

Head Teachers Message

Another fantastic week in school, the time goes incredibly quickly!

A huge thank you this week to Mrs Farrar and all of the other teachers for putting together science week. It has been a brilliant experience for all and the children have participated in many activities that they have never seen or explored before.

Thank you also to everyone who has taken time out of their busy schedules to inspire and motivate the children and share the opportunities that are out there.

It has been great to see everyone focusing on their uniform. I am pleased to see that by the end of the second week we still have many shiny shoes! Please keep it up and remember to wear the correct school uniform day each except on the days you have PE. School uniform enables the children to show a sense of pride in their appearance, as well as being part of the wonderful community that is Ide Hill. I understand that some children may do after school clubs but we are more than happy for them to change in school before this.

Have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Attendance

Statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. With the focus and development on the curriculum that has taken place at school then children who are absent will find gaps in their sequential knowledge.

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out termly letters to inform you of your child's attendance and to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.

- Green – 95% +
- Amber – Below 95%
- Red – Below 90% - Persistent Absentee

Please do get in touch with us if you would like further support and advice.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	over 13 years schooling
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years

The Anna Freud Foundation has lots of great information. One useful area is Self Care: Self-care is about the things we can do to look after our own mental health.

Have a look at this resources from The Anna Freud Foundation.

<https://d1uw1dikibnh8j.cloudfront.net/media/18656/my-self-care-plan-primary.pdf>

Science Week

School has been buzzing this week with excitement and enthusiasm for all this STEM!



We were delighted to welcome so many visitors to the school, including a number of parents who came to share their expertise with the children.

The highlight of the week, had to be our visit from Kapla Club, who helped the school create an amazing 'Big Build'. It was incredible how



the children worked so carefully with the instructions given. Each class had an important part to play in creating our shared build proving that 'Together we can do great things!' There was so much maths, science and engineering learnt on this one day!

Many thanks again to our PTA who made a generous contribution towards the costs of the week.

Please take a look at our website where you will find some more images of the build as well as a video!

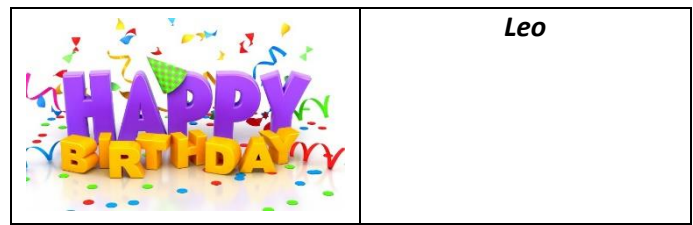
Parent Survey

We are keen to hear parents' ideas and views about Ide Hill Primary School so we are asking parents to please complete the survey below.








<https://forms.office.com/e/cAeqsb8VVB>

PTA Meeting

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th April at 2pm at the Cock Inn. Everyone is welcome!



Upcoming School Dates for Your Diary	
6 th May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Oaks Class trip to Bore Place
21 st May	Ash Class trip to Bore Place
24 th May	Last day of term

Saplings 	<p>Eva - You should be very proud of how kind and thoughtful you are to your friends at school and you always work hard at everything you do</p> <p>Juliette - For always being proactive and engaged in your learning. Keep joining in with our class discussions ...we love to hear your ideas!</p>
Elms 	<p>Clara - For the huge effort that you are putting your handwriting and the presentation of your work. You are really trying hard!</p> <p>Isla - For your superb ideas when we have been creating character profiles this week. You have come up with such super ideas!</p>
Beech 	<p>Alice H - For super enthusiasm and an excellent attitude to learning</p> <p>Charlotte - For settling into our class very well!</p> <p>Zac S - For being a kind and helpful friend when someone was upset</p>
Willows 	<p>Rory M - For his excellent use of inference in his comprehension of the text 'Voices in the Park'.</p> <p>Harry - For his careful and meticulous building when using the Kapla construction pieces</p>
Hazel 	<p>Fleur - For working hard across the curriculum and for always trying her best. Well done, you are a superstar!</p> <p>Brody - For the amazing application of his knowledge of calculating the perimeter of polygons. You are a fantastic mathematician!</p>
Ash 	<p>Phoebe - For being so independent during the English writing this week.</p> <p>Jake - For his excellent work in Maths this week and for always keeping the class entertained with his stories</p>
Oaks 	<p>Robyn - For her excellent vocabulary choice in creating suspense</p> <p>Violet - For her incredibly positive attitude to all of her learning.</p>

Ide Hill Village Fair

The annual Ide Hill Village Fair will be back on Bank Holiday Monday 27th May 2024 from 1-5pm on the Village Green and Glebe Field, to raise funds for the Village Hall and our Village Associations.

It's free for all! Come along and enjoy: the kids' fun run, tug of war, roller ride, crockery smash, coconut shy, dog show, tea and cake tent, BBQ burger stall, plant stall, strawberries & cream, ice cream van, tombola, white elephant stall, splat the rat, book stall, bottle stall, maypole dancing, beat the goalie, facepainting and bouncy castles!

Don't forget to visit the stunning St Mary's Church Flower Festival which takes place all weekend. You can also marvel at the beautiful Spring colours at the open gardens at the Old Vicarage. And why not pop along to the Cock Inn for some lively music and refreshing drinks – you can also buy a ticket for the popular Pub Gin Raffle!

The Dog Show will take place on the green between 1 and 4pm: entries on the day from 12.30pm, £3 per class; culminating in the 'Best In Show' class. See attached flyer for further details.

We need volunteers!

Please contact Jo 07900 695547 if you can spare an hour or so to help – setting up / clearing up on the day or with the marquees on Sunday morning.

We also need donations!

- Cakes (Tony 07803 233377) on the day to the tea tent
- Quality unopened bottles (Sarah 07795 465840 or leave at Ide Cottage)
- Crockery for smashing (collection box outside the Community Shop)
- Quality unused tombola gifts (Martyn 07977 246625)
- White Elephant items can be left at Ide Cottage
- If you would like us to collect your donations please ring one of the numbers above.
- For fun run entries: Liz 07879 018586

· For Dog Show Queries: Sue 07773 347084

Free parking on the recreation field behind The Cock Inn (access via Camberwell Lane)

