

# INIS Newsletter

**December 2022 - Issue 6**      **Head Teacher Update**      **Head Teacher - Mrs Marshall**

We are starting to feel Christmassy! We had a visit from Father Christmas last week! The PTA have done an amazing job ensuring that the children had lots of fun. We have our Grown Up gift shop coming up next so please get your orders in so the Elves can get busy! You may see some **Elves in school this Friday** as the staff are having an Elf day to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. This is a charity close to a number of staff and parents hearts as they have been impacted by this disease in some way or another. If you would like to donate, please follow the link. [INIS helping Alzheimer's Society](#). All donations go directly to the charity.



## Big Draw

Last week was our anti-bullying week and as part of the week, we focused on differences. We started simply with the odd socks and discussions about it being ok to be different. Everyone had different socks on that day. The children then went away and talked about how they were the same and different to others, with how they looked, what they liked, what they were good at and even what their families were like. We are all different! Our Big Draw project this year has been portraits to support with celebrating differences, as well as improving the children's drawing skills. The children across the whole school have worked on self portraits. Some children have worked directly on realistic portraits and others have worked on portraits in the style of an artist. Year One have created some amazing portraits in the style of the artist Paul Klee. We are hoping to display the work in the main hall and in classrooms.

We will be finding out the winners of our two poster competitions soon. We had a design for a "Dream ECO House" and an "Eco poster". We had lots of great ideas about saving electricity, caring for our environment and recycling! There were entries from all four Trust schools so we are waiting to hear if we have any winners from INIS. I know I was impressed by the ones I saw which came into the office. The winning Eco posters will be made into posters for the schools.



We have been talking a lot about the environment in school and one of our children has suggested we use emails for certificates. However we know the children love handling a certificate so we have decided to make the certificates smaller! Great idea Aria!

## Upcoming Dates



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

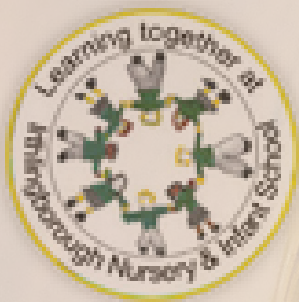
- **Friday 2nd December**- Elephant and Penguin- Golden Moments
- **Thursday 8th December** - Christmas Jumper Day!
- **Monday 12th December 2pm** - Monkey class- Christmas singing for Parents
- **Monday 12th December 2.45pm**- Leopard Class Christmas singing for parents
- **Tuesday 13th December- 9.15am and 2.30pm** Year Two Winter singing concert for parents
- **Wednesday 14th December -9.30am** - Lemur Class -Christmas singing for parents
- **Thursday 15th December**- Christmas lunch day- book early at **Kingswood**
- **Thursday 15th December - 2.45pm** Year One parents share a Christmas book with their child
- **Thursday 15th December** - Rocksteady Concert for Parents 2.15pm
- **Friday 16th December- Mufti day**- Donations towards our school library fund- Break up for Christmas holidays
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**Year one** will not be doing a singing concert at Christmas this year but will share Spring Celebrations with parents next term.



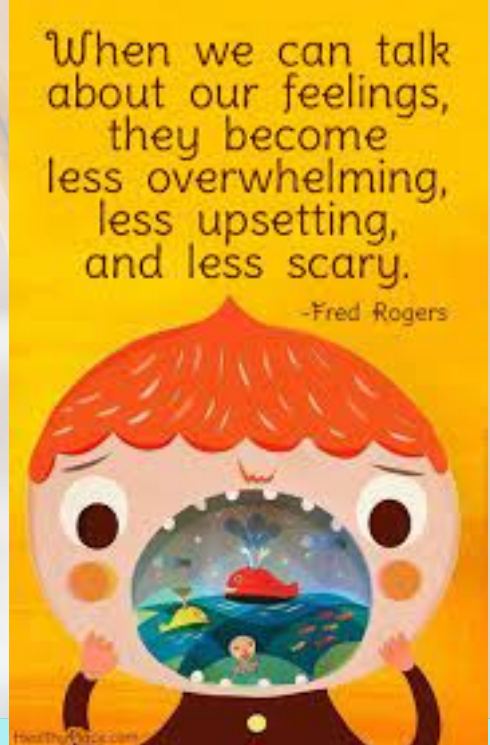
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## School Improvement Plan

Each year we set a school improvement plan on the things we have seen could improve further to support our children at INIS. This year we are looking in particular to develop oracy and our children's ability to communicate their knowledge and learning. The teachers have already had training from an external oracy expert to develop their skills in this vital area.

We have focused on the key skill of reading, to encourage our children to be fluent, enthusiastic and capable readers. Our children make great progress in reading, however we want to ensure that they develop that love of books and importantly fluency and confidence. This will allow them access to so many opportunities for learning. We have focused on a couple of areas in the curriculum where we have had new resources to focus our teaching, such as in history, geography and PE. Our subject leaders are carefully monitoring the teaching and learning to ensure all our children can have the very best outcomes. In Nursery and Reception our additional focus is fine motor skills, to help with writing and drawing for the future.

We have continued our work on mental health and wellbeing for our children as this is vital to develop positive relationships, strong self esteems and positive attitudes to the diverse world in which we all live. For more information about our curriculum please look at the knowledge planners on the website, which clearly sets out the main areas of knowledge for each year group.

[Click here to find out more about our curriculum at INIS](#) . This link will take you to the website, which details all curriculum areas and helps with the phonic pronunciation, which several parents have asked for.

Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School Improvement Plan Overview 2022- 2023	
<b>Area 1</b> 	<b>To develop children's thinking and speaking skills through oracy delivery across the school.</b>
	<b>To improve outcomes in phonics and early reading</b>
	<b>To ensure sequential knowledge is taught well in history and geography, ensuring children know and remember more.</b>
	<b>To ensure sequential knowledge and skills are taught well in PE, ensuring children know and demonstrate more.</b>
<b>Area 2</b> 	<b>Behaviour and Attitudes</b> <b>To introduce a behaviour curriculum which is taught and understood by the whole school community leading to exemplary learning behaviour across the school.</b>
<b>Area 3</b> 	<b>Personal Development</b> <b>To develop opportunities to further support mental health and <u>well being</u> in school.</b>
<b>Area 4</b> 	<b>Leadership and Management</b> <b>To improve outcomes for our children across the curriculum with each subject leader ensuring that they monitor, support and develop the curriculum for our children.</b>
<b>Area 5</b> 	<b>The Quality of the Early Years Education</b> <b>To improve fine motor skills in preparation for writing across the curriculum.</b>

**We have a new digital prospectus on our website please check it out! New digital prospectus is here!**

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## PTA news

- PTA Chair:** Mrs Dawn Nsubuga  
**PTA Vice Chair:** Mrs Sabrina Johnson  
**PTA Treasurer:** Mrs Rebecca Courcoux  
**PTA Secretary:** Mrs Lisa McDougall

The visits to Father Christmas were really successful. The team worked really hard and were so grateful for the help of other parents. The Grotto and library looked amazing with so many decorations. The children were all so excited to see Santa in their classrooms and in nursery! The Christmas gift shop is coming soon, so ensure you have your orders in as the elves are busy getting things ready! The children choose the gifts themselves from the shop but we make sure that the presents are of equal value. This has been a very popular event over the past few years. Our PTA are raising funds for a new library and more quality books, in school.

### Look out for PTA events!



Thank you to all those parents who donated advent calendars. They have been delivered to children in need, across East Northants. We had a very large donation from one family which was very generous. Thank you for making children smile!

