

**SPECIAL
EDITION**

IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER

TERRIFIC TECHNOLOGY OF TODAY

On the 23rd of January a small group of students went to the BETT SHOW 2015 in the Excel centre. This is a large exhibition about technology in education.

They looked around and constructed some robots such as Dash and Dot-a robot that you can control from an iPad. They also made a sweeper from Lego pieces that they fitted together to make a robot that cleans floors. (Miss Burton would like to have one for her house). Scratch was also used to create their own video games.

Many people from around the world came to the exhibition and the children even managed to interview a lady from Sweden and many teachers. At the show there were many people like Sam, he is the inventor of Class Dojo a behaviour management system to give points in class. Class Dojo is used by 53 million students and 2.4 million teachers worldwide! He is based in San Francisco, but since the exhibition we have been communicating with him over email to find out more about his job, the challenges he faces and how he thinks technology can improve our classroom.

We found it really interesting to see all the new technology and wonder what classrooms will be like in 10 years...

By Ronnie G, Leila M, Lauren L, Beau and Oscar.



TWITTER ACCOUNTS

@IC_EYFS @IC_Chestnut @IC_Birch @IC_Elm
 @IC_Rowan @IC_Hornbeam @IC_Plane @IC_Maple
 @IC_Beech @IC_Walnut @IC_Office @FOICs

DOUBLE TROUBLE

We are welcoming two new teachers to Ivy; Miss Sigston and Miss Reilly. Miss Sigston is teaching Birch and Miss Reilly is teaching Chestnut. Miss Sigston is the new deputy head so we need to be on our best behaviour! When we interviewed the Chestnut class teacher, she said...

"I am not entering the talent contest but I love the snow and it is the first time I've ever seen it, as I have lived in Australia all my life. I have visited Thailand and I have learnt a bit of Thai. I like all the teachers because they are friendly and I like my class because I have got to know them! My favourite thing in the world is helping children learn. My job was running an intervention programme, my favourite subject is literacy and my hobby is reading. My school was called Boulia it was a small school with only 60 children. I miss my family, Australia and my friends but I will get used to it. To improve this school I would have a full library with a librarian".

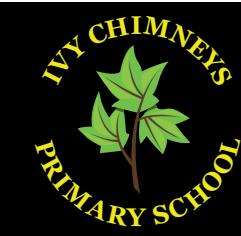
When we interviewed Miss Sigston she said "I love the snow and I enjoy watching children playing in the snow. I like that this school is one big family and that the children look out for each other even if they're in a different class. My favourite subjects are history and maths, my hobbies are skiing, yoga and running. My primary school was called St James in Harlow."

By Kitty

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 13th Feb - Birch Class Assembly
 16th - 20th Feb - Half Term holiday
 Fri 27th Feb - Maple Class Assembly
 Fri 6th Mar - Ash Class Assembly
 Fri 13th Mar - Chestnut Class Assembly
 Tues 3rd & 5th Mar - Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)
 Thurs 19th Mar - FOICs Easter Discos

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DANCING QUEENS

On every Monday our school's dance club goes to school to practice a dance so they can show it at a rugby pitch. Their dance club is called 'Flash Dancers'. The flash dancers has about 17 members including 7 more members from St Johns. Their names are Darcy, Jessica, Georgia, Jodi, Sophie and Chloe. They have an amazing dance teacher Sam Roberts. Mia said "They're doing a dance called 'The Hacker' and they do some rugby moves in the dance too."

This is an amazing club for year 1-6, if you want to join, please speak to Sam. Thank you for reading.

By Maisie M

CODING/PROGRAMMING CLUB

Every Tuesday there is a club called coding club where children go to learn how to code.

Mr Furness, the head teacher runs the club. At coding club the children use raspberry pi's, a type of computer that you plug into a screen, mouse and keyboard. At coding club, the children use programs like Scratch, Python, Idle 3 and Minecraft. At Programming club the children use programs like the ones above. They use the programs to make complicated games. This club does not cost any money and takes place at school after home time. "Coding club is awesome!" said Henry, a member of Coding club. Elia, another member of Coding club said, "Programming club is my most favourite club ever".

Written by Paul A



TOP OF THE TABLE

On Monday the 9th February Ivy's football team will travel with great anticipation to Shooters in North Weald for their second to last round of fixtures in the 6-a side league.

