

# INIS Newsletter

Head Teacher - Mrs Marshall

## September 2022 - Issue 2 Head Teacher Update



We have had a different start to the school year with the death of the Queen after such a long rein. The children have been fantastic and have talked about their feelings but it has also evoked other feelings of sadness with loss in their own families. We have been sensitive in our approach but if you are worried about your child in any way please contact the school. I have added a focus on mental health for this newsletter as it is important for all of our community to be open about mental health.

**We welcome our nursery families to the INIS family!**

### Mental Health Team

At school we have a Mental Health Team. Mrs Marshall is the school Mental Health Lead and Mrs Parsons- Moore is a Mental Health Champion, both have had additional training for their roles. Mrs Cummins and Mrs Richardson are also part of the team and can help to signpost both children and adults to additional resources. Mrs Poole, who works in school, is a Emotional Literacy Support Assistant and has regular training to work with children on specific needs and Mrs Robinson is our Thrive Practitioner, who has again undergone further training, in how to support our children in a nurturing way, with Mental Health, Emotional and Social needs. We have also invested in two days of a Northampton Town Football Club coach. Mr Clarke, will work with many of our children with a focus on social and emotional skills, physical activities and particularly reading with our boys.

We have recently become involved with two programmes to support mental health needs in school. This is working with trained mental health clinicians through a referral system to support both children and families. We are starting Mental Health Support Team (MHST) work from this term and we will have members of the team talking with staff and out in the playground next Tuesday after school. To find out more please take one of their leaflets and have a chat about the services they can offer.

We will also be starting a programme called "Family and School Therapy" (FAST) after the December break, working with groups of parents and their children. This again will be led by trained clinicians.

I will be sharing more information with parents once these programmes start. We will also be looking at a staff, pupil and parent survey regarding mental health to help us shape which resources and support are needed in our school community.

We all have Mental Health, as we have physical health. It is equally as important to keep mentally healthy but we all know that as with physical health we can be hurt or unwell. Everyone needs support at times with their mental health as they do with physical health. Over the year we will continue to promote Mental Health and find more ways of working together.

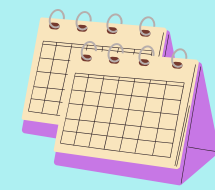
**Here are a few websites which may offer support:**

**Every Mind Matters**

**Young Minds**

**Child Line**

### Upcoming Dates



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

- **Monday 26th September 3.15pm - PTA meeting** - Please join us!! We are starting the year and would welcome more support. Please email the office if you would like to join us.  
[inisoffice@iflt.org.uk](mailto:inisoffice@iflt.org.uk)
- **Tuesday 27th September-** Mental Health Support Team (MHST)- to talk to parents in the playground at 3.10pm-3.20pm
- **Thursday 29th September** - Reception parents workshop at **9am** and repeated at **6pm**. Please book on the Arbor link.
- **Friday 30th September** - Year One Virtual workshop for the children with Julia Donaldson, the author.
- **Monday 10th October** - Year One Phonics workshop at **9am** and repeated at **6pm**.
- **Monday 10th October** - Left to their own devices workshop at IJS
- **Thursday 13th October** - Nursery workshop **9am** and **2.30pm**.
- **Tuesday 22nd November** - Year Two SATs workshop at **9am** and repeated at **6pm**.

**We Need You!**

**Check out any vacancies on our school website.** [INIS-vacancies](#)

**Twitter**

Remember to follow us on Twitter

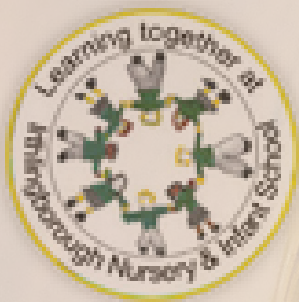
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@inisnursery @inisyear2

@inisreception @inisMrsMarshall

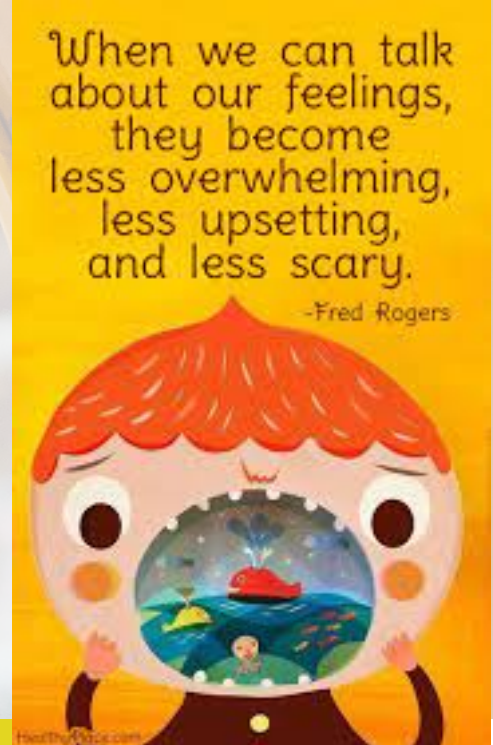
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## Parking for Fun 4 All

Please can parents park either directly outside the annex building for Fun4 All or on the bend near the Infant school. Please do not use the spaces directly opposite Fun4 All, in the mornings as these are reserved for the teachers.

