



Friday 22nd December 2023 | Spring 1

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FOR INGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head of School Message

Dear Ings Families,

This is our first Newsletter since we returned from the Christmas break so I would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

We are delighted to have the children back and they have returned with wonderful attitudes to learning. I have been lucky enough to spend some time in classrooms over the last 2 weeks and behaviour for learning has been exemplary. All children were engaged and enjoying their lessons and were able to talk with confidence about their learning.

The weather has turned colder so please do ensure you send your child wearing appropriate footwear, a coat, gloves and a hat. We are lucky that inside school it is extremely warm so children do not need to wear other items than standard school uniform. I know lots of children got beautiful jewellery for Christmas but for health and safety reasons we only allow them to wear a watch and one pair of stud earrings. Please do not send your child wearing rings, necklaces, bracelets or hoop earrings.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss L Allen

Head of School

Health and Safety Reminders

- No dogs can be brought onto the school site-this includes dogs which are being carried.
- Please remind your children that they must push scooters and bikes on the school grounds.
- Please ensure any dog mess around the school site is picked up and disposed of- thank you.
- ***Once your children have been collected, please do not allow them to play on school equipment or school grounds-these areas are not supervised by staff at these times-thank you!***





Our Learning Gallery

EYFS

We have had a great start to the Spring Term. Nursery have welcomed new children and families to the school and they have settled in quickly to the routines of the day. Our learning has focused on the story 'There's a snake in our school' and we have focused on our own pets and animals. We have also had some pets visit us in school too!



Year 1 and 2

Year 1 had a fabulous time this week visiting the Streetlife Museum to learn all about Toys from the past. We got to play, make and explore lots of different toys and had lots of fun. We walked around the museum and explored all the different transportation they had on show. We even saw a Whimbrel bird outside which links to our English book Numenia and the Hurricane.



Year 2 are enjoying their new science topic, Animals Including Humans. We have learnt about different animal groups and some of their characteristics. We researched an animal group and made our own posters. We have also looked at some adult animals and their offspring and we now know that some baby animals do not look like their adults but actually look very different when they are babies!



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Our Learning Gallery

Year 3/4

Rowan class have a very busy first two weeks of the Spring term! As scientists, we have investigated states of matter and if gas has a mass. They enjoyed drinking the fizzy pop afterwards. In English, we wrote some fabulous simile and metaphor poems about friendship before sharing them with the class. They have really been enjoying there music lessons and experiencing different music from all over around the world. Ask them to sing you a song.



Year 5/6

Willow class are really enjoying their Judo lessons, which we started this Spring Term. To begin, we practised how to fall safely without hurting ourselves. We have also learnt how to be respectful to our partners, always helping them back up. Back in the classroom, Year 5 have made a great start to our Geography topic on volcanoes, and are closely watching the events in Iceland with the current volcanic eruption. This has really helped to give our Geography learning a purpose.

This week, our Year 6s have started their new Computing topic: Programming. During the first lesson, they enjoyed using *Scratch!* to edit a project/game to explore the use of 'variables'. They had great fun exploring what they could change. Throughout the half-term, they will continue to explore programming before creating their own game.





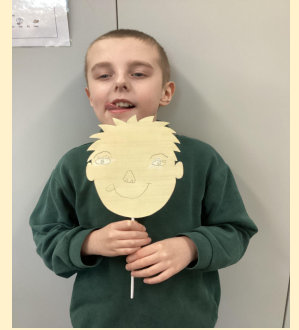
Our Learning Gallery

The Orchard

This week the children have enjoyed learning about the Vikings. We have been making our own Viking boat.

We have been talking about different emotions and feelings in friendship group and Elsa designing our own emotions faces.

We also have been doing some amazing maths work constructing different shapes.

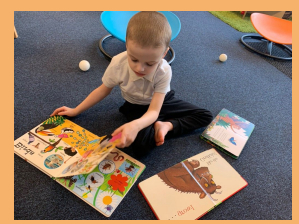


The Meadow

This term in the Meadow our focus is: Animals. So far we have covered the books 'Dear Zoo' and 'Monkey Puzzle', the children share amazing enthusiasm during group activities relating to the stories.

We are super proud of the continued progress the children make as they're achieving tray work activities with guidance and independently. They have worked extremely hard and persevered with new activities this term.

The Meadow look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our first stay and play session on Wednesday next week.



