 & 5th /7/19 Yr6 Induction Days ICC

Some reminders:

- Please remember that children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school; this is for safety reasons, but also to ensure that anything valuable stays at home.
- Please ensure PE kit and lunch boxes are taken home for the holidays All lost property to be collect before Friday please. Uncollected items to be sent to charity.
- Please remind children (especially siblings of children at IJS) that they are not allowed to ride scooters or bikes on the playground before or after school.

Class Assemblies

Donaldson Class Assembly

During our class assembly we delivered a fact file about the Great Barrier Reef. The children spoke about facts, the types of creatures found and threats. They did this fantastically by remembering not only the information, but the order in which to present it. Unfortunately, we weren't able to show our videos of the children acting out a Blue Abyss food chain due to technical difficulties. Thankfully, the children saved the day by remembering the questions and rules to the quiz, so that we could finish off our class assembly with a knowledge organiser quiz for the parents. The parents managed to answer most of the questions correctly. Thank you for the excellent turn out and the volunteers who took part! I know the children really appreciated it.

Pirates Class Assembly

The Pirates decided to launch their assembly by taking their audience on a journey through their learning

Sport

Football: congratulations to our Year 4/5 team who won their group after beating Ashby Hilltop 3-1. We are now in the semi-finals of the Rose Bowl! We are all very proud of you.

Orienteering: Year 5 children performed very well at a competition this week. The team work was fantastic, both at the event, and at school when children practised their new skills. It's a shame we couldn't take all of our pupils! The Year 5 team were extremely proud and impressed.

since the beginning of the year. They shared some of what they knew about the Solar System and phases of the moon, then went on to explain some rather gruesome cures that were believed to rid people of the plague. Some fantastic parent volunteers (and the brave Mr Stott) then helped them out by turning three of the children into Ancient Egyptian Mummies. We heard about some of the fantastic science experiments they've been doing and got to witness Pirate Keep Fit! Awesome job Pirates!

