



As we approach the end of the Spring term, we have enjoyed a lovely evening with our primary schools who took part in the fabulous Boogie Nights event on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to see so many students performing and so many parents beaming with pride.

Last week, we have also hosted a science event where we welcomed the Medical Mavericks into school to work with groups of students in our main hall for the day. We also held a Maths challenge event in the hall on Tuesday for students from a variety of different schools. Everyone really seemed to enjoy both of these events.

This will be the last newsletter of the spring term due to the number of activities and the Disneyland Paris trip departing next Thursday, it is getting very exciting.

Its been a short term but a very busy one. The holidays are a good time to extend the reading journey we are on and remember:

"Reading is a pleasant activity — one that you should always find time for. Why? Well, there are many reasons, but the most important is the fact that reading helps you disconnect when you need to, it opens your mind, and it makes you wiser.

The more you read, the more you realise how little you actually know about the world you live in, and even about yourself. Reading makes you understand other people's points of view, or their culture — it's a chance to connect with others in a unique and profound way."

There are thousands of worlds and lives that can only be explored through reading. You will meet, resonate and connect with amazing characters by enjoying a good book. We encourage everyone to read more to know more.

School breaks up on Friday 22nd March at 3.15pm and returns for the Summer Term at 8:50am on Monday 8th April, where we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another great summer.

Enjoy the holidays,

Michelle King
Headteacher



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Medical Mavericks In a day filled with excitement and practical learning, Medical Mavericks hosted a workshop that over 200 of our students were able to get involved in. The event provided students with hands-on experience in various medical procedures including ECG's, ultrasound scanning, taking blood, keyhole surgery and blood pressure monitoring. Throughout the day, students displayed an exceptional level of engagement and enthusiasm, showcasing their interest in the medical field. Their active participation and curiosity made the workshop a resounding success. The success of the workshop highlights the importance of providing students with opportunities for practical learning experiences outside the traditional classroom setting. Through initiatives like the Medical Mavericks workshop, students can explore their interests, gain valuable skills, and potentially discover their passion for a future career in healthcare.

"We are incredibly proud of our students for their exemplary behaviour and eagerness to learn; their positive attitude and dedication truly reflect the values of our school."



Upcoming Events

Events at a glance:

- * Mon 18 Mar: Sing for Shifnal,
- * Tues 19 Mar: TrustEd Primary Cross Country, 3.45 - 4.15pm
- * Wed 20 Mar: TrustEd Ball Skills Festival
- * Fri 22 Mar: End of Spring Term for all students
- * Mon 8 Apr: Summer Term begins for all students
- * Wed 10 Apr: TrustEd High 5 Netball Tournament, 2 - 4.30pm



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📣 Reminders & Notices

Safeguarding Focus

 BFF / WTV / IYKYK / HMU – these are just 4 of the text slang acronyms that we have seen. Then add in numerous more, plus emojis, and then language people use face to face – and it really can be a minefield! Some parents have shared with us that they struggle to understand “modern day language children use”, and as professionals, we have noticed that new language is used all the time – regularly in the pastoral and safeguarding team, we ask children “what does that mean?!”. We have been sent some emoji / text / slang decoders by the Safeguarding Alliance – which are a great “at a glance” view of some of the language that you may come across with young people either face to face, or if monitoring their social media. Please see the [website](#) for more information.

Online Parents Book Club

Nurture Infused, a parenting Coaching organisation, is beginning their next book club on 9th April. More information about them, and their Book Club, is available on their [website](#).

In-Comm Open Days

After a very successful open day in February, In-Comm are now preparing for their next open day to help more young adults find their career in engineering.

If you think engineering could be the path for you, come along to our next open day where you can have a tour of our facilities and speak to the recruitment team to find the best route for you!

All details about both open day and how to book on (Aldridge- 26/3/24 and Telford 28/3/24) can be found via the flyer attached.

It is a drop-in day between 10:00-2:00 to find out more and explore brilliant careers in engineering.

Holiday Meal Vouchers

Students eligible for FSM vouchers for the Easter Holidays will be emailed from Edenred to parents/carers on Wed 20 Mar.

