



INIS Newsletter

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Head Teacher Update

We had a great science week last week and made lots of exciting scientific memories with the children! We are really looking forward to **welcoming parents** into school this week and next for the parent and carers partnership meetings, in person! We know for some of you it will be the first time you have been inside your child's class due to the past Covid restrictions. Please enter school via the main door at the office. We will also be seeking your views to help our school further improve in a short questionnaire.

Science

Our Science curriculum is based around practical experiences that engage the children and also allow them to experience the awe and wonder of the world around them.

Our well-planned science curriculum allows children to know more, remember more and explain more, therefore demonstrating a secure progression across the different concepts. The use of key assessment questions within each concept allows teachers to make ongoing assessments and if needed, make relevant and appropriate changes to the planning from this. Teachers will use these weekly assessments to complete whole-school assessments each term, which are analysed by the science subject leader. The use of Collins Snap Science helps improve and support the consistency of science across the whole school, the resources children access and the children's ability to use a range of scientific vocabulary. Learning environments and discussions with children clearly highlight the progression between each year group and the skills the children achieve. The profile of science across the whole school is raised with children completing science-specific tasks at school with confidence, curiosity, and creativity.

Our science scheme ensures our children have the skills they need when they move into the Junior School and Key Stage Two.



The War in Ukraine

We are very conscious here at INIS of the terrible situation in Ukraine and the amount of disturbing images on the television. We have been open and honest with those children who have asked about the situation, in child appropriate language. We know that some children will show some worries or concerns around the situation, I've added a link that will support children having any worries, particularly around world events .

[Click here for more information](#)

We have been thinking hard as a school about helping the people of Ukraine as many have been displaced from their family homes. We have opened a Just Giving Page to the Disasters Emergency Committee which co-ordinates fifteen major charities to help get the support to the right people, in the right places and at the right time.

Please follow the link to donate to support the people in Ukraine, who until recently had lives just like you and I and now many are shattered and changed beyond belief.

[Click here to donate](#)



The children enjoyed Red Nose Day and we heard lots of wonderful jokes! Great confidence and oracy skills in delivering well timed jokes. Thank you to those children who shared with friends, in class and in assembly! Thank you for all the donations we received in school. You can still add to the Comic Relief charity on our RND Just Giving page. : [INIS RND Just Giving](#)

Upcoming Dates



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

- 22nd and 24th March - Parent Partnership meetings. Book on Arbor
- 25th March - Chocolate Mufti- wear something bright!
- 27th March - Mothering Sunday
- 31st March - Chocolate Tombola in the playground
- 1st April - Break up for the Easter holidays
- 19th April - Return to school for the Summer Term
- 25th April - SATs workshop for Year Two at 6pm
- 26th April - SATs workshop for Year Two at 9am
- **School discos - 3.15pm - 4.15pm**
- **21st April - Year Two**
- **28th April - Year One**
- **5th May - Reception**



WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING PARENTS INTO SCHOOL THIS WEEK FOR OUR PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS. IT HAS BEEN SO LONG WITHOUT SEEING YOU ALL IN PERSON!

YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YOUR CHILDREN'S WORK AND LEAVE THEM A COMMENT TO SEE THE NEXT DAY! WE REALLY VALUE YOUR THOUGHTS.



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Science week



What an exciting time we have had with Science week! The children started the week with a workshop from Atomic Tom. The children have been experimenting, hypothesising, observing and reporting. There has been a buzz in every classroom and also in nursery. The children have had lots of fun but even more importantly lots of learning. The children were able to work together and experience new things.

All our children across the school had lots of amazing experiences during science week. They were exploring, observing and having lots of fun! We even had a science club running at lunch times for KS1 children.



Sport

We were very lucky to have had a tennis taster day for the children recently. The children were able to try out their tennis skills and learn new skills. It was lovely that week to see the children in assembly receiving their certificates for using fantastic effort in the tennis sessions.

The children have enjoyed outdoor PE this term too. Please ensure that they have outdoor kits in school for Year One and Year Two children.

We will be having new sports clubs after the Easter holidays. More information to follow.



Northampton Town Football Club

We were asked by NTFC to support their 125 year birthday celebration. Our Year Two children designed and painted a wonderful banner based on World War One. Mr White, our NTFC mentor supported the children in this project. It was amazing to see the photos of our children at the celebration football match. They also proudly displayed our banner around the pitch. The school banners will be entered into a competition at NTFC but all our children who took part in any element of the match or the making of the banner are winners to us!!





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Chicken Pox

We have several cases of chicken pox at present, please be vigilant to any signs of this. Here are a few suggestions to help if your child has chicken pox.

Remember you need to let us know everyday your child is off by ringing the school office.

Do

- ✓ drink plenty of fluid (try ice lollies if your child is not drinking) to avoid dehydration
- ✓ take [paracetamol](#) to help with pain and discomfort
- ✓ cut your child's fingernails and put socks on their hands at night to stop them scratching
- ✓ use cooling creams or gels from a pharmacy
- ✓ speak to a pharmacist about using [antihistamine medicine](#) to help itching
- ✓ bathe in cool water and pat the skin dry (do not rub)
- ✓ dress in loose clothes

Don't

- ✗ do not use [ibuprofen](#) unless advised to do so by a doctor, as it may cause serious skin infections
- ✗ do not give aspirin to children under 16
- ✗ do not go near newborn babies, people who are pregnant and people with a weakened immune system, as chickenpox can be dangerous for them
- ✗ do not scratch the spots, as scratching can cause scarring

World Book Day

We had a wonderful World Book Day, with the children celebrating books and reading, sharing their favourite books and finding new ones! We want to thank all the parents who came to our book fair and used their book tokens with us. There was a lovely selection of books to really engage your child's love of reading. We will get a little bit of commission from each sale that will go back to your child as we restock our library. We gave out lots of books to our children over lockdown and now, particularly our fiction selection is looking very depleted. We again want to ensure we buy a range of quality, diverse books, encouraging children to love reading for pleasure. We will keep you informed of our next steps with the library.

Please note reading book changes are on Mondays for Year Two and Reception and Tuesdays for Year One. Please ensure that you read the books in your child's book bag daily as one read is never enough. Try and keep the books in the bag everyday to bring to school as the children need their books at various points in the week.



Scooters in School

It has been lovely to see number of children using their scooters to come to school on and exercise on their journey. However, I have noticed that particularly at the end of the day when all children are leaving at the same time, some children have been scooting on the playground and bumping into other children and adults as it is so busy. Please can you carry your child's scooter on the playground and only allow them to scoot when it is safe and there are not crowds of people, off the playground. Scooters can be parked outside of nursery, under the canopy by the wall. There is space for six scooters here, they cannot be locked so if they are left, it is completely at the parent's own risk and we will not be held accountable for any scooter that goes missing.

We do not want to stop children scooting to school when it is safe but parents need to be responsible for the safety of others and by carrying the scooters on the playground this will alleviate the problem and ensure children can still have fun on their scooters but also remain safe for everyone. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.



We need table top games, jigsaws and puzzles for our Year One children at lunch time. If you have any that your child is not using and all the pieces are there we would love them. Please give to the child's class teacher and they will ensure they get to Year One. Thank you for your help!

Covid update

We have an increasing number of Covid cases at present and this is impacting on staff and children. Please can you continue to be vigilant and take your child for a PCR if they show symptoms. We are asking children and staff not to be in school if they have Covid and to test negative on two consecutive days before returning to school. LFDs can still be ordered for free.



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PTA News

Our PTA remain very busy and successfully ran our Book Fair earlier in the month and our second hand uniform sale. Please do not buy new uniform as we still have plenty of uniform in school. Please ask at the office or email INISoffice@iflt.org.uk if you want to find out more.

We have unfortunately had to **cancel** our next **Big Irthlingborough Litter Pick**, which was advertised for **26th March** as the local council cannot support with the equipment we need or the additional rubbish collections this time. We are looking to arrange a Saturday in May so keep a look out on the school newsletters.

The **Wonderful Women**, gift shop will be open this week for the children to choose a special Mother's Day gift or a gift for a special woman in their life, if their mother is not in their lives. We want this to be an inclusive activity for all our children. Parents need to have sent a form in with the gift requests.

We have a chocolate Mufti on Friday 25th March, wear something bright and colourful in exchange for bringing in some chocolate!

Our Next Big Events are our School Discos:

- **21st April Year Two**
- **28th April Year One**
- **5th May Reception**

The discos will be straight after school so we encourage the children to come on that day in their disco clothes so they don't need to change!

If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, this is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and her deputies.

Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900

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Uniform

Thank you to those parents who have now provided an outdoor PE kit for the children in Year One and Two. Teachers plan for indoor lessons every week and outdoor lesson once a fortnight so the children need their kit in school. They can keep PE kits in school as they don't need washing after every lesson.

We have noticed that some children do not have school shoes. All children at INIS have an active curriculum so we therefore need to ensure the children have suitable footwear as well as the well thought out uniform to give the children a sense of belonging. Please remember school shoes should be plain black. We do allow trainers if they are plain black. If you have any problems with purchasing appropriate uniform do not hesitate to contact the school office. We would prefer you to buy second hand where possible as we have lots of good quality jumpers and cardigans in school. Please also ensure that children do not have over large hairbands such as cat ears or unicorns for everyday. These are fine for Mufti Days but not for everyday.

Here is the link to **Karlsport**, but most of the uniform can be bought in supermarkets or high street shops.

<https://ksschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/irthlingborough-nursery-infant-school/>

Look out for the Golden Awards that your child can achieve!

Please ask your child what they did to get their Golden Note.



Please update your child's information on the Arbor portal. If you need help just phone the office on 01933 654900.



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Being Respectful at INIS

The children have been learning all about ways to show respect everyday, with just normal day to day deeds. Our assembly themes over the next couple of weeks will continue to develop this concept of mutual respect in our children. We talk to the children about using good manners, caring for others, listening to others and ensuring that their environment is respected too so tidying up and looking after equipment, are all examples of this. If you have examples at home please share them on Twitter! Our celebration certificates over the next two weeks will focus on respect and all adults in school will be looking out for this.



School Council Update

Our School Council have chosen some kindness posters from our Kindness competition and we will be putting them up around school. The children are taking their duties very seriously and fed back information to the whole class council. We had a lovely assembly from some of the Year Six children from IJS talking to our Key Stage One children about who to talk to when they are worried after they were inspired by the work of the NSPCC. Thank you!

You are invited to join Family Learning for Free online Family Craft workshops - with all resources provided!

Special Events 2022 by Family Learning

Adult Learning

Mothers Day Weekend Workshops

Saturday 26th March
10-11.30am and 2-3.30pm

FREE online craft workshops for the whole family

Join in one or both sessions

All resources will be hand delivered before the session

Find details and enrol at northamptonshire.gov.uk/adultlearning - search term 'SE22'

Always start by being kind to yourself!