## Wellington Boots

Our children in nursery are outside in our wonderful nursery garden everyday. We have a huge sand area and we encourage the children to get themselves ready to play with waterproofs and welly boots. We are a little short of wellington boots so if you have any that your child has outgrown and would like to donate them we will make very good use of them. Boots size 7 to 11 would be particularly useful. Please can you drop them off with nursery or pop them in at the office.

**Thank you**



## Naming items

Please can parents ensure that as well as naming uniform that lunch boxes and water bottles are also named. We have lots of lunch boxes and water bottles that are the same so we don't want any confusion for the children.

## Try a school lunch day!

On **Thursday the 6th October** we are having a special taster day for our wonderful Kingswood meals. The Kingswood meals are made with mostly locally sourced produce. The meals are prepared at the Junior School, so they only have a short journey to your child's table.

**Thursday the 6th October** is Roast dinner day. For many of the children this is their favourite meal. There is always a veggie option and of course if your child prefers a packed lunch they can have either a roll or sandwich.

We are finding that a hot meal in the middle of the day really aids concentration and focus in the afternoon, so why not give it a try. The meals are free, tasty and balanced for your child.

Have a look at the menu and book for **6th October**. There will be a special pencil for every child having a school meal or just trying a school meal on that day.

Kingswood do cater for allergies so feel free to phone them up and ask them how they can help. 01536 201203 <https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>

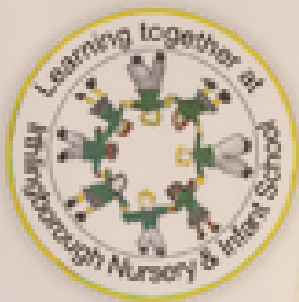


## Nut free School

**Please ensure that you do not send in sandwiches or wraps with peanut butter, Nutella or other nut products as we have children with severe nut allergies. We know that many children love nut products but please keep these for home so we can keep all children safe at school. Thank you for your understanding.**

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## The INIS PTA update

We need you to join our PTA

Our Parent/Teacher association have done an amazing job to fundraise during very difficult times. Everyone who has supported the school over the past couple of years have helped us update our main play equipment. This will lead to years of enjoyment and physical development! Thank you for all your efforts.

Our first meeting of the year is scheduled for **Monday 26th September in school at 3.15pm**. Come and help us decide on our next project to enrich your child's school life.

Please email the office if you would like to come to the next meeting. [inisoffice@iflt.org.uk](mailto:inisoffice@iflt.org.uk)



## Power up your parenting for the online generation

Parents have a vital role to play in helping their children use the internet in a way that is safe and positive. Despite this, parents can feel out of touch with their child's online world and concerned about how to protect their children from dangers.

Based on the book by Katharine Hill, *Left to Their Own Devices?* is a one-session, video-based resource to give parents an understanding of the online world that their children inhabit. It addresses challenges while giving practical tips on how to be a great parent in a world of screens.

Join us at *Left to their own devices?* where we'll explore:

- The advantages of the online world
- The challenge of time and money
- The challenge of gaming
- Conduct, content and contact
- The challenge of pornography
- Practical ideas
- Passing on your wisdom and values

Spend time with other parents discussing practical ideas and experiences



If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen. Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence call 01933 654900.



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Parsons- Moore



Mrs Luke



Mrs Cummins



Mrs Richardson

Syed Shah is our Governor for safeguarding and Penny Reading is the Trust safeguarding lead.

Hope for Families will be delivering their **"Left To Their Own Devices"**, workshop at **Irthlingborough Junior School at 1.15pm-3.15pm on Monday 10th October.**

This course is suitable for all parents, however old your child is.

Our Digital leaders will be speaking to open this workshop! For our children the online world is what they know from a very early age!





## Behaviour

We have had a lovely calm start to our new school year. The children are beginning to learn our new behaviour curriculum. We have been celebrating "Being ready to learn", over the last two weeks. We have seen our children actively showing they are listening to their teachers and each other, by tracking the speaker, keeping their hands together in their laps, asking and answering questions and sharing with their teachers the knowledge they are learning.

Each week there is a whole school focus on a particular part of our behaviour expectations. This week everyone has been stopping outside when they hear the school bell and moving round their classrooms in a safe and calm way. I think we will have lots of children receiving "Ready to Learn" certificates on Friday as teachers have been so impressed with how even, our youngest children have settled.

