



INIS Newsletter

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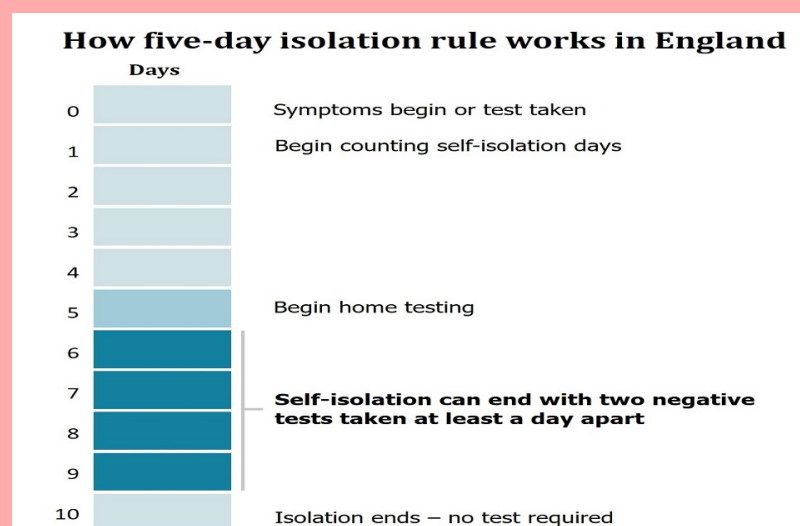
Head Teacher Update

With restrictions being lifted we have seen a higher number of cases than before Christmas. Please continue to be vigilant for covid symptoms and test your child with a PCR test if they have symptoms. If someone in the house is positive please LFD test daily to help stop the spread. Fortunately most of our children have only had mild symptoms, however this has not been the case with some members of staff who have tested positive recently. We have tried to cover classes with a consistent approach as best we can but as you can imagine this is not always easy. Teachers will inform the children who is covering the class but this does occasionally need to change at very short notice. We are pleased to have been able to keep all classes open so far!

Covid update

Please be reassured that we are working hard to keep children, staff and our community safe from infection. We have continued with additional cleaning, hand washing routines, ventilation and year group bubbles. This ensures children are still experiencing exciting school activities but as safely as we can.

Please see the diagram regarding how people can end isolation early after two negative covid LFD tests from day five.



PE Kits

Please can parents ensure that their children have their PE kits in school, After the half term break, children in Year One and Year Two will also be having an outside PE session. They will need joggers a sweatshirt and trainers or plimsolls. Teachers will send out more information.

Headlice

HELP WANTED

Please can you check your child's hair for headlice and treat if you find them. These may look like tiny eggs, flakes of skin or live headlice!

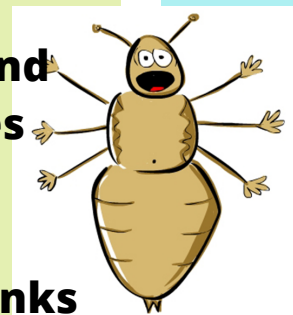
Head lice spread easily so it is really important that you treat the whole family once you find them in even just one family member.

There are three treatment options. One is to use insecticide lotion, another is silicone oil (such as dimeticone) and the third is removal by wet combing.

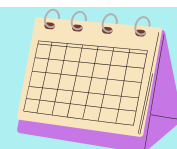
If you need a head lice comb please contact school as we have some that we can give you. Using conditioner and a headlice comb is a regular and effective way of keeping head lice away. If you check each time you wash your child's hair this will increase the chances of staying head lice free! Head lice are itchy and uncomfortable for children. If teachers see headlice in class, the office will ring and ask you to treat them.

Please look on our website for more information about treating headlice and other issues such as sleep routines and healthy eating.

<https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/parents/useful-links>



Upcoming Dates



[Click here for a full calendar of dates](#)

- 4/2/22- NSPCC Number Day- wear a numbered sports shirt, a number badge. All donations to NSPCC
- 8/2/22- Safer Internet Day
- 7-13th Feb- Children's mental health week
- 11/2/22 - Break up for half term holiday

Look out for more events in the new year on the school calendar by using the school website.



Thank you to all the children who joined in with our healthy minds, Healthy bodies promotion for school lunches last week. The children loved their Kingswood Meals and everyone received a certificate and a small ball.