No Late Bus w/c 18 March, 8 April

There will be no late bus next week or the first week back after Easter.

Student Absences

Please ensure that you ring the school attendance office first thing in the morning, every day of your child's absence (01952) 468 400 or email attendance@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk for years 7 to 11 absence and email 6thformattendance@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk for Sixth Form absence. Thank you.

Severn Hospice Careers

This spring, Severn Hospice are hosting two careers fairs in a bid to raise awareness of the breadth of roles and career opportunities offered at the hospice.

Their nurses and clinical teams provide outstanding palliative care on the wards, in day services and in the community, there are so many other roles which enable the charity to run day-to-day.

From baristas, complementary therapists and housekeepers to IT, retail, fundraising and social media experts - there is certainly more to them than meets the eye!

The fairs take place on Wednesday 10 April, 3pm-6pm at Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury and Thursday 18 April, 2pm-6pm at Apley Castle, Telford. Anyone can drop in to meet and hear about working and careers with the hospice.

More details can be found on their [website](#)

Advanced Maths Challenge

The following students took part in an Advanced Maths Challenge against another 20 teams this week: Holly, Tiff, Milana, Zoe, James, Harry, Elliott and Coby

All students showed amazing teamworking skills whilst taking part in the challenge. They even finished one challenge 10 minutes ahead of their closest rivals showing great enthusiasm and understanding of maths.

They all made the school very proud not only with their mathematical knowledge but also with the way they conducted themselves during the event, showing Idsall School at its finest.



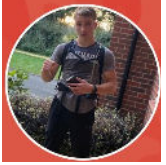
A massive thank you to all who took part and volunteered for the event.

Lost Property

We have a number of lost property items that have not been collected. If you think your child has lost something, please ask them to check at the Site Managers Office as soon as possible, and before the Easter break. Any items that have not been collected, will be disposed of over the Easter break.

Good Luck Tom!

Tom, in Year 11, is walking 20 miles tomorrow in support of Combat Stress, a veterans charity. You can donate on [Tom's webpage](#).



LRC Escape



A belated celebration of World Book Day saw students solving puzzles and cracking the code to find the hidden “treasure”, a stash of Cadbury Crème Eggs! Students enjoyed the challenge and said it was fun. Many thanks to those who took part. Look out for further Escape Room adventures in the future!

Boogie Nights, Wed 13 Mar

This year's dance showcase 'Boogie Nights' was a spectacular event. This year's theme, 'Music across the decades' was watched by a sell-out audience. Over 120 children arrived after school for dress rehearsals, enjoyed dinner together and then got ready for showtime. The event was supported by our fantastic Idsall student leaders, school staff and Kellie Robinson, who runs Robinson's Theatre Academy in Albrighton. It was a really uplifting afternoon and evening full of enthusiasm, energy and positive vibes. What an inspiring event to show off our wonderful community!

Biggest Ever Football Session #LetGirlsPlay

An addition to the Idsall leadership calendar and a fantastic event.



Last week, 15 Idsall Go Lead girls welcomed 120 Key Stage 2 girls from Shifnal, Sherriffhales and Albrighton for a morning of football skills. The leaders planned activities to develop skills competency and improve confidence. What a great event to also host on International Women's Day!

Student Fundraising

Leon, Year 7, is fundraising for Wolves Disability Foundation with a penalty shootout next week. Any donations can be left in reception, or brought to the LRC. Good luck Leon!

Trips

Planned trips appear here. Please see communications or trip leader for more information.

- ◆ Reward Trips for Easter 2024, Coming Soon
- ◆ Disneyland Paris, Year 7/8, March 2024, Trip Leader: C Leverington
- ◆ Wimbledon Tennis Championships, Year 9-13, July 2024, Trip leader: P Goodison
- ◆ GCSE PE Climbing Trip, Year 10, 18th, 25th June 5th July 2024. Trip Leader P Goodison
- ◆ Skiing Trip Austria, Year 10-13, Easter 2025. Trip Leader P Goodison

