



## Newsletter



On Tuesday, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Iver Environment Centre for a fun-filled day of outdoor learning and adventure linked to us working hard to becoming an Eco School.

The children took part in a range of exciting activities throughout the day and it was so nice to see them outside enjoying themselves. They challenged themselves with orienteering where they were working brilliantly in teams to navigate their way around the site using grid references and map work. They also showed great creativity and cooperation while den building, constructing impressive shelters using natural materials they found around them and tarpaulin. One of the highlights of the day was making bird feeders using natural resources, including seeds, apples and Cheerios, carefully threading them to create tasty treats for local wildlife.

We were incredibly lucky to have such beautiful, sunny weather, which made our day outside even more enjoyable. The children made the most of every moment and represented our school wonderfully. The centre staff commented on how exceptionally well behaved they were, describing them as “amazing.” All five members of staff are extremely proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork and positive attitudes throughout the day.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Iver Environment Centre for generously providing this trip free of charge. We are also especially grateful to Pinewood Studios for kindly funding our transport, allowing us to travel to and from the centre at no cost - and I am sure as parents you will also join in with this too.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you goes to our wonderful parent helpers. We truly couldn't have done it without your support. It was an amazing day of learning, laughter and fresh air — Well done Year 4!

Mrs. Ruffell  
and the yr 4 team.



I  **READING**

It was wonderful to welcome so many of our school community in for our I Heart Reading week. We had parents, grandparents, siblings in reading with their loved ones; as you can see from the photographs, everyone got involved in reading. Please see the email sent to you from Miss Ryan about how you can get involved in World Book day next week—remember the theme is non-fiction; we had so many great ideas last year and I am really looking forward to seeing

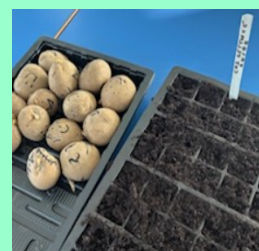


Please come to the South Bucks Book Swap next Wednesday. Recycle your old books for some new ones or buy a book for just 50p.

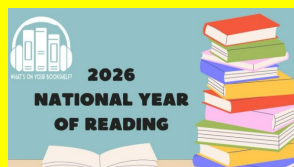
On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we are starting our battle against the vegetables in the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them Campaign'. The children were told all about it in assembly on Tuesday and they will be bringing the packs home today so you can help them keep track of the vegetables they eat at home. This campaign fits in well with our **Climate Action Plan** and helps us on the way to becoming an **Eco-School** because it encourages us to **think about a more environmentally friendly, plant-based diet**. We would love to see pictures of the children devouring their dastardly vegetables so please send them in to [office@iverheath-jun.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@iverheath-jun.bucks.sch.uk). Children will also earn stickers in school if they are seen eating vegetables at breaks and lunchtimes **from now until the end of term** (or until the stickers run out). Don't worry, we'll save some stickers for any children doing Ramadan who start after 19<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your support with this – for more information see the flyer below or visit [Families - Eat Them To Defeat Them](#).



In other news—the gardening and eco clubs have combined and Mr Olney is helping us to grow our own food—this week we chitted potatoes and planted lettuce seeds.



## We Are Readers!



Sitting on mummy's lap, in big-sister's classroom—what a great introduction to reading! He may not be able to read the words but he certainly knows what a book is and how it is supposed to be read.



During half-term, Miss Ryan had the wonderful opportunity of visiting the Shakespeare Bookshop in Paris and took the chance to have a little read of *Tom Dardis's* book *The Thrifty Muse*, which is all about American writers who have won the Nobel prize for literature.



- Wednesday 4th March: Book Swap in school hall at 3.15pm
- Thursday 5th March: World Book Day—theme: non-fiction.
- Tuesday 10th March—parents evening 3.30pm—6.00pm
- Thursday 12th March: online safety workshops for years 5 & 6.
- Thursday 12th March—parents evening 4.00pm—6.30pm
- Friday 13th March—Mothers day plant pop up shop

### Dates for your Diary



## Rebranding Competition

The PTA are looking to rebrand to ensure that this incredible organisation of invaluable supporters truly reflects the values, ethos and personality of our school and community. In order to do so, they are holding a competition for pupils to design a new name and logo. Please get on board with this and support your children in this venture. To enable everyone to participate, all resources may be given by the school, just ask the teachers.

Entries to be in given into to class teachers by Friday 6th March.



The poster features a light pink background with decorative floral borders at the top-left and bottom. The top-left border includes yellow and red flowers, while the bottom border has red and yellow flowers. In the top-right corner, there is an illustration of a woman hugging a child, with small red hearts around them. The text is centered and uses a mix of red and black colors.

IHJS PTA PRESENTS

# Mother's Day plant shop

Let your child choose a beautiful  
flowering plant for someone special this  
Mother's Day.  
Perfect for Mums, Nans, Aunties or  
Someone special.

**£5.00 PER PLANT**

Sale day: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Children will bring their plants home that day.  
Payment via School Money by  
**Friday 6th March.**  
Parents may buy as many plants as they wish.

*A thoughtful gift chosen with love!  
Thanks for supporting IHJS PTA*



We are **ACHIEVERS!**

We are a **COMMUNITY!**

We are **PROUD!**

We are **INCLUSIVE!**



# Celebration Page

**3I—Thomas—for being such a calm, kind member of our class and one of the best fish keepers! You are a 3I superstar!**

**3H—Milo—Wow! You have come back into school this week with a bang. Your attitude towards your learning has been amazing and I can see that you have been trying so hard in every lesson. I am so proud of you, keep it up!**

**4I—Rosie—You have come back and been amazing! You have constantly got your hand up and have added really interesting thoughts in our discussions this week. I am so proud of you!**

**4H—Cavan—you are such a star in our lessons and discussions and I couldn't be without you leading partner/table talk. Watch out Mrs Ruffell, Master Hyland is about to take over!**

**5I—Alfie J—your first week at IHJS has been amazing! You have settled in very well with great enthusiasm. You have contributed greatly in class and you are already a great asset to the class and our school—well done!**

**5H—Freddie—you have been wonderful this week especially as we have had different teachers, and you still have been enthusiastic with your learning. I can't believe you have not had this award yet! You are a superstar—keep shining bright!**

**6I—Elizabeth—for working hard and showing resilience in Maths. Well done for also contributing more in class discussions!**

**6H—Henry—I am so proud of your attitude to learning—especially how you have applied yourself to improving your handwriting. Wow what a difference you have made—keep it up !**

**PE—Coach Noyce & Coach Kightley**

**Joss Year 3 & Adam R year 6**

**For such an improved learning attitude and hard work this week!**

## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

**Y3**

*Amelia*

**Y4**

*Scarlett*

**Y5**

*Nicholas*

**Y6**

*Ibrahim*

*A*

### Weekly House Points

**Beech**

**2837**

**Cherry**

**2337**

**Oak**

**1720**

**Pine**

**2105**