This week they will be playing Coopersale Hall and Chipping Ongar. At the moment they are shining at the very top of the league unbeaten after cruising through all of their games. They are on the maximum amount of points and have a +29 goal difference with only three games left of the season. The parents have so far been extremely supportive as well as the coach/manager Mr Jones. The boys have been playing exceptionally well and they will hope to continue their emphatic form. Wish them luck on Monday.

Oliver, one of the boys in the team said, "It has been a challenge for all of us but we have come out on top and I am so glad we are at the top of the table."

Written by Ben R

Epping and Ongar District Sports Football League Standings										
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS	GD	WP	
IVY CHIMNEYS	6	6	0	0	42	13	18	29	1.000	
CHIPPING ONGAR	6	4	2	0	31	19	12	12	0.667	
STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS	6	3	2	1	25	17	10	8	0.500	
DR WALKERS	6	3	2	1	30	27	10	3	0.500	
COOPERSALE HALL	4	3	1	0	17	10	9	7	0.750	
MORETON	5	2	2	1	25	29	7	-4	0.400	
EPPING UPLAND	6	2	3	1	24	33	7	-9	0.333	
ST. ANDREWS	5	1	2	2	21	22	5	-1	0.200	
COOPERSALE AND THEYDON GARNON	6	1	5	0	29	52	3	-23	0.167	
HIGH ONGAR	6	0	6	0	17	39	0	-22	0.000	

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

On Friday the 6th of February, Ivy Chimneys will be dressing up in red for the British Heart Foundation. We will be dressing up to raise money, so if everyone can bring in a pound, that would be great.

They are the UK's number one heart charity. Through 50 years of research they have already made a big difference to many people's lives. Here is a quote from Beau, one of the children at Ivy Chimneys,

"I think it's good because we're raising money for charity. Also we get to wear red and that's my favourite colour."

Written by Erin G



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SNOW WARNINGS

As the temperature drops we will be seeing some snow flurries and sleet. This week we may be experiencing more snow as we already have had some on Tuesday. The children of Ivy Chimneys will have to be careful because the snow will eventually melt and it can be slippery.

All the children want snow and especially Elia, she said "It was really exciting because we haven't had snow in a few years." Kitty aged 10 said, "I really enjoyed the snow and hope it will come again!" To make sure the school is safe for children we put down grit and clear away any snow that has fallen but we leave some non-slippery snow for the pupils to play with occasionally. Let it snow!

By Hannah J

THE SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

The Sports Hall Athletics competition took place on Tuesday 27th January at Epping St Johns school. The children travelled by foot to St Johns with two adults, Mr Jones and Sam Roberts. They were against five other schools, who were very competitive. Ivy were competing in events such as relay races, obstacle races, chest push, speed bounce and high jumper.

"It was amazing! I really felt good after doing it," said Olivia, age 10.

Out of five other schools, Ivy Chimneys came 2nd overall but they were beaten by only six points. The Sports Hall Athletics is an annual event that happens every year to pick a team to represent Epping in sports competitions. Only one team could win and unfortunately that was Epping Primary.

Thanks to all of the teachers and Epping St Johns who let us have the event in their sports hall. Also, thanks to Mr Jones and Sam for supporting them and making this possible.

Well done to all the team for coming 2nd!

Reported by Nina H.



IVY'S GOT TALENT

Here at Ivy Chimneys, over the last four weeks, children from year one to year six, including the teachers, have been auditioning for Nikki Christy's 3rd annual Ivy's Got Talent!

From singing to breakdancing, over twenty people have auditioned for Ivy's Got Talent. The auditions have been running for four weeks and we still have two more auditions to go!

Last year, Devon P was the Key Stage 1 winner and the Key Stage 2 winner was Jack S, who no longer comes to Ivy Chimneys. Devon told us this, "I felt really excited when I won and I felt like I did a really good job."

The finals will be on March 10th, in front of a 250 strong audience, live in the hall for students, teachers and parents to witness.

Good luck to everyone who auditioned and don't be scared to give it a go if you haven't already.

By Nancy-Belle



QR code link to video for a sneak peak of Ivy's Got Talent!



AND FINALLY...

What an amazing Chatter newsletter edition! I am immensely proud of our Year 5&6 writers who have been learning about journalistic writing this week. Not only have they learnt about this genre they have also further developed skills in working to deadlines and teamwork. Well done team! There have been many more articles written and these can be found on our blog site shortly. I very much hope you enjoyed reading this edition.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher