



Issue 9 February 2019 Have a great Half Term holiday!



## Erasmus+

### Learning in Malaga

Mrs Grocock and Mr O'Brien have returned from a very informative course in Spain. They learnt all about using new technology to enhance children's

learning. They observed in schools seeing how experienced teachers used different apps and technologies to improve the children's learning experiences. There was time to work with teachers from all around Europe and plan creative projects. It was also great to be able to work with staff from our Junior school talking about how this work would progress from starting points at Nursery and the Infant School right through to Year six at IJS. Great team work INIS and IJS! Staff also loved working with their colleagues from the Finedon Schools. Staff are looking forward to trying out the ideas with the children now!



The next two trips being planned are to Iceland and Italy. Mrs Hall is flying to Reykjavik at the end of March to look at special education needs and Mrs Dodds, Miss Knibb and myself are flying to Bologna to further investigate how young children learn through creative experiences and well planned continuous provision. All the projects are funded through the Erasmus Plus programme and requires staff to share their learning with different members of the school community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Reading in School Session**

We had a very successful first parent and child reading session on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> February. We are aware that a few parents that came regularly at other times are struggling to attend these morning sessions. We do take on board parents views and as discussed in the last newsletter we will try another session before making a final decision. The next session will be during Book Week on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. This session will be for Reception to Year Two. Please join us from 8.50am until 9.20am. You do not need to stay for the whole session, if you need to be at work or somewhere else, you are welcome just to stay a few minutes and share a short story. On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March our Book Fair will be here and you are welcome to come and look at the Book Fair books with your child during this session.

### **World Book Day**

We are having our World Book Day celebrations **on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. We will be having several book and reading events during the week (beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March). We would like the children to dress as a book character on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, for a mufti day. We are keen to see simple costumes and imaginative ideas. The children will be engaged in a competition during the day to turn their classroom door into a spectacular book cover design. There will be prizes for the winning class.

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## Our School focus on Phonics and Spelling

As a school we have a major focus on reading this year and to support a key skill for reading and phonics, we are changing our timetable. Phonics will be taught first thing in the morning. Please ensure your child is on time so they do not miss any of this valuable learning time. Assembly will be later on in the day. We feel that the children will be brighter and easier to encourage in this learning. Please continue to read and practise phonics and spelling at home as this will support your child. We value your support.



## Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School presents:

### 'The spare change challenge!'

Throughout 2019, the school is celebrating 25 years of the PTA. We would like each year group to have their own celebrations so we are asking parents to bring any spare change they may have so the children can have a treat with the money collected.

**Reception** are saving for happy chicks! This is a company that provides eggs to hatch whilst the children watch! The cost is £200.

**Year One** and **Nursery** would like to get a reptile handler in to share the experience of seeing up close creatures they would not usually see. This will also cost around £150 for each session.

**Year Two** are looking to have a scientist to help develop their science skills. We have negotiated £200 for sessions for each of the four classes.

We would like to extend the spare change challenge until after the holidays so please collect whatever spare change you can! **You will see the money for this challenge spent directly on an experience for the children.**



**Please note** that the access road into our school grounds has double yellow lines. **This is a no parking zone.** We are concerned about the children's safety in this area. Please do not drive into this area as there is not sufficient room to turn around and there is no space for parking in the school carpark. Please park and drive responsibly. There is plenty of parking at the Irthlingborough Cross car park.



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## Events

**15<sup>th</sup> February** -Mufti day. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing tinned and packet items for our local food bank.

**15<sup>th</sup> February**- Year Two Valentine's Coffee afternoon- parents, grandparents welcome.

**15<sup>th</sup> February** break up for the half term holiday.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** Return to school

**26<sup>th</sup> February- 9.10am** Maths workshop for **nursery parents**.

**Advanced warning- Save the date! - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March -Men Behaving Dadly.** We will be organising activities on this morning for Dads, Uncles, Grandads to work with their children, from **9am-11.15am. There will be breakfast served for Men behaving Dadly from 9am – 9.30am. Come into class with your child and then pop down to the hall for breakfast!**

**8<sup>th</sup> March**- INIS World Book Day- Dress as a book character for mufti day. Children to decorate their classroom door as a book cover.

**8<sup>th</sup> March**- Bingo event to be held in school from 6.30pm- fun for all the family. More details to follow soon.

**12<sup>th</sup> March 9am**- Move and Groove workshop for **Reception parents**. Find out how we develop writing. This has changed due to it being in our Book Week.

**Science week 11<sup>th</sup> March- 15<sup>th</sup> March.** Parents are invited in for a short session of science with their child from 2.30pm- 3pm

**Nursery - The journey of water**

**Reception - Journeys through transport**

**Year One - The journey of palm oil**

**Year Two - The journey of plastic (to the ocean)**

**Parents in = Wednesday 2.30pm**

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**15<sup>th</sup> March**- Red Nose Day and the **Great Irthlingborough Dance Off!** Who will win the glitter Ball this year? This is a closed event for children only due to space in the hall. We will try and video the dances so parents can watch after school.

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April**- Parent partnership meetings, an opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

## Class Assemblies

All class assemblies start at 9:05am in the main hall. Please wait outside the hall door. We welcome all family members to **class assemblies** but not to the leavers assembly as there is very limited space. We limit this to two tickets per family.

**21<sup>st</sup> March- Miss Garrett's Class- Sloths**

**16<sup>th</sup> May- Mrs Hurley's Class – Monkeys**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May -Mrs Grocock and Mrs Matthews- Tigers**

**13<sup>th</sup> June – Mrs Bailey- Dolphins**

**18<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am -Year Two leavers assembly**

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Speak out. Stay safe.  
assembly

## NSPCC speak out stay safe

The NSPCC came to talk to the children about staying safe and ensuring that they speak out about their worries. Below is the Pants Rule which we talk to all our children about.



We are saying goodbye to **Mrs Askew** today. She has been covering Miss O'Callaghan's maternity leave. We wish Mrs Askew well and thank her for the fantastic job she has done with our Elephants! She is planning a trip to Australia in March so she will be very busy when she leaves. Good luck Mrs Askew!

We welcome back **Miss O'Callaghan** on the 26<sup>th</sup> February when she will teach alongside Mrs Chapman as part of the transition for the children.

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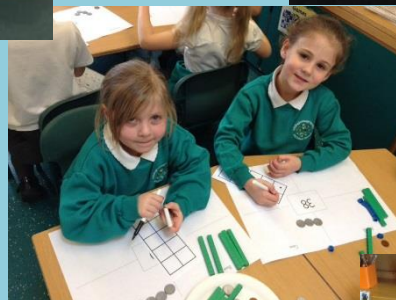


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## School News

We have had a busy half term with lots of exciting activities for the children. Here are just a few pictures of some of the skills the children have been learning. Next half term heats up even more with three special Friday in the first three weeks! March 1<sup>st</sup> Men Behaving Dadly, 8<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day celebrations and 15<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day!

Thank you for all the food bank donations. It was an amazing response!



## Allergies

We have some children in school at present who have an allergy to nuts, please can you avoid using peanut butter or other nut products for school packed lunches. Thank you - we really appreciate your support in keeping all our children safe.



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