



Iver Village Junior School

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Weekly Bulletin

15th December 2023

Brainiacs of the Week:

Cairo	Frankie and Ruby
Cardiff	Ariana and Freyja
London	Jaiveer and Oliver
Lisbon	Katie, Patrick and Savarnah
Paris	Ameera and Eden
Prague	Shaan and Talia
Washington	Vinu and Ria
Warsaw	Violet and Martina

Ivertastics!

Well done to:
Lily, Elsie & Hollie

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Attendance and Lates this week...

	Cairo	Cardiff	London	Lisbon	Paris	Prague	Washington	Warsaw
Attendance	90%	86%	95%	97%	90%	98%	99%	96%
Lates	3	1	1	1	2	4	3	2

Well done Washington Class!

This Week In School...

Year 3 – have been writing their own narratives in English, focusing on using speech marks, prepositions and expanded noun phrases. In Maths, they have continued to focus on times tables, looking at the relationship between the 2, 4 and times table. They had a visit from Revd. Sarah Smith on Wednesday, who shared The Nativity Story in an interactive style. The children enjoyed dressing up and acting out the roles within the story. In Computing, they have completed their PowerPoint presentations that they have been working on over the last half term.

Year 4 – have finished off their longest piece of writing to date! They have completed writing a travel brochure about Iceland, they have worked hard to use the features of the success criteria to write about the magical things to see, the thrilling and exciting things to do and even a hotel recommendation. In maths, they have worked on their times tables and problem-solving skills. In History, they worked in small groups to produce some amazing pieces of work comparing the daily lives of the Ancient Greeks. They were quite surprised by the difference with modern life. In Science they finished their 'Sound' topic by consolidation their learning and creating some informative information texts.

Year 5 – have finished writing the narrative on 'The Christmasaurus' and have published it; their splendid handwriting shone through! They have also worked so hard on completing their assessments in Maths and Reading. In DT, the children learnt about different types of stitches and applied those skills to create marvellous pencil cases - their creativity and skilfulness has been remarkable! It has been a busy but fun week in Year 5!

Year 6 – have worked exceptionally hard completing their end of term assessments. We are extremely proud of every single one of the children in Year 6 and we hope that they feel very proud of all they have achieved this half term. In English, Year 6 have continued writing their narrative based on the video - Glued. In Humanities, Year 6 have enjoyed researching and presenting information on Brazilian culture including: food, religion, celebrations, traditions, sport and leisure.

We Wish You A Merry Christmas **And A Wonderful New Year**

The school term ends on Tuesday 19th December. School will finish at 1pm that day, unfortunately, there will be no after school child care.

The Spring Term starts on Thursday 4th January. Early birds and Bluebells start from the first day back and our after school activity clubs start on Monday 8th January.

We hope everyone has a lovely break and we can't wait to see everyone in the new year.

School Pledge: 'I pledge to do all that I can, so that we can all learn and be happy at school.'



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Date	Event
19 th Dec	Last Day Of Term, 1pm Finish NON UNIFORM
Christmas Holidays 20 th Dec – 3 rd January	
4 th Jan	First Day Of Term
8 th Jan	Activity Clubs Start
15 th Jan	Y6 Heights and Weights
1 st Feb	Cardiff Coffee Morning
5 th Feb	Y6 Bikeability Week
5 th Feb	Curriculum Market, Parents Welcome
Feb Half Term 12 th – 16 th February	
19 th Feb	Spring 2 Half Term Starts

Don't forget we are a **NUT AND SESAME FREE SCHOOL** - we have children who have allergies! (let's leave them for the squirrels)



Street Dancers

Our Street Dance Club put on a short sample of what they have been doing this half term for their parents. What professionals we have! Brilliant work guys!

SANTA DASH!

What a way to start a Friday! Thank you to everyone who took part in last Friday's Santa Dash. We are absolutely thrilled to announce between ourselves and the Iver Village Infant Academy, we have raised over £2700!

IRock Concert

Our IRockers held a performance on Friday afternoon last week showcasing their incredible talents. If your child is interested in joining our IRock group, head to <https://www.irockschool.com/>



A Message From Miss Digweed

As we look forward to the return of Miss Digweed in January, she has been recovering well from her operation and having Facetime conversations with Mr Clifford catching up with everything she has missed. She is really looking forward to being back in school next year and wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NEW MENU FOR JANUARY

As always, lunches can be booked on your School Money account and need to be preordered Tuesday of the week before. If you have any trouble ordering, please contact the school reception. Please click the image below to go to the page with the full menu and links to full ingredient and allergen information.

<https://www.iver-village-jun.bucks.sch.uk/school-news/spring-term-2024-crums-menu>

Clubs Spring Term 1!

Clubs are available to book under the Payments tab on your School Money account, click through to see which clubs we have coming up after Christmas:

<https://www.iver-village-jun.bucks.sch.uk/school-news/spring-1-half-term-clubs-2024>

Words Of The Week...

Icy Skid Calendar Icicle Drip Brace Waft Rigid Sift Collide



Letters/Blogs out this week:

[Crums Spring Term Menu](#)

[Spring term 1 2024 Clubs](#)

[Y6 Heights and Weights](#)

[Attendance Newsletter](#)

Copies of school letters are available on our website

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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