

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your patience and support this week. We were all very glad to get back to face to face learning but it was vitally important for us to keep everyone safe and well. We were very proud of how the children quickly reverted to remote learning and how they have skipped back into school.

I hope you will enjoyed reading the special reports at the end of the newsletter from some of our Year 6 pupils. They were asked to write a report on the very first Ibstone Year 6 Adventure Week! What a week it was! A huge thank you to the PTA for helping fund the tents and some of the camping equipment, I know that these will be enjoyed by children across the school in the coming years!



Another huge thank you to the amazing staff! Their flexibility, commitment and dedication to the school and our children has shone through yet again to enable us to give our first Year 6 leavers an Adventure Week to remember.

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The whole school enjoyed a visit from Ben from Dan the Skipping Man, I know he was very impressed with everyone's perseverance and skipping skills! Thank you to the PTA for organising this event for our children! Don't forget to send in any remaining sponsorship money as soon as possible. It is fundraisers like this that allow us to buy extra resources for all of our children to benefit from.



The children also loved getting to know the snakes, lizards and tortoises that came to visit with Graham from Berkshire Reptiles. I have to be honest and say I am glad I was not in the building! I will leave Ms Robertson to upload the photos! The children all thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the reptiles and handling them. The tortoise going to the toilet on the floor was a highlight for many!

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Forest School Fun!

Kestrel Class had the most wonderful morning in Forest School last week and enjoyed exploring in the warmer weather!



In other news:

Forest School Request

Mrs Bridgen has a special project planned for two weeks time. In order to make this project a success we need:

- Wire coat hangers (not plastic or wooden ones)
- Any bags for life that are no longer needed (plastic)
- Pillow cases

Can you help?

- We are still looking for 3 or 4 suitcases (medium sized) for a playtime project we are working on, please let us know if you can help us! They do need to be in working order and the zips need to work.

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Sports Day

Due to current restrictions, we have made the difficult decision to hold Sports Day behind closed doors. We will also have to have separate events for EYFS & KS1 and KS2 as we are not able to mix as a whole school. The children will score points for their Houses still and the Sports' Trophy will be awarded to the winning House at the end of year celebration.

We will take lots of photos and these will be uploaded to our social media streams and shared on the newsletter. Please send all children in their PE kits on Thursday 8th July. They will also need to be wearing suncream and a hat.

Year 6 Leavers' Service

We will be holding a special Year 6 Leavers' Service for the Year 6 children and their parents on Friday 16th July at 9.30am. This will be held in St Nicholas Church. More information will be sent out in due course. We are also hoping that we may be able to have a whole school community celebration at 2pm on Monday 19th July. Please save the date and I will update you as soon as I can.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Year 6 Adventure Week Reports

Our Year Six Adventure Week

On Monday 14th June Year 6 began their Adventure Week.

On the first day we did rock climbing. I felt excited but very nervous because I had never done rock climbing before and I'm also scared of heights, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Long came rock climbing with us and Mrs Hunt taught us how to put a harness on.

We started off with a type of rock climbing called bell ringing, we were split into two groups of three two people were attached to these things called carabiners and they both had to sit opposite one another and pull the rope that the person who was climbing was attached to. We all had a go at climbing the smaller wall before we climbed the taller wall, we used the same technique for the taller wall. I found this really hard and I had to persevere a lot, we had to give one another words of encouragement to keep us going. We climbed the last wall but this time it was smaller but just as scary, this type of rock climbing was called bouldering you had to climb a wall without being attached to a harness. Mrs Long climbed to the top of the wall but I managed to get just over half way up, it was very fun but very tiring.

On Tuesday we did skiing and sledging, none of us had ever done skiing before so everyone was a bit nervous, the boots we had to wear were very heavy and felt like bricks. As soon as we stepped onto the snow you could feel how slippery it was, we began by getting used to the feel of our skies on the snow by just doing gentle glides. Then we were taught how to go faster whilst skiing and how to stop it was really fun skiing, to save us from having to walk back up the hill we went on this elevator. Next it was sledging, actually called 'Ringo' it's where you get a rubber ring and someone spins the ring round and you go really fast down this hill with ice on it. After a couple of goes we all began to get stuck on this dip we weren't sure why. It was very fun and I enjoyed it a lot.

On Wednesday we did go Ape and a Harry Potter walk, we went to Black park to do this and we started of with the Harry Potter Walk. We began by having to search the woods to find the filming location. Once we had found this,

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we had a couple of pictures taken and then began to continue our adventure. The next stop was to find a tree house that was used as one of the scenes in the film, however, when we got there you had to be 16 or over to have a look around.

After that we decided to go to the park and get an ice cream at the café – it was so hot!!

