

Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School

Newsletter - November 2019

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Get Set...Dig!

We are very pleased to say that the siteworks for IKB have now officially started. As of 15 October, Portakabin took ownership of the site and the all-important, if slightly muddy, groundworks have started. Our team had our first site visit and were pleased to be able to see outlines of the playing field and forest school area already taking place. Due to the sloping nature of the site the first work to be undertaken is the levelling of some areas, moving earth to other areas of the site and then removing excess earth off site.

And with all this rain we have been having, you would be right to think it all sounds very messy. Portakabin and Bloor Homes are already on top of the situation and you will see them every day sweeping the roads and pavements to ensure their muddy problem doesn't become everyone else's muddy problem.

Headteacher Recruitment

The last week of October was all about recruitment for the position of Headteacher. We shortlisted six candidates and had a very intense couple of days interviewing and assessing candidates on all aspects of what is a very varied role. Despite a strong field, we didn't make an appointment. We are looking for someone who can lead IKB from its opening days and beyond and although the candidates showed a lot of skills and abilities, we felt no one person could offer that something special we are looking for, and we are not willing to compromise. Therefore; we will be launching the recruitment campaign again in the next few weeks and will keep you updated on how this progresses.

Site timetable:

October 2019 - January 2020

• Site opened and groundworks started

October 2019 - November 2019

- Individual classroom modules built at Portakabin in York
- Classroom modules put together in the Portakabin yard – first site of the whole school building

November 2019 - February 2020

 Internal fixtures installed at Portakabin, checked and dismantled ready for transportation to site

March 2020

 School arrives in Wellington in modules and school building constructed

April - July 2020

Internal fitting and fixtures installed

August 2020

• Completion and hand over

Admissions

We are so excited to have received so many applications for school places in September 2020. The deadline for all admissions is 15 January 2020. Full details of the admissions process and an IKB application form can be found on the school website www.ikbschool.co.uk along with our school prospectus.