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 Parsons- Moore



Mrs Cummins



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Luke



Mrs Richardson

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

## FANTASTIC COMMUNITY EVENT!

### CHRISTMAS DAY BREAKFAST (FREE!)

*College St Centre, Itthlingborough, NN9 5TU*

DECEMBER 25TH  
8.30-10AM

EVERYONE WELCOME  
FREE HOT FOOD AND DRINKS  
FRIENDLY COMPANY

07722843821 FOR MORE INFO





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## December 2022 - Issue 6 Emails to staff

We are happy for you to email staff via the class email, but remember if your concern or conversation is urgent then please phone the office so you can arrange to discuss something with the class teacher. Teachers have preparation and planning to do before and after school and will not read emails late at night. You must inform the office either by phone call or email if your child will be absent. **Do not use the class emails for informing school about absences, as they will not be picked up in time.** Thank you for your consideration, as we are happy to help but also have a lot of emails which need to be managed.



We had the Police and the Town Council looking at the parking situation around school, after a number of complaints from local residents. We were horrified by the number of careless drivers coming up Scarborough Street and many near misses were spotted. There were cars parked on double yellow lines and parking so poor that wheel chair users and parents with prams couldn't cross the road to get into school. Please park in the town car park and walk at least part way to keep everyone safe.



Thank you INIS and IJS choir, your singing was wonderful at the remembrance service.

## Amazon wish list

As Christmas is coming teachers often receive presents from parents which is lovely, however what teachers would really enjoy are high quality books that they can use in school to teach our broad and exciting curriculum. We are creating an Amazon wish list. If you were thinking of a gift for your child's teacher please consider you and your child choosing a book, writing a gift note on Amazon and then sending it directly to school. Teachers will read the messages and share the chosen books with the class before the books are put in project packs to enhance the children's reading and access to high quality books. Last year we had a focus on well being and mindfulness to support our children in school. We are still using these books and they have been very useful. We will send a link out soon. This year we would like to focus on class story packs.







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## Sensory Path

We have started adding a sensory path on the area near the rainbow gate at the back of the school playground. We have had the amazing help and support from **Huws Gray. Huws Gray** have donated the materials and one of their employees have designed and fitted the path. We are having a seat fitted, a gravel area and I'm hoping that gardening club will design and plant some large pots. We are looking for bulbs to be planted for spring and fragrant plants such as lavender or mint for next year. We are very grateful for the hard work of Mr and Mrs Johnson on this project. It will be a wonderful resource.

Our gardening club will also help maintain the pots, through the seasons.

**ProGoals Football Coaching**  
**WINTER WORLD CUP FUN XMAS FOOTBALL TRAINING CAMP**  
PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN TO PLAY, LEARN AND LOVE THE BEAUTIFUL GAME  
£20 per day / £80 for 1 week  
FROM 9AM - 3PM  
MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER - FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER  
VENUES: NORTHAMPTON, WELLINGBOROUGH, KETTERING  
TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO: [www.pro-sports.co.uk/holiday-camp](http://www.pro-sports.co.uk/holiday-camp)

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
Includes breakfast, meet with santa and a present for every child  
THE LEATHER BOTTLE IRLTLINGBOROUGH  
SATURDAY 10th | 17th | 24th DECEMBER  
ONLY £10 PER CHILD

**PR SPORTSCOACHING**  
**FESTIVAL OF SPORT**  
HAF FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE  
LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES OFFERED EACH DAY INCLUDING:  
ARCHERY • DANCE • BOCCIA • TABLE TENNIS  
FOOTBALL • DODGEBALL • GOLF • HOCKEY  
TENNIS • GYMNASICS  
DBS CHECKED, QUALIFIED EXPERIENCED COACHES  
5-14 YEAR OLDS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME  
IRLTLINGBOROUGH YELDEN & BURTON LATIMER  
19TH - 21ST DECEMBER  
10AM - 3PM



Look out for Irlthlingborough Nursery and Infant School on **Amazon Smile**- you can earn money every time you order from Amazon, which comes straight to the PTA, and you still get the bargains! [Click here to sign up](https://www.amazon.co.uk/holiday-camp)

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