

Friday 10th March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We absolutely love the signs of Spring here at IKB, but there are none more rewarding than seeing our crocus plants grow. In the Autumn term our children were fortunate enough to continue their partnership with the Wellington Rotary Club. In between the litter picking and the communal lunches shared, our children enjoyed planting crocus bulbs and are now enjoying their hard work coming to fruition. Like our children each day, our crocus plants are demonstrating two of our IKB attributes – resilience in surviving the colder temperatures and rising to the challenge of blooming. It has been fantastic to see our children mirroring these attributes in their learning and play so far this term.

School Improvement Partner Day

As part of our continual strive to improve as a school, this week we teamed up with our external school improvement partner for a review of the school. Our particular focus areas were phonics and early reading, history, Special Educational Needs and Disability provision and the growth and development of our curriculum. We are pleased to let you know that our feedback was very strong in these areas and I look forward to sharing more detail on our strengths and our areas for development in a report that I will be sending out soon via Parent Mail.

Easter Bonnet Showcase

Today marks the launch of our 2023 IKB Easter Bonnet/ Hat Parade after its huge success in previous years. The parade itself will take place on Thursday 30th March when all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will parade around our school hall to Easter themed music, showing off their beautiful creations to the rest of the school. Between now and then, all children have the option for a creative home learning challenge to create an Easter themed bonnet or hat to later bring into school. We know that our children lead busy lives, both in and out of school, so for that reason we will also dedicate some creative learning time in school to creating bonnets and hats, to ensure that all children can participate should they wish to. With such wonderful designs on display last year we are looking forward to what our children can come up with this year. Here are a few ideas to get the creative juices flowing...



'Every Child a Reader'

As you are all aware, 'Every Child a Reader' is a commitment that we make to all children and families at IKB. Last week we celebrated World Book Day and it was wonderful to see so many children dressing up and conversing about their favourite book characters, their favourite books, particular titles and authors that they enjoy, and even the most weird and wonderful places they enjoy reading. It is fair to say that the day was enjoyed by both children and staff alike!



Our IKB Attributes:
 We are **POSITIVE**
 We are **ENGAGED**
 We are **RESPONSIBLE**
 We are **RESPECTFUL**
 We are **RESILIENT**
 We **RISE TO CHALLENGES**



**Our IKB and Castle Partnership
 Trust Values:**

Every Child Belongs

Every Child Participates

Every Child Achieves



**TO BE A
 FLUENT READER,
 WE NEED TO:**

1. Pay attention to the punctuation.
2. Read at a natural speed (not too fast and not too slow).
3. Read carefully (not missing out words or adding words).
4. Read with expression so that it sounds interesting and makes sense.

Somerset Garden Trust

A huge thank you to the Somerset Garden Trust who have granted us £300 for a school garden project. We intend to use the money for soil, compost and seeds to fill the vegetable beds that we are developing. Well done and thank you to Miss Aldridge and Mrs Hawkins for putting our successful bid together!

IKB Friends and Community (IKBFC)

Yet another successful event last week from our IKBFC team. Finishing off World Book Day with our pre-loved book fair was a real treat and it was great to see so many families in our school hall after school accessing the books and cakes on offer!

** DATES FOR THE DIARY**

| Term 4 2022-23 | |
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| Friday 10 th March | Launching our Easter bonnet showcase. |
| Week of 13 th March | British Science week and IKB Tri-Science week. |
| Tuesday 14 th March | Class photo day. |
| Wednesday 15 th March | British Sign Language communication lesson for all children. |
| Wednesday 15 th March | NEU national teacher strike day – I will let you know at the earliest opportunity about the impact. |
| Thursday 16 th March | NEU national teacher strike day – I will let you know at the earliest opportunity about the impact. |
| Thursday 16 th March | Year 1 visiting Carrymoor for their 'Wild Day Out'. |
| Friday 17 th March | Comic Relief – Red Nose day. All children can wear red to school if they wish. |
| Friday 17 th March | 'Fabulous Friday' in Year 1 from 8:45 – 9:10. |
| Tuesday 21 st March | Parent/ Carer evening #1. |
| Wednesday 22 nd March | Parent/ Carer evening #2. |
| Friday 24 th March | IKBFC Eggstravaganza disco from 15:15 – 17:00. |
| Monday 27 th March | Nick the bug man visiting Reception class linked to their Jungles topic. |
| Monday 27 th March | Governor Bob Pamplin is performing an Easter show for all children from 14:00 – 15:00. |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Term 5 class newsletters and knowledge organisers going home to all parents/ carers. |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Miss Fahy's maths workshops for parents/ carers at 8:50 and 14:45. |
| Thursday 30 th March | Last day of Term 4, inclusive of the IKB Easter bonnet parade in celebration assembly. |
| Friday 31 st March | INSET day. Both IKB and IKB Bright Sparks closed. |
| Week of 3 rd April | IKB Bright Sparks open as normal. |
| Week of 10 th April | IKB Bright Sparks closed. |
| Monday 17 th April | Term 5 begins for IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks. |

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Enjoy a wonderful Easter break. Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher.