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Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful at IKB this term with brighter, sunshine filled days as we move through spring and with summer on the horizon. Our children and staff have seized even more learning opportunities to demonstrate how highly we value outdoor learning alongside our classroom based learning, both in our reception class as well as in our IKB Bright Sparks nursery.



At IKB Bright Sparks our latest project is building a bug hotel in our muddy patch (not so muddy at the moment!) and all the children have enjoyed collaborating together to come up with different ideas for the structure. Our nursery children have also been enjoying planting after being inspired whilst visiting our forest school area. During one of their many visits to forest school they were greeted with the beautiful daffodils our reception children have planted and are now in full bloom.



A huge part of our foundations for learning at IKB is immersing our children in our Wellington community through our experiential curriculum and this was thoroughly enjoyed during our reception class trip to the Longforth Farm pond. The children had already demonstrated a love for nature this year during our big garden bird watch and our forest school sessions, so we took things up a level to visit our local nesting swans and other wildlife within the ecosystem. The children loved seeing the swans taking care of their eggs and we cannot wait to visit again when we hope to see plenty of cygnets enjoying the water!

KNOWLEDGE BANK:
Female swan = pen
Male swan = cob
Baby swan = cygnet





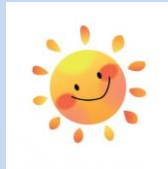
A huge thank you to Miss Fahy for putting together our parent/carer maths workshop. If you haven't checked it out yet, please do at:

[Maths Workshop 2021 - YouTube](#)

Safeguarding Reminder:

The children have been learning about sun safety. Please can the children have the following in school:

- 1) Sun hat
- 2) Sun cream (SPF 50)
- 3) Water bottle



The week of 17th May 2021 is national 'Walk to School' week so we are promoting walking (scooting, cycling, skateboarding, etc) to school to highlight the benefits on the environment and of being active.

Children who live further afield can still take part by parking on the Longforth estate and walking the final part of the journey.



Did somebody say an Easter story followed by an Easter egg hunt at St John's church? YES PLEASE!!!

Thank you, as always, to Reverend Selina and her team for involving IKB in the St John's church community events. We have loved being included in them so far and we cannot wait for the next opportunity!

**** DATES FOR THE DIARY ****

Regrettably there are events that we had planned for parents and carers to learn alongside their children in term 5 + 6 that we have had to either postpone or cancel due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please be reassured that we will be ensuring that your children still get to experience all the events we had planned and that we will make sure we share them with you all via Tapestry and our social media pages. Below are the revised dates for your diary for term 5 + 6:

TERM 5 + 6	
Week of 17 th May	Walk to school week (see above)
Thursday 20 th May	Whole school sandwich making activities for British sandwich making week
Friday 28 th May	Last day of term 5 – knowledge organisers and class newsletters for term 6 to be sent home
Week of 31 st May	IKB Bright Sparks open
Monday 7 th June	Term 6 begins with a WOW day to launch our new topic – 'Growth and change'
Monday 7 th June	New reception parents (September 2021) to be sent all relevant information and forms
Tuesday 8 th June	World ocean day – all children and staff permitted to wear blue and green to celebrate
9 th – 11 th June	Reception 'Tri-Science' days – 3 days immersed in investigative scientific experimentation
Monday 21 st June	New reception (Sept 2021) open evening from 17:00 – 18:30 – more information to follow
Thursday 24 th June	INSET DAY – IKB school and Bright Sparks closed
Friday 25 th June	INSET DAY – IKB school and Bright Sparks closed
Tuesday 29 th June	IKB reception sports day (weather dependent) + fruit kebab making – more information to follow Bright Sparks children will have sports activities throughout the week of Monday 28 th June
Wednesday 7 th July	Virtual bedtime story event for new reception children (Sept 2021) with Mr Healey and Miss Fahy from 18:00 – 18:45 – more information to follow
Thursday 15 th July	Whole school 'Moving Up' transition morning where children spend time in new classes IKB families picnic from 13:30 – 15:00 – parents/ carers invited – more information to follow
Monday 19 th July	School reports go out to parents/ carers
Week of 19 th July	Knowledge organisers and class newsletters for term 1 (2021-22) to be sent home
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term 6

As you can see, there are plenty of events coming up between now and the academic year and we cannot wait to get you all involved. As always, thank you for your continued trust and support. We greatly appreciate it.

Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher