

Ingleton Primary School "Tall oaks from little acorns grow"

November 2023 Newsletter

Welcome back

I hope everyone had a good half term break and batteries are fully recharged ready for the term ahead. We welcome an additional pupil, Alfie, to Kingsdale this term.

The Pumpkin Trail was a fabulous way to end last half term, it was a beautiful night with the big moon. Thank you to our fabulous PTA for organising this event and providing refreshments. Your kind donations for the raffle, plus cakes, were greatly appreciated, thank you everyone.

School Values

This half term we will be exploring HOPE during assemblies.

Inter Faith Week

Inter Faith Week makes a significant contribution to inter faith understanding, harmony and cooperation. It also increases awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society.

To coincide with Inter Faith Week which runs from 12th to 19th November, we will be welcoming Hifsa Haroon-Iqbal in to our school on Friday 17th. Hifsa will raise the understanding of our pupils about Islam both as a world religion and as a way of life. This will be an exciting opportunity to find out more about life as a Muslim. www.hifsaharoonigbal.com

Poppies

We support the Royal British Legion Appeal and poppies are for sale in school this week for a suggested donation of 50p.

Rakehead Fundraising Update

With our fundraising efforts of £3,500, Rakehead Neurorehabilitation Centre is going to be buying a new hoist, and hopefully a "hoist walker" for physio sessions – this allows a patient to be held in an upright position allowing their legs to be in a natural walking/standing position without having to have their full weight through their legs. The money is definitely going to be spent wisely and they are very grateful.

Co-op Community Fund

We have just received our final payment from the Co-op for £2,397.92 and the children and staff would like to thank the Co-op and the customers who supported us to raise this fantastic amount of money. We are very fortunate to have been chosen once again to receive the Co-op Community Fund.

If you are a Co-op member you can log onto your account and select us as your chosen cause. The link to our Cause Profile Page is https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/82225

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If you are not a member it is worth joining as there are many benefits for both shoppers and local causes, visit coop.co.uk/membership to sign up. We will be using the donations to continue developing areas for outdoor learning, including re-covering the polytunnel and improving the quads.

Hedgehogs!

We have had a few prickly visitors in the school grounds over the past few weeks and have been given a hedgehog house to encourage some hibernation. We haven't had an update about the poorly hedgehog that was taken to the vets, but we hope it will be returned to our grounds shortly.

Nursery Bonfire

This Thursday our Nursery children will enjoy the traditional bonfire in the woods. Parents and Carers are most welcome to join in with the fun. Gardening Club celebrated the end of the gardening season before half term with their own mini bonfires in biscuit tins as well as a big one for sizzling the sausages!

Winter Cooking Club

This club for Y4/5/6 children begins this Thursday after school at the i Centre. We will be making vegetable soup and cheese scones during the first week. Further details have been sent to the children keen to join the club.

BBC Children in Need

The **Countryfile Ramble** enjoyed by our EYFS children and their parents raised £80. Thank you all for your kind donations to this worthy cause. This year we will be selling Pudsey merchandise to raise funds for Children in Need. Badges and wristbands for £1 and Pudsey ears for £2.50 will be on sale next week.

Sports News

Cross country – the North Yorkshire final will take place on Thursday 23rd November and we have 10 children competing. Good luck goes to George, Daniel, Lucy, Ava, Flo, Amiee, Joe, Zac, Donnie and Arlo.

Girl's Football – our team of players came second at the North craven competition, well done girls!

Swimming Gala – On Wednesday 22nd November a team will compete at Settle Pool. Details coming soon.

Boy's Football – On Friday 17th November a team of Y5/6 boys will compete in the North Craven Football Festival. **Tennis success** – Over the Summer, Oliver in Y5 competed in the Under 9's singles and doubles Cumbria Tennis County Championships held at Chatsworth Tennis Club and won both competitions! Fantastic! Well done Oliver, a future Tennis star in the making.

<u>Ingleton Pantomime – Dick Whittington</u>

Your panto needs you!

Ingleton Theatre group really need more youngsters to participate this year. If any keen dancers and performers would like to join the chorus for this year's village pantomime, please contact Jayne at the Community Centre or email ingletonpanto@gmail.com Rehearsals will begin in January and the pantomime runs from 21st to 24th February 2024.

Brathay Hall Meeting

Families of children in Y5 are invited to come along to a meeting on Wednesday 6th December at 6pm to find out more about our residential visit to Brathay Hall in the Lake District.

School Photographs

These are taking place on Monday 20th November. The photographer will be available from 8.30am to take family groups with pre-school age children (not Nursery). Siblings in school will be photographed together during the morning.

Statutory Assessments 2023/24

Like last year, all statutory assessments for your children will take place this academic year and they will be assessed on their end of year expectations. Already the **Reception Baseline Assessments** have been submitted. The week beginning 13th May 2023 is when **Y6** children will sit their **SATs**. The **Y2 SATs** no longer exist. In June the **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check** will take place. Children will be expected to know their tables up to 12x12. Also in June **Y1** pupils will have their **Phonics Screening Check**.

Please rest assured that class teachers will be passing on detailed information about all of these assessments in due course.

School's performance data will be published nationally next year. Last year's performance data is available to view on our website.

Infant Free School Meals

This is a great initiative for families but it actually has a detrimental effect on our income since we used to gain Pupil Premium funds for anyone who has registered for Free School Meals. We would appreciate anyone who thinks they may be entitled to speak to us, in confidence. Benefits to children in receipt of Pupil Premium include free educational visits and this carries on for six years, even if the family are no longer eligible.

Dinner Money

We currently have a number of outstanding meal and milk payments from last term. Please pay promptly via ParentPay if you wish your child to continue to have school meals. We would be very grateful if meal payments could be paid in advance, either at the beginning of each term or each week. Our meal service is self-funding so to ensure we are able to continue to offer our high level of service we rely on payments being kept up to date. Thank you to everyone who pays in advance.

Starting School

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 they are due to start school in September 2024 and you need to apply for a place before January 2024. For all school admissions ring 01609 533679 or use the North Yorkshire County Council website www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions.

Outdoor Clothing

Please remind your child to come to school prepared for cold weather with coats, hