



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Gosh, what an amazing two weeks we have enjoyed both in and out of school. Judging by the outcomes from our recent school trips, there is very clear evidence that 'learning outside the classroom' is so valuable and memorable for our pupils.

Last week, Year 5 and 6 children travelled to the British Museum and examined a range of Greek artefacts from the past and looked more closely at life during that period.



Our Year 1 and 2 children visited the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood today comparing toys of the past with their own.



If that wasn't enough, forty children are representing our school at the BETT Show in London across four days

(Wed-Sat). This is an exhibition aimed specifically at the education sector. Teachers, school leaders, colleges,

universities, media, government ministers and policy makers have the opportunity to find out more about the use of new technologies in learning and education.

I never imagined at the beginning of this week that our children would feature on the national BBC News at Six programme, but they did and the children were fabulous! Of course the BBC news team spent a considerable amount of time interviewing nearly all the children from our school and it goes to show just how harsh the editing process really is. Whilst Ruby and Sienna stood out on film, both girls were very representative of the whole group and we are proud of everyone who spoke so brilliantly on the day. Another stand-out highlight was Oliver G who delivered an amazing presentation to a growing audience. If you missed the TV broadcast, you can watch the full clip on our website: www.ivychimneys.net/news

A huge "thank you" to all our staff and parents who were involved in both organising and supporting our recent school trips to provide the children with these very special first-hand experiences.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Staff have created the termly Curriculum Newsletters which provide you with an overview of what the children will be learning over the coming term. These have been uploaded to our website and can be found under the 'News' menu. Do take time to read these and pay particular attention to the dates of class assemblies and other important events.

IVY CHIMNEYS PARK

Those of you who are using Twitter may have noticed that Epping Town Council have received some funding to update the park on Ivy Chimneys Road. It was agreed at the recent Town Council meeting to invest additional funds beyond the initial investment. They also agreed to begin a public consultation process to get the views of local residents, parents and those who use the park. I am keen to hold the consultation event at the school to ensure as many parents can participate. Look out for the date of this event.

CLASSES ON TWITTER

@IC_EYFS @IC_Chestnut @IC_Birch @IC_Elm
@IC_Rowan @IC_Hornbeam @IC_Plane
@IC_Willow @IC_Beech @IC_Walnut

*Rory Cellan-Jones
interviewing Ruby
and Sienna.*



FRIENDS OF IVY CHIMNEYS

The AGM is being held on 13th February at 8pm. As you know the current Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary are stepping down this year and therefore we are seeking to appoint new parents into these roles.

SPARE CLOTHING

We are running very low on spare clothing in school which we use from time to time. We are particularly short of socks, tights and trousers. If you have spare clothing or uniform, please do bring them into the office. Thank you.

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