

Issue 13 May 2019

Dates to remember

3rd May – Second Spring Tea – SOLD OUT. This is also **Bag 2 School** day so please have a sort out of old clothes etc and bring into school for Friday morning.

9th May 9am- **NSPCC parent workshop on internet safety**. Important information will be shared. This workshop will be held in the Junior school hall.

Homework return dates: 17th May, June 7th, June 21st, July 12th. We look forward to sharing the homework with you!

Advanced notice

Week beginning 24th June- Arts week

28th June- Arts week final parade from 2.30pm and then our PTA Summer Fair.

10th July- Open evening 3.15pm- 5pm

Class Assemblies

All class assemblies start at 9:05am in the main hall. Please wait outside the hall door.

16th May- Mrs Hurley – Monkeys

22nd May -Mrs Grocock and Mrs Matthews- Tigers

13th June – Mrs Bailey- 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.**

Parent reading sessions will be **24th May, 12th June, 10th July**. These sessions will run from 8.50am until 9.20am. Please come and join your child in Reception, Year One or Year Two and read together. You can read with all siblings if you have more than one child in school.

18th May- Colour Run has been **cancelled** due to low take up of places. We will maybe try this again next year.

Beat the Street

We are coming to the end of this amazing game. There is still time to play and gain more points for our school. The children have been very enthusiastic about this! Well done **Flamingo Class** for winning the Beat the Street Decorate The Box competition. Our local box looks fierce!

Here are some stats:

The school was allocated 380 fobs and so far you have used 192 fobs, which works out at 50.53% of fobs in use. Total swipes for the fobs is 2714 and total points for the fobs is 13890.

The school was allocated 410 cards and so far you have used 118 cards which works out at 28.78% of cards in use. Total swipes for the cards is 1799 and total points for the cards is 9820.

To increase your position on the leader boards a simple 10% increase in the usage of cards or fobs can go a long way. This can be as simple as some parents forgetting to register their cards - without them registering their cards their points won't be going to your team. **Well done and keep up all the hard work!**



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Caravan News

We are moving further forward with our caravan and we are very excited that we now have the cushions made and the flooring has been fitted. The books will be going in next week. We will be using books from our inside library and then we will be looking to re stock the indoor library with new books. We are hoping to create an Amazon wish list for those parents who wish to donate a book can do so and have the family name on a sticker in the book.

Thank you

This has been a real community effort and I just want to thank the local support we have had!

First of all to the Tero family for donating the caravan in the first place and giving us the opportunity to develop our Book Nook for our school community.

Thank you to our PTA who have worked (and still are) tirelessly, to raise funds for this project, which hasn't been as straight forward as we would have liked.

Thank you to every parent who donated to a cake sale, a mufti day or a tombola as you have all supported this project!

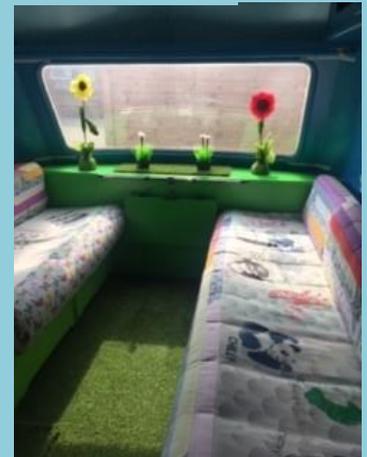
We have to thank the amazing Cox's Painters and Decorators. They gave us a very reasonable price to paint the inside of the caravan and we had Poppy's Granddad who painted the outside of the caravan from the design we originally chose last year.

Headlands Carpets have been very supportive and have fitted the wonderful artificial grass, to give the "outside on the inside" feel to the caravan, which is just what we wanted. This was donated free of charge by Headlands Carpets to support their local community.

Ash, our carpenter from First Choice Joinery, who is also an Irthlingborough trades person, has made an excellent job of the bespoke shelving for the Book Nook.

Carvells, a local fencing company, completed the decking and fencing to a high standard too.

We can't wait for the children to start using this! It has been a long journey but we still have further plans to develop the areas next to the caravan with some artificial grass, colourful benches and maybe a feature chair.



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Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

The PTA organised a lovely competition over the Easter break and invited children and parents to work together to design and make some Peg People. I had a very difficult task to judge the entries as they were all amazing. I chose a winner from each class. The winners had prizes to take home and I hope to display as many as possible in school.

Well done everyone who entered. The standard was very high! There is certainly a lot of creativity in Irthlingborough!

Here are some of the winning Peg People:



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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Developing vocabulary

Developing vocabulary is something we realise is vital for our children's learning. To this end, the teachers have had further training on encouraging the use of new and adventurous language. This will help our children to understand what they read, become better writers and to understand ideas in different subjects.

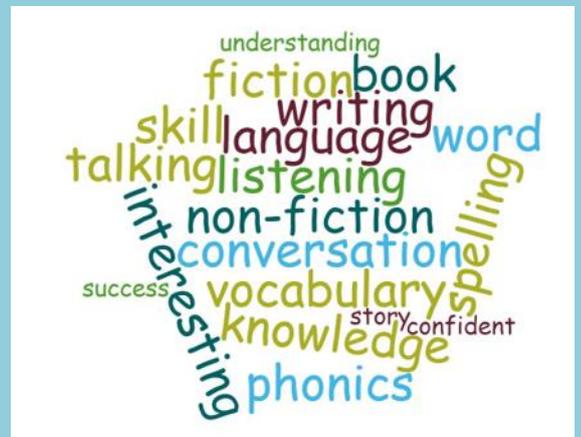
Here is some advice from the Reading Rockets website about how you can support at home. (<http://www.readingrockets.org/>)

When introducing new words to your young learner, keep the following four helpful hints in mind:

1. First, provide a simple, child-friendly definition for the new word: Enormous means that something is really, really big.
2. Second, provide a simple, child-friendly example that makes sense within their daily life: Remember that really big watermelon we got at the shop? That was an enormous watermelon!
3. Third, encourage your child to develop their own example: What enormous thing can you think of? Can you think of something really big that you saw today? That's right! The bulldozer near the park was enormous! Those tyres were huge.
4. Last, keep your new words active within your house. Over the next few days and weeks, take advantage of opportunities to use each new vocabulary word in conversation. Take the time to share new words and build your child's vocabulary. You'll be enormously glad you did!

Look out for the vocabulary ideas for each year group and for vocabulary Tweets! @INISNursery, @INISReception, @INISYear1, @INISYear2

If you have any questions regarding developing your child's vocabulary please contact your child's teacher who can share the benefits for all abilities to develop a strong understanding of vocabulary. This is part of the teachers' on-going training this year to improve the skills and knowledge of all our children.



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A number of our children have access to the Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds programmes – these can be used at home and school and are beneficial in supporting your child to practice and make progress with key reading and maths skills.

All of our children eligible for the Pupil Premium scheme have had details sent home about how to access these online programmes, as well as many other children across school with additional needs or those needing some extra support with their learning. We pay a school subscription for Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds so it is really important that we are using them as much as possible – please speak to your child’s teacher or contact Miss Chapman if you are unsure of your child’s log in details or you think your child may benefit from using these programmes at home.

Learning adventures into a global curriculum in Iceland

In March, Mrs Hall travelled to Iceland with Miss Pettitt from Finedon Infant School to learn about how the Icelandic system manages provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs. They were fortunate enough to be able to visit three different schools and meet pupils and staff working in a range of settings. They learnt that the system in place for SEND pupils is very similar to ours in the UK but bought back some new ideas to explore in our schools.



In Iceland, all children attend preschool at two years old and enter formal schooling at seven. The schools place a great emphasis on values and have six core values at the heart of every school’s curriculum. These values are literacy, democracy and human rights, sustainability, equality, health and welfare and creativity.

Even the youngest of children were able to dress independently to play outside in the snow, wind and rain and were all prepared with snow suits, hats, gloves and wellies. Luckily Mrs Hall and Miss Pettitt had gone prepared for this weather too!



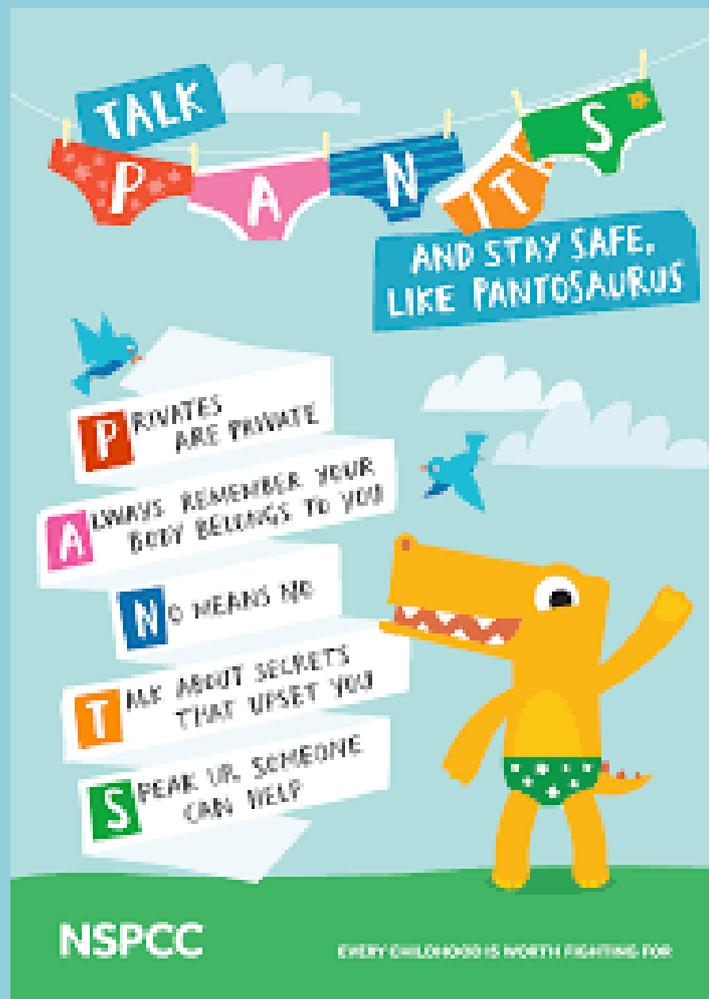
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NSPCC

At school we use NSPCC materials from the Pants Campaign in conjunction with our Protective Behaviours programme. The materials are specifically designed to be used with children from the age of four. The messages are reassuring and practical, ensuring all children have the language they need to stay safe.

For more information please see the NSPCC parent guide or speak to your child's class teacher.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>



The NSPCC will be delivering an Online safety workshop on the **9th May at 9am**. This is for all parents across each site and will be held in the Junior School hall. I look forward to seeing you there. This will be an important workshop for parents of any age child, as the children often know more than their parents! Book a place by emailing or phoning the school office. INISoffice@iflt.org.uk

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Online workshop

Will you join us and help keep all children safe online?

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. Together, they're offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about their online lives.

Online safety workshops for parents

As part of this, they're running free **online safety workshops for parents and carers** and will be hosting one at **Irthlingborough Junior School** at **9:00am** on **the 9th May 2019**. We would like to invite all parents and carers to join us.

The hour-long workshop will help parents and carers understand their child's online world and build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Please email or phone Mrs Hennessey in our office at INISoffice@iflt.org.uk to book your place.

Until then, if you need any support or guidance, check out our [website pages](#) and [step-by step guides online](#), call the **O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline** on **0808 800 5002**, or pop into your local O2 store for help from a Guru.



stay safe online
Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the Internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Find out more at Childnet's website ...

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Recycling

Sophie, in Flamingo Class, would like to start a crisp recycling scheme in school. Sophie wrote a letter to Mrs Marshall telling her all about how new technologies can now recycle crisp packets. The children in Year Two have been learning all about recycling, particularly plastics and found out that some things are difficult to recycle. Sophie convinced Mrs Marshall that we should give it a go. Mr Wynn has sourced a new bin and Sophie designed and made this poster so we are ready to start after the May bank holiday. So please start saving your crisp packets! It is a scheme run by Walkers crisps but can be any make of crisp packet.



Why not come and join in with a great local community event, organised by I-Grow. You will see some friendly faces at the PTA store as we are running the lucky dip! Let's hope the sun shines but rain or shine it will be a fun local event!

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