

Newsletter

14th October 2020



WELCOME

Week 5 of the Irthlingborough Junior School Newsletter...

NEWSLETTERS

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ATTENDANCE

Since the return from the summer holidays our attendance has been **96.9%** which is above the national average.



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We have new team captains! Last week, our year 6 children put themselves forward for the roles of Team Captain and Vice-Captain.

The children had to write a short speech about why they would make a good team captain, share it in front of their team mates and then the teams voted.

Well done to all the children who took part and congratulations to the winners.

Our four teams are named after Olympians this year –

Reds – Farrah

Green - Summers

Yellow – Panter

Blue - Daley

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

Please see below upcoming dates. A full calendar of events can be found on our [website](#):



Harvest delivery to Food Bank	21st October
PTA AGM via Zoom	22 nd October
Autumn report home	19 th October
End of Term	23rd October

Training Day	2 nd November
School Term Starts	3 rd November
Children In Need – Save the date	13 th November
Flu Immunisation	1 st December

AUTUMN TERM REPORT

On Monday 19th October, you will receive a written report from your child's class teacher about how your child has settled into their new class. The report will contain information about attitudes to learning, effort and behaviour. There is also a comment from class teachers about strength and targets for learning. This replaces the usual autumn term parent evening. Class emails will be open from the 19th – 23rd October for you to book a telephone conversation with class teacher if you wish.



ART CURRICULUM

This year we have started our new art curriculum and the early results are pretty impressive (left – before and after!).

We're building on the excellent work being done at the infant school. Our curriculum has 4 broad themes of study – nature, people, architecture and objects.

Across each term, children will be drawing, painting and sculpture.

DEFORESTATION PROJECT – YEAR 5

Last week, Year 5's writing unit was based on the arguments for and against the development of rain forests.

The children researched the debate, took a stance and then wrote a persuasive argument based on their research.

Some of the speeches can be seen on the @year5ijs twitter feed.



Year5IJS @Year5IJS · Oct 8

Year 5 have been looking at deforestation this Week. We held a class debate to look at arguments for and against it. Here are some of 5TL's arguments. The children have asked us to put the final vote to Twitter. @MrGarley @Year4IJS @Year6IJS @year3ijs @LfLET_CEO



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Applying for a Year 7 place in Secondary School for September 2021

Closing date for applications is 5pm 31st October 2020. Please do not assume that children automatically move to Huxlow. You have to apply for all secondary school places. Any information we receive from secondary schools, we will pass onto you through online communication or send home via Year 6 children.

We would always recommend that you engage in any virtual tours of schools or virtual open evenings to gain a better understanding of what each secondary school is offering.

If you require any help filling in forms or advice about secondary school places, please contact Lesley or Carly via the school office on 01933 654921.

Hallowe'en – Notice from the police

Key Messages

- Our advice is for parents is to steer away from taking part in the traditional form of trick-or-treating. It is vital that people from different households mix as little as possible in order to stop the spread of coronavirus.
- For many children dressing up and going out with friends and family trick-or-treating is a highlight of their year and we understand not being able to do this will be upsetting for them, especially when they've already had such a tough 2020.
- An alternative approach suggested for parents which the Force endorses, draws on the rainbow challenge which proved so popular in the spring. People who want to be involved in Halloween can display pumpkins (unlit), or pictures in their windows in the run-up to October 31. Then parents/guardians can go out with their dressed-up children and try to find them. We are aware that many local towns and villages in the county are organising similar "Halloween Trails", and this would make a great Halloween themed activity during half term.
- A number of pumpkin posters for children to colour in will be available to download and print from our website.
- We urge parents of older children to talk to them about why it's advised they don't take part in trick-or-treating this year and to respect people's decision not to take part. Anti-social behaviour is not acceptable and additional police patrols will be taking place during the Halloween period.



SAFEGUARDING

We take our Safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. [For more information visit our website.](#) If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of these people as follows:

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