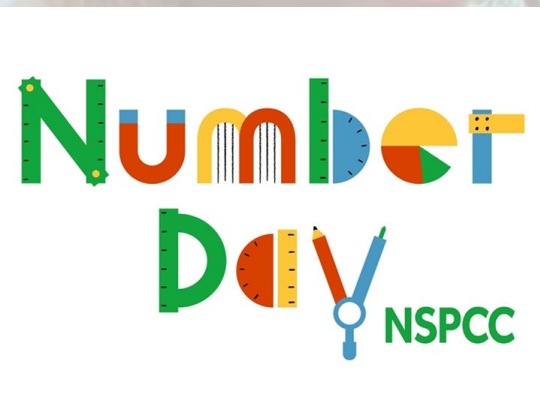
Special education needs and disabilities

We are working hard to support all our children at INIS. Some children at school will have special educational needs and parents will have seen an Individual Education Plan (IEP) which sets out small step targets for your child to work on. These targets are carefully monitored and you will be regularly up dated by the class teacher on these or by our Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENDco), Mrs Sullivan. We also work closely with Mrs Turner, who is the Special Education Needs Co-ordinator at IJS. For more information about special educational needs or to ask questions, please in the first instance contact your child's class teacher, via the class email address or look on our school website for more information. <https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/parents/special-education-needs-and-disability> You can find information about the local SEND offer on our website and our SEND information report tells parents how we organise SEND at INIS.



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NSPCC Number Day 4th February

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, top, jumper or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Safe fundraising

We've set up a Just Giving/Virgin Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/inisnumberday>. Please donate and share with friends so we can support the NSPCC or please send a donation into school to support NSPCC's work in a sealed envelope.

Maths at school

The focus of the day will be the children applying their fluency in number in lots of mathematical games and challenges. Look out on Twitter for our great Mathematicians.

Number fluency is one of our focuses this year in Maths. We are following the new 'Mastering Number' program developed by NCETM which looks at how children practice, recall and apply their key number knowledge such as subitising, cardinality, ordinality and counting, comparing numbers and the composition of numbers. If you would like more information, please look on our school website for our Early Years and Key Stage one Maths Workshop Videos. <https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/>

Your Maths challenge at home

Download the new White Rose 1 minute Maths app. How many questions can you get right in 1 minute?

White Rose 1 minute Maths app

Brand new, just released.

For use at home as well as school

Focuses on- subitising, adding and subtraction.

The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle.

Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

1. Excellent practice — and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's FREE!



Sporting Achievement

We are very proud of our Year Two cricket team, who travelled to the County Ground in Northampton and came first place, winning a Trophy, in the Key Stage One Cricket skills competition! Great work, everyone played a part and were a real credit to our school!



Competition

As part of the launch of the new app 1 minute maths app there is a competition on the White Rose Maths Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/whiterosemaths/>

White Rose Maths have lots of information to support parents. Please have a look at their website. We use lots of White Rose resources in school and they can help and support at home too. <https://whiterosemaths.com/advice-and-guidance#start>



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Safeguarding

We have a very strong safeguarding team at INIS, who are here to support all our children and families. If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding children at school or in the community, please do not hesitate to ask to talk to one of our safeguarding team by calling the main office number 01933 654900 or emailing either Alison Richardson or Carly Cummins on Alison.Richardson@iflt.org.uk or Carly.cummins@iflt.org.uk

Next week we will be looking internet safety for "Internet Safety Day" on 8th February which is obviously a large part of our safeguarding work in school. We want all our children to know how to keep themselves safe online and as parents are well aware very young children start using tablets and phones from a very early age. We will be sharing some top tips for keeping children safe online.

One of the most important things is to keep talking about what your child is doing online and to know what sites they are accessing. Sites such as YouTube are actually created for adults and children can easily swipe onto inappropriate content.

The internet is a wonderful resource but we also need to know how to keep our children safe on online.

Look out for more information next week!

Mr White - our school mentor

We have been working since September with Northampton Town Football Club. Mr White comes to work with children each week on physical, social and emotional skills. Mr White is a trained mentor, not only a physical skills coach. This enables Mr White to work with the children on team skills, resilience, confidence and positive mental health strategies. We have been very pleased with the work Mr White has done and we have now been able to employ him for a further afternoon. Mr White is running our Reception after school multi skills club and also supports with sports at lunch time when he is in. He will be working with more children on his additional afternoon. He has also started working with some of our Year Two children to be sports leaders in school.

We hope that by supporting and training our sports leaders that we will continue our recent sporting successes in Cricket and Gymnastics!



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents Need to Know about POKÉMON GO

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 7

Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures; physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

Advice for Parents & Carers

PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: UK:IGN Gaming and GAMESPOT. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work – but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

SOURCES: <https://heimdalsecurity.com/blog/is-pokemon-go-safe/>
<https://bleedingcool.com/games/pokemon-go-announces-quality-of-life-updates-for-february-2021/>

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Great work at INIS

Reception working hard with numbers

Nursery finding out all about different shapes.

Learning for Life Education Trust
Stronger together

Year Two Design and Technology work!

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the school on 01933654900, the local authority following the link [report a concern](#) or NSPCC report a concern to [NSPCC](#)



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PTA News

We have a really supportive and friendly PTA group who have already started organising events for the new term. They have a raffle sorted with over 35 brilliant prizes. The PTA are supporting school to raise funds for major new playground equipment. Please keep a look out for the next meeting date

♥ We Love our Community, Valentines Raffle ♥

We have 35 prizes with the total value of prizes exceeding a massive £780.00

They include vouchers for local restaurants, a year's membership at Stanwick Lakes, hair dressers and beauty vouchers, toiletries, a home security system, fitness classes, bottles of wine and so much more.

35 prizes = 35 Winners

£1 per ticket buy as many tickets as you want!
Raffle will be drawn on the 11th February
Good Luck Everyone!



The value of Talk

Talking with your baby or toddler can help his language and communication development. The more you talk with your baby or toddler, the better.

This is because parents who talk a lot to their young children use lots of different sounds and words. When children hear more words and lots of different words, it improves their understanding of language. It also increases the number and variety of words that they understand and use.

And it's not just about better language skills. Talking with babies helps their brains develop and can help children do better at school when they're older.

If you would like to find out more please read the article in the link below:

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20191001-the-word-gap-that-affects-how-your-babys-brain-grows>

BBC TINY
Happy
PEOPLE

TODDLER'S TALKING TOOLKIT

Talk to me about
everything I show
an interest in

Spend quality
time chatting to
me one-on-one
everyday

Get down to my
level when we talk

If I miss-say a word,
repeat it back to
me correctly

Fill in the gaps in
my sentences
when I struggle

Be consistent
with me, I'm
learning, I promise!



Golden Note

Well done! You have been rewarded a
golden note for excellent learning
behaviour!

Please tell your grown ups at home why you were given
this note.

We are also introducing
Golden Notes for great
lunch time behaviour!



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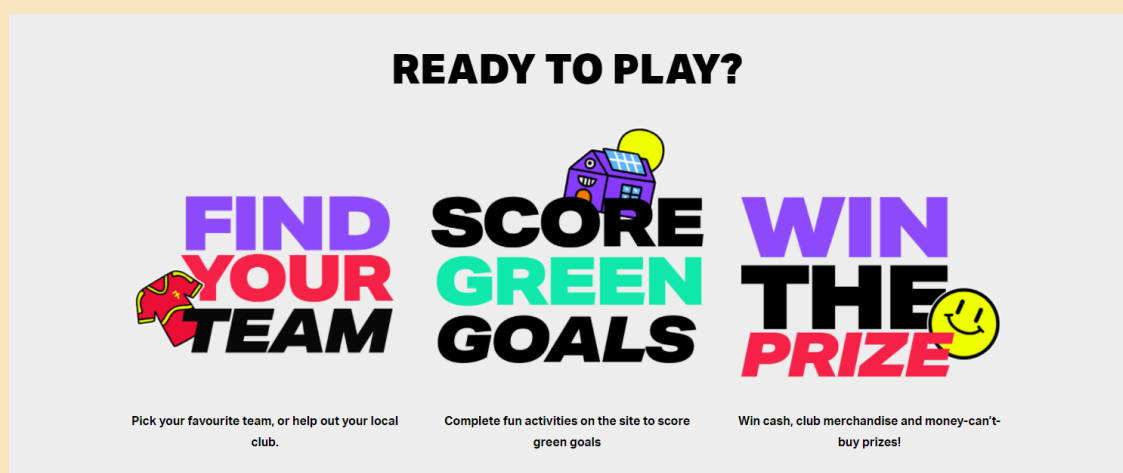
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Planet Super League

As you may have seen already, Planet Super League has begun again. It would be great if we could all get involved this time on behalf of INIS and get scoring some green goals! The message behind the competition is really important and a great way of engaging the youngest children of Irthlingborough in making positive changes to tackle climate change.

Irthlingborough Junior School are currently the reigning school champions for the number of goals scored, so we have some strong competition, but this may be helpful if we have some siblings already engaged.

- Sign up on www.planetsuperleague.com
- Enter your email address and a password
- Choose Northamptonshire Town Football Club.
- Select Northamptonshire from the search/dropdown bar
- Select Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School from the search/dropdown bar
- Choose a fun Team Name
- Start scoring green goals!



HAVE FUN AND PLAY FOR THE PLANET

Planet Super League is a place for fans of all ages to learn about climate action and do fun things to cut their emissions – whether at home, at school or at work.

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COMING SOON...

NORTHAMPTON TOWN WOMEN v LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS WOMEN

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KICK OFF 14:00
SEASON TICKET HOLDERS FREE / U18's FREE / OVER 18's £3 (ONLINE), £5 (ON DAY)

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at the Star Hall, Finedon
29th January - 5th February 2022