## Clubs

We have started a number of clubs this term for Year One and Year Two children. We have a multi skills club on a Monday after school, a sewing club on a Tuesday, a dance club on Wednesday and Artminds club on a Thursday. We have choir starting on Monday and I think we still have a few spaces there and we have a gardening club coming soon.

After half term we will have a sports club just for Reception. We wanted to ensure our Reception children were settled and secure at school. We know that at this time of year they get very tired by the end of the day.

On a Thursday afternoon we also run our specialist music sessions. Children have the opportunity to join a Rock Steady Band. They can sing, learn to play drums, keyboard or the guitar, in a friendly, sociable band situation. Please contact Rock Steady for more details.  
[Rock Steady Band information.](#)



## Your child could benefit from a £100 voucher!

You could be eligible for a £100\* pupil premium voucher to use towards things such as uniform, clubs, books, and snack (see the list below).

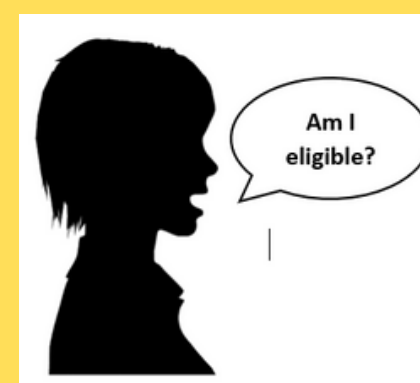


We are given additional money, called the Pupil Premium Grant, by the Government to support pupils who are, or have been, eligible for this grant. This is for pupils of all abilities to help them to reach their full potential. These funds are used in school to help your child.

This is different to the free school meals that all Reception, Year One and Year Two children get.

We are offering Parents/Carers of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium a voucher of £100\*

If you need any support with this, please contact the school office, we will be happy to help and all is dealt with confidentially.

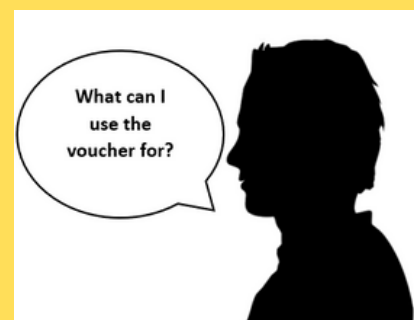


If you are receiving **any one of the awards** listed below then you are eligible for the pupil premium grant:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit

The voucher **can be used to pay for:**

- Trips and visits
- Payment for clubs
- Uniform such as a new sweatshirts/cardigans or PE T-shirts (£30 maximum).
- Books from the [school book fair](#) (maximum £20).
- School milk (if your child is over 5 years of age).
- School photographs (maximum £20)
- Snack



**Apply now for Pupil Premium- this could help support your child!**

**<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>**

Promise me you'll always remember:  
you're braver than you believe,  
and stronger than you seem,  
and smarter than you think.



Christopher Robin

**Welcome to our nursery families, who have recently started!**

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# Planet Super League is returning!!

Let's start thinking about our planet and ways of reducing the impact of global warming. There are lots of child and family friendly challenges, in Planet League.

When you sign up, please sign up for Northampton Town Football Club and Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School and in that way all our points go to the same place. We could have the possibility of winning a cash prize for the school. IJS have previously been winners! Watch their YouTube video below. Families can earn weekly prizes from Planet League for completing certain challenges which have previously been in the form of Amazon vouchers.

The Community Trust will also be giving out weekly prizes to the highest scoring family in Northamptonshire ranging from kit, tickets, player visits and also visits from Clarence the Dragon.

Finally, we will be hosting a Sustainability Green Day at the stadium for the fixture vs Newport County on Saturday 29th October where there will be lots of activities for our fans to engage in around sustainability, meet local organisations sharing information on the local communities impact on climate change reduction. We will also be presenting the previous school winners Stanwick Primary on the pitch before the game to inspire our fans, children and schools to be the next winners. Further information about the game and event will be sent out shortly.

Sign up so you are ready for action! **Planet League**

## GO GREEN FOR YOUR TEAM

**THE PLANET LEAGUE CUP**

The Planet League Cup kicks off on 10 October with over 70 professional football clubs and hundreds of schools taking part. Sign up, take action and help your team and school win the trophy!

### HOW TO PLAY



Sign up and play for your club and school



Take green actions to score goals for your club & school



Every goal helps you climb the league table



Win amazing prizes for the impact you have

### OVER 50 WAYS TO SCORE



CLEAN PITCH



LEG POWER



BUG STADIUM

### KICK-OFF: 10/10/22, FOR 5 WEEKS



**SIGN UP FREE TODAY AT [PLANETLEAGUE.CO.UK](https://planetleague.co.uk)**