Go Ape – this was what I was looking forward to but also dreading the most. I managed to complete three out of the four levels, the zip line was my favourite part of the day. I was so proud of myself for doing it and felt so happy, although it was the most terrifying thing I have ever done.

Onto the campsite – I had been so excited for this part of the week!!!!

When we arrived the girls and boys were separated into two teams to build our tents, however, there were so many pieces it was quite confusing. After a little bit of help from Miss Firth, Mrs Long and perseverance – we got there. Miss Firth was a natural as she had camped many times before. We stayed out of the tent until later that evening as it was so hot and we enjoyed Mr Long's home-made bolognaise for dinner that evening. It was delicious. We all slept well that night as we were exhausted. We woke up early to the smell of bacon sizzling in the pan. Mrs Long had made us all bacon sandwiches to get us ready for the day ahead.

That day we played games, made glass decorations, we were also looking forward to the falconry lady coming to the campsite with four beautiful birds. A barn owl, kestrel and two other birds, the barn owl was my favourite.

That evening, it poured down – we were glad that earlier that day we had put up a gazebo so we could shelter from the rain. Poor Mrs Long, she cooked a barbeque for dinner that evening whilst holding an umbrella and she got absolutely drenched. The food was yummy.

Earlier on that day, we wanted to have a water fight, there was not enough time. Mrs Long said that we could have a water fight in the rain later that evening, it was great fun and after that we sat around the fire eating some s'mores and sweets from the tuck shop.

We slept well that night, even in the heavy rain!!!!

Friday, our last day, we were all getting ready for forest school when Mrs Long said that she had cancelled it due to the very heavy rain. Mrs Long had thought of another idea – bowling!!! Great fun and even better Mrs Long arranged forest school for another day, so we have an extra activity to do.

We headed back to school and finished off making our Father's day cards in the hall before going home.

I really enjoyed the week, it was a shame that it had to end, but I have definitely made some wonderful memories.

Year Six Adventure Week

The day had come. Ibstone's leavers trip, a week for the year sixes, five days of joyful, electrifying activities that would build our trust, teamwork, courage, perseverance and resilience. It was finally here!

Day 1

We got into the cars, realisation only just dawning on us that it was happening. And we were ready for an adventure. All we knew was that we were going climbing, so the air hung thick with the suspense of it all. When we got there, we were immediately surprised. The walls were so high! After getting into our harnesses, we were ready. On the wall, we pushed ourselves, I even managed a small overhang. After our morning of climbing and bouldering, we had our first adventure week lunch, pizza. It was delicious! The day had gone so fast, but it wasn't over yet. We still got our picture taken under a Banksy artwork!

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Day 2

We came into school wearing a good few layers. Since we were doing skiing, we wanted to be prepared. Again, we got into two cars, bubbling with excitement and when we got there we even had fun before we got into the snow dome. We were getting our skis on! After falling over a lot, and getting covered in snow, we headed up to the ramp where we could go ringoing, but I kept on getting stuck! After a lunch of McDonalds, we headed home and our second day was over.

Day 3

Bags on wheels, bags heavier than the carrier, these are all things that could be seen on our first day of camping. We went to black park to search for the Hagrid's Hut but after a lot of walking, we found out that it wasn't there, so we played in the woods, had our lunch and then headed to go ape. After some teambuilding activities, we got up in the trees! Then, when we got to the campsite, we made our tents but the boy's tent pole snapped, but it worked out ok.

Day 4

After our first night of camping, we walked out to dew-soaked grass. Over a breakfast of bacon butties, we were told what we were going to be doing. First, we started making our Father's Day cards, followed by ben the skipping man doing a skipping workshop with us (slightly more tangling for me) then after lunch we made glass ornaments to remember the trip by. Next up we were visited by Sadie and her birds of prey (only after we had a fire lighting contest) then finally, we had a water balloon fight in the rain!

Day 5

Our final day started off with a lot of rain, which postponed our final activity, a forest school session in which we would have made our leavers gifts, to another day. So, leaving our tents to fare for themselves, we headed of to High Wycombe for bowling. A few spares later, the scores were: highest child score: 37, highest adult score: 69. After our final day of excitement, we headed back to school, still bubbling.

Overall, we had lots of fun, so thank you Ibstone for helping us make so many memories!

Adventure week

My personal highlights

Skiing

I was slightly apprehensive about it being new, but it was new to everyone and we were all learning together which made it exciting. Later on, I was also unsure about getting off the magic carpet (which was a bit like a travelator). Although I did have a small incident; where I took one ski off the carpet but the other kept going up the slope, I carried on persevering and had a really amazing time. It was really fun to learn and experience skiing together and also to slide down the slope!

Camping

Amongst all the other excitements of camping, some things I found important but still fun, were independence (one example was where we had to try and put up our tents

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without the teachers' help) and bonding; where we learnt more things about everyone and supported each other. Still, in amongst the bonding and independence, the s'mores were definitely a highlight!

Trying new things

From climbing in Go Ape to eating a Wagamama meal, this week has been full of new adventures and things! I have needed many of our values when trying different things, such as, a lot of courage and perseverance for adventures like Go Ape and rock climbing. Despite it being hard at times, trying new things has been enjoyable and has helped me find things I really like (I now enjoy loads of the activities we did!)

We had a wide variety of fun and engaging activities and adventures, in which I demonstrated lots of our school values. I showed them in everything we did during our adventures. With them, my friends and my teachers' encouragement helping me along the way, I had a truly wonderful adventure week!

Everyone did an amazing job at rock climbing. Everyone showed our school values. (Courage, perseverance, community, love and respect.) After everyone had climbed the two rock climbing walls we did some bouldering. Bouldering is very similar to rock climbing but the walls are much smaller; you don't need a harness and if you fell you would fall onto some mattresses. Everyone enjoyed the rock climbing and the bouldering. For lunch we had some delicious pizzas from Pizza Hut. After that we started heading home and on the way we stopped to look at a banksia graphite piece. After that we got back in the cars and drove back to school.

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On Wednesday we went on a black park. Once we had arrived we went to find hagrids hut. After a while of walking we asked someone where the hagrids hut was and we then found out it was removed a long while ago. After that we had lunch and some ice cream. We then walked back to the car park to do Go Ape. Go Ape was amazing. It was really fun and it was one of my favourite things we did. Once we had done our Go Ape session we went to our campsite and started to set up the tents which took awhile. After we had finished setting up the tents and put everything inside the tents we had dinner which was bolanase. It was delicious. We then stayed up a bit longer and talked and played some different games after that we went to bed.

Glass making/Dan the skipping man/birds of prey/visitor

On Thursday we did a bunch of things. We did glassmaking we had Dan the skipping man come. we had someone visit us and then we held some birds of prey. Once we'd all woken up we showered. We then had a delicious bacon roll sandwich for breakfast. Once we had all properly woken up we played a few games and then Dan the skipping man came and taught us some cool tricks.

We then had lunch (sandwich, yogurt and crisps.) After that a visitor came and we did a fire lighting championship. Jessica came first prize was that she could light the next fire we made. Once we are given the man everything we borrowed from him the woman who was going to let us hold some birds of prey arrived. The man stayed for a little longer to hold some birds. We held four birds; a barn owl a kestrel an eagle and an Indian long ear owl. After we held every bird she left and it started raining and despite the rain we had a water ballon fight had dinner which was a BBQ (sausages and burgers.) we then had a smore. After that we went to bed.

Forest school/bowling

Friday wasn't a very dry day from the morning to the evening it rained like mad. We all had woken up and the tents were drenched outside was drenched everywhere it was drenched. We were going to do forest school but it was way too wet. So Mrs Long said we will go temping bowling instead. We packed everything. Mrs Robertson took everything to school. We were so wet Mr Long said we should go to school to change into dry clothes. Once everyone had changed we went to high Wycombe and had a round of bowling. Miss Firth came first out of everyone and Linkin came first out of the kids. After that we went to Wagamamas to have lunch. A few year sixes had never had Wagamamas. Everyone selected a food of the menu. Everyone found Wagamamas delicious. After everyone had finished we headed home. And that was the end of our amazing trip.

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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
June 2021		
July 2021		
Tues 6 th	Transition Day	All children
Thurs 8th	Sports Day	School children only
Fri 16th	Leavers' Service – St Nicholas Church	Y6 & families only
Mon 19th	Whole School Celebration – 2pm	Everyone
Tues 20 th	End of term – 1.30pm	Whole School
Wed 21 st	INSET Day	Staff only

2021-2022 Term Dates

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2021		
Wed 1st	INSET DAY	Staff only
Thurs 2nd	Children start back to school – 8.40am	Everyone
October 2021		
Thurs 21st	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	All children
Fri 22nd	INSET DAY	Staff only
November 2021		
Thurs 11th	Remembrance Day	Everyone
December 2021		
Fri 17th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2022		
Tues 4th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Wed 5th	Children start back – 8.40am	Everyone
February 2022		
Fri 18th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Mon 28th	Children start back– 8.40am	Everyone
March 2022		
April 2022		
Thurs 7th	End of Term – 1.30pm	All children
Fri 8th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 25th	Children start back– 8.40am	Everyone
May 2022		
Mon 2nd	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Fri 27th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2022		
Mon 6th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 7th	Children start back – 8.40am	Everyone
July 2022		
Tues 5th	Transition Day	Everyone
Thurs 21st	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone

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