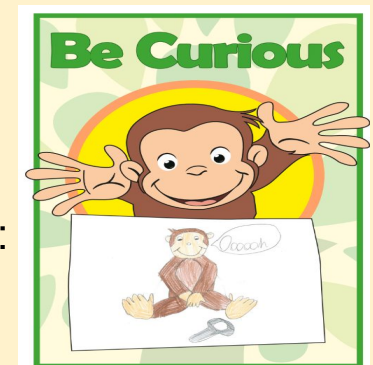
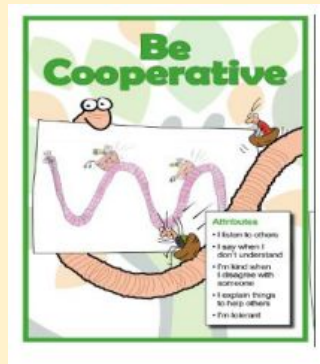
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Learning Muscles

Each week we launch our learning muscle with a whole school assembly. As part of this we explore the muscle and the different ways we can demonstrate this in school and at home.

This week our learning muscle focus is:



Next week we will focusing on:

Attendance

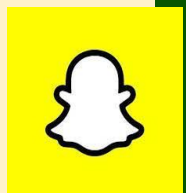


This week's school attendance is:
95.4%

The winning class is:
Maple
Congratulations!

Social Media

A letter was shared with all parents/carers recently around the use of social media. Since then we have continued to have numerous incidents involving our Y4, 5 & 6 pupils. Please do speak with your children around keeping themselves and others safe on social media. If you require any additional information to support with this, please let us know. Thank you



Chat and Choose-Fare Share

You are invited to join us on a **Friday morning** to our '**Chat and Choose**' sessions in the sportshall 9-10am. Access is via the gates in the carpark.

We hold our Fare Share stall here where you can purchase food items at a discounted price and help us to avoid food waste. From **Friday 19th January** we will also be launching our '**£2 mystery bags**' are you brave enough to purchase one and see what you get?

Alongside Fare Share, you can stay and join us for a free cuppa and a chat-we would love to see you.



Valentine Disco

Thursday 8th February

EYFS/Y1/2- 1.30-3PM

Y3/4/5/6- 3.15-4.45PM

Tickets £1 purchased at office

EYFS/Y1/2- £1 for Snack and Drink
Y3/4/5/6- Money can be brought to purchase snacks, drinks and hot dogs.

Children may come to school in their own clothes.



Home school Reading

Home school reading is so important and our school expectation is that all pupils read at **least 3 times a week.**

We award prizes and rewards to classes who have the highest numbers of home school readers.

Please encourage your children to read at home and complete their reading records.



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School Events and Key Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 24th January	Stay and Play for children in the Meadow 1.45-2.45pm
Friday 2nd February	Dress as a digit NSPCC number day
Tuesday 6th February	London Trip for JLT and pupils
Thursday 8th February EYFS/Y1/2- 1.30-3pm Y3/4/5/6- 3.15-4.45pm	Valentine Disco
Friday 9th February	Finish for Half-term
Monday 19th February	Return to school
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Monday 11th March	School Inset Day-Closed to pupils
Tuesday 19th March	Y1/2 Easter Craft afternoon-Parents invited
Tuesday 19th March	Y3/4 Easter Craft afternoon-Parents invited
Wednesday 20th March	EYFS/Y1/2 Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 21st March	Y5/6 Easter craft afternoon-Parents invited
Friday 19th April	School closed to Nursery pupils only

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term

Wednesday 6th September 2023 - School Opens

Half Term

Friday 27th October 2023 School Closes

Monday 6th November 2023 School Opens

Christmas Holidays

Friday 22 December 2023 School Closes

Spring Term

Tuesday 9th January 2024 School Opens

Half Term

Friday 9th February 2024 School Closes

Monday 19th February 2024 School Opens

Monday 11th March 2024 Inset Day - School Closed

Easter Holidays

Friday 22nd March 2024 School Closes

Summer Term

Tuesday 9th April 2024 School Opens

Bank Holiday: Schools Closed Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term

Friday 24th May 2024 School Closes

Monday 3rd June 2024 School Opens

End of Term

Friday 19th July 2024 School Closes



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My Name is Helen Gormanly and I am the new school nurse for Ings Primary School.

I will be in school **EVERY** Friday afternoon and parents are welcome to see me if they have any health concerns about their child.

As part of my role I carry out health assessments, if you have any worries about your child's health, I can support with this.

I can offer support with: -

- bed wetting and toileting issues,
- sleep and behaviour difficulties,
- growing up and puberty issues,
- health conditions

I can do: -

- hearing and growth checks,
- liaise with health services and make referrals,
- write health care plans for school,
- advise and support on health conditions,
- advise parents where they need to go for support - support parents with any health concerns or emotional wellbeing issues such as anxiety, emotional or mood issues and behaviour.



You can make an appointment with reception on 01482 374367 or catch me on the school gate at the end of the day on a Friday.