



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School



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Dates to remember

22nd March- Chocolate Mufti day Children can wear their own clothes in return for bringing in some chocolate.

22nd March -Spring Tea – **SOLD OUT** Performances by the choir and Dance Off winners.

29th March- Short mid-term progress report to come home to Reception to Year Two parents.

29th March- Lady in your life gift shop for the children. This is a PTA event where children can choose a gift for a special lady in their life for a small cost.

29th March- Chocolate Tombola straight after school.

3rd April 3.30pm- 6.30pm Parent partnership meetings, an opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

4th April- 3.30pm-5.30pm Parent partnership meetings, an opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

Look out in book bags for the Parent partnership letters which will be coming home soon.

5th April- Reception would like to invite their parents to a coffee morning from 9am-9.45am.

5th April – Break up for the Easter holidays.

3rd May – Second spring tea for those unable to get tickets for the 22nd March. Very limited number of tickets available.

18th May- The first Irthlingborough **Colour Run**. **This is a whole community event so please support this event, invite friends, family and neighbours. All welcome.**

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**.

21st March - Miss Garrett's Class- Sloths

16th May - Mrs Hurley's Class – Monkeys

22nd May - Mrs Grocock and Mrs Matthews' Class- Tigers

13th June - Mrs Bailey's Class- Dolphins

18th July 9.15am -Year Two leavers assembly. There is very limited space for the leavers assembly. We limit this final assembly to two tickets per family.

Thank you to all those families who have supported our recent events - Men Behaving Dadly, World book Day, our Book Fair, Move and Groove workshop in Reception, Nursery Maths workshop, Bingo evening, Red Nose Day and Science Week.

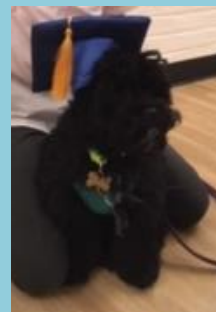
We have been very busy since our return from the Easter break with both joint school and PTA events.

The children have been looking at new learning themes across all year groups. Year Two have Atomic science coming into school on Monday, using funds raised from the loose change challenge. Thank you!

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Reading Dog in training

Star, our reading dog in training, has passed her puppy training class with flying colours! She still has a way to go before she can listen to the children's stories, but all the signs are good for her progress.



Caravan News

We are moving further forward with our caravan and one of the **Wellingborough Lions** has kindly offered to make some cushions for the benches so the children can read comfortably in the van. I have also had an artist in to see if she can turn the winning design for the outside of the caravan, drawn by one of the children last year into a reality. I'm just waiting to see if the quote is reasonable!



Red Nose Day for Comic Relief 2019

What a fantastic day with another hotly contested Great Irthlingborough Dance Off. For those of you following us on Twitter, you will have already seen some photographs of the dance off and some teachers were able to show the video of their class dance after school on Friday. There were a few technical issues however in one or two classes. If you were unable to see the video on Friday, please ask your child's class teacher and they will try and make time for this.

The dances were all amazing! You could clearly see the time and effort that had gone in to the dances and the practise the children had really paid off. Our Year Six judges were brilliant. Watch out Simon Cowell!! We also had a school performance from the famous (Well at INIS!) group "Teachers Aloud". A fitting end to a brilliant day!



Our runners up were Tiger Class, Lemur Class and Flamingo Class and this year the Glitterball went to Giraffe Class! Well done everyone - children, staff and parents for making RND 2019 lots of fun. The children also learnt about the reasons behind Comic Relief and where the money goes to.



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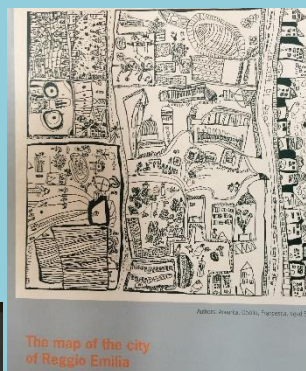
Learning adventures into a global curriculum in Italy

Mrs Marshall, Mrs Dodds and Miss Knibb along with Mrs Lloyd Williams and Miss Day from Finedon Infant School, had an amazing experience in Bologna, Italy. They were able to see the creative approaches to education in Reggio Emilia schools and visited the Loris Malaguzzi Centre for research. They worked with Italian and Swedish teachers and also a group of teachers from Croydon! Mrs Marshall and the Foundation Stage team are putting together a plan to use some of the creative approaches in our nursery and reception classes. There were some wonderful examples of drawing from very young children. All of the children we worked with were Year One or below. Please see just a few of the pictures from this amazing opportunity funded by "European Erasmus Plus".

Bologna is a culturally rich city to visit with wonderful buildings, friendly people and fantastic food. The teachers were even taught how to make authentic Italian pizzas!



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Reading is one of our main school priorities this

Help your child with

reading

I spy

Play 'I Spy' games.
Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

Get out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels... anything that is close to hand!

year. Here are some tips to help with reading at home. Reading underpins almost all the learning your child will engage with at school and effective reading will help improve many subject areas.

Book Doors



During our World Book Day celebrations, we tasked the children in each class to design and decorate their classroom door to represent a book that they enjoyed. We had fabulous entries from every class, including nursery. Mrs Marshall had the task, on her return from Italy, of judging the doors. Mr Wynn, our very hard working, site supervisor helped in the decision making.



The winners were Flamingo Class - Year Two, Lemur Class - Year One and Dolphin Class in Reception. The winning classes received a certificate, a class book and ten Golden Moments.

Here are all the doors:

Reception: Elmer from Tiger Class, The Mixed up Chameleon from Monkey Class, The Very Hungry Caterpillar from Dolphins.



Year One: Owl Babies from Elephant Class, Sloth Slept On by Sloth Class and Tiddler from Lemur Class.



Year Two: Lost and Found by Penguin Class, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory from Zebra Class, James and the Giant Peach from Flamingo Class and The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet by Giraffe Class.

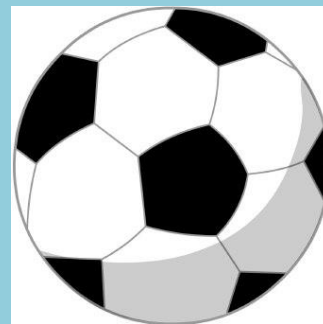


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Which door do you like best?

Can you help?

We are looking for donations of toys for the children to play with during lunchtime – if you have any dolls, cars or any other hard wearing outdoor toys in good condition, please bring them into the school office.



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