



Weekly Newsletter



September Newsletter -4th Edition

It has been an exciting week in school, with the Year 6 pupils attending their residential trip to Manor Adventure Norfolk Lakes. The children had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including:

- giant canoeing
- kayaking
- stand up paddle boarding
- climbing
- aeroball
- caving
- canoeing
- fencing

As well as completing the activities, the children developed their independent skills through staying away from home overnight. They were praised by the centre staff for their enthusiasm and polite behaviour throughout. Well done, Year 6!

We will be holding our annual Harvest Celebration at St Andrew's Church this Friday 4th October. Parents and carers are invited to join us for the service which will be led by Rev. Steve.

The children will be bringing in food donations for the altar this week. Tins, dried produce and long-life goods would be much appreciated. There will be several performances at the service on Friday and the children are busy preparing poems, songs and prayers.

Thank you to those parents who attended our first parent forum of the year this morning. We are grateful to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Further opportunities to come into school to find out more about your child's learning will take place before the end of term. Please find the details of these at the end of the newsletter.

I wish you all a pleasant week.



Clare Williamson

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This academic year, our school development priorities are focused around phonics, reading and religious education. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we have adopted the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds approach to teaching phonics and early reading. We are fortunate to have received funding from the Wensum English Hub to purchase a wide range of new early readers for children to use in class and read at home with a parent, along with access to the Collins Hub eBook Library.

We would like to invite parents who have children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to attend an information session on the new scheme on **Wednesday 9th October** at 4:00pm. This session will provide an opportunity to explore the new phonics resources, discuss the purpose of our approach to early reading, and gain tips about how to help at home.

There will also be an opportunity to browse the offerings of the Book Fair before the information session - further details can be found at the end of the newsletter!



Let Your Light Shine!



Wellbeing

CALM DOWN YOGA FOR KIDS



I am strong.

Use your strength to catch tricky waves.



I am kind.

Stretch high and spread kindness all around.



I am brave.

Be brave and fearless as you fly down the ski run.



I am friendly.

Stretch like a dog wagging its tail.



I am wise.

Be a wise owl perched on a tree branch.



Junior Travel Ambassadors

Introducing our JTAs!

Congratulations to the children who have been elected by their Year 5 classmates as Isleham's Junior Travel Ambassadors! This year, the children will be working on a range of campaigns to make travelling to school safer and more active. Road Safety Officer, Maree Richards, came to our first meeting of the term to distribute badges, lanyards and notebooks to our JTAs and to introduce the children to the programme. The first campaign, 'Be Bright, Be Seen' will begin after half term. The JTAs will be delivering a whole school assembly, running competitions and educating their peers about the importance of staying safe during the dark winter evenings.



The Junior Travel Ambassadors



Future Dates

- 03/10 - Reception Parent Workshop - How to help at home
 - 4/10 - Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's Church, 9:30am
 - 4/10 - PTFA tuck shop
 - 8/20 - Y6 STEM day at SVC
 - 10/10 - 15/10 - Book Fair
 - 10/10 - World Mental Health Day
 - 16/10 - Year 4 Ancient Greek day
 - 21/10 - Y6 visit to Duxford
 - 22/10 and 23/10 - Parent consultations
 - 24/10 - SEND parent consultations
 - 28/10 - 1/11 - Half term holiday
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The Scholastic Travelling Book Fair is coming to Isleham!

Following on from the successful book fair visits in previous years, I am happy to announce that the Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be returning to school on Thursday 10th October until Tuesday 15th October. The pop-up book store will have hundreds of titles available from just £2.99. You are welcome to visit the fair after school until 4pm. Once you have finished browsing, payment can be made in cash or you can pay online at the fair using a QR code payment link. Pre-paid gift vouchers are also available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Please go to www.travellingbooks.co.uk/giftvouchers if you wish to purchase these before the fair.

COMPETITION TIME!

To celebrate the arrival of the book fair in school, we will be holding a competition to win a £10 voucher to spend at the fair! There will be one winner in KS1 and one winner in KS2. There will also be one runner up who will win a £5 voucher.

All you need to do is design a poster to advertise the fair and hand them to Miss Williamson before Monday 7th October. The winning entries will be displayed around the school during book fair week!



Thank you for reading!

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