

Newsletter

7th October 2020



Irthlingborough
Junior School

WELCOME

Week 4 of the Irthlingborough Junior School Newsletter.

Online Safety – Free Parent Training Course!

We're delighted to share with you the offer of a free online safety course run by The National Online Safety organisation who have teamed up with Mylene Klass to present the course.

The course is free and can be found here - <https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/free-parents-course>

The aims of the course are as follows –

- > Understand how younger children are introduced to the online world.
- > Identify the most popular apps for this age group.
- > Understand the risks around On-Demand and video apps, and steps parents can take to tackle them.

We teach units on online safety in school but the greatest risk to children is at home so the more you as parents know about online threats, the safer your children will be.

Reading and Phonics

Reading is our key development priority this year. Last year we worked as a staff team on improving children's understanding of the books they read by developing how we teach comprehension in school. In our Ofsted inspection last January, they agreed with us that our next big thing in school is phonics. During lockdown, we worked on developing a phonics curriculum that built on the work of the infant school. Every day, children are spending 30 minutes in every year group working on phonics. For year 3 and 4 this is letters and sounds and pure reading skills. By the time children get to years 5 and 6, they are being taught phonics but more to improve their spelling skills.

Important Dates for your Diary

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

Harvest delivery to the Food Bank	21 st October
PTA AGM at 1.30pm	22 nd October
End of Term	23rd October
Training Day	2nd November

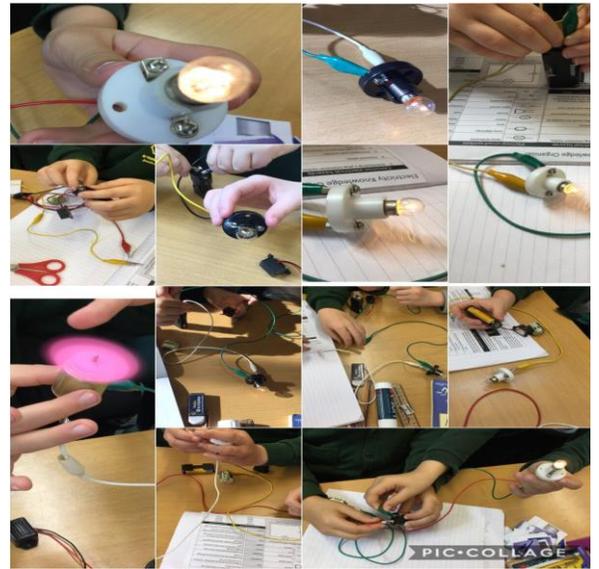
School Term Starts	3rd November
Children In need – Save the Date	13th November
Flu Immunisation	1 st December

Science Weeks

We love teaching science at IJS. So much in fact that we spend a whole week focusing on science and then build our writing and maths around the subject during the week.

This week year 4 have had their science week and looked at electricity. Children have looked at how circuits work, drawn circuits and then experimented with building circuits with electrical components.

Today the children have begun designing a board game based on the old favourite, Operation!



Improving the town environment

Today children from Year 6 had the opportunity to go out into the town to brighten up the environment.

They were invited by the Flower Company Irthlingborough to plant seasonal shrubs on the green at the top of Victoria Street.

The children were accompanied by Mrs Meekings and Mrs Powell.



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Donations for the Food Bank

Following on from last week's request for donations for Irthlingborough Food Bank, here are some suggestions that they find very helpful.

- Hot dogs
- Spaghetti hoops
- Corned beef
- Spam
- Fray Bentos pies
- Potatoes
- Veg but not peas
- Cooking oil
- Jam
- Fruit



Parents' Evening Reminder

We are writing a one-page report for each child for the autumn term parents' evening. The report will include information about academic attainment, attendance and a written paragraph about how well your child has settled back into school.

On the report will be a tick box for you to indicate whether you would like a telephone conversation about the report.

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:

Name & Safeguarding role	Phone number	Email address
Joanne Meekings (Designated Safeguarding Lead)	01933 654921	jo.meekings@iflt.org.uk
Nick Garley (Designated Safeguarding Deputy)	01933 654921	head@irthlingborough-jun.northants-ecl.gov.uk
Lesley Colquhoun (Designated Safeguarding Deputy)	01933 654921	lesley.colquhoun@iflt.org.uk
Carly Cummins (Designated Safeguarding Deputy)	01933 654921	carly.cummins@iflt.org.uk

Reminder - October half term Fun4All

We are delighted to announce that we are running the Fun4All after school club during October half term. This will be a holiday club for the whole of the half term week including the training day on Monday 2nd November, running from 8:30am until 5:30pm. The cost will be £20 per day.

We are offering up to 30 places to families who use the Fun4All club during term time and if there are any spaces left, these will be offered to the rest of the school community.

The club is led by Miss Roche and during the week, Mr Baldwin our Sports Coach will be running games and sport sessions.

Please email Georgia.Roche@iflt.org.uk if you are interested.

Parent Governors

Would you like to become more involved in the life of Irthlingborough Junior School?

We are looking for a parent governor who is committed to working with the staff, Trust and children to help improve our school community.

If you are interested, we will be sending out information in the near future to inform you about how to apply for the position.

To apply for the position, you have to write a short piece about yourself and why you think you would be a good governor for the school.

We hope to hold our parent governor election before the end of this term.

Missing Library Books

Please could you have a look at home for any library books that were taken home last year, we seem to be missing a few. If you have children currently in year 7 that took a book home, please could you send it in with a younger sibling if possible.



School Photos

If you would like the school to send off your school photo order these need to be handed into school by Wednesday 21st October so that we can send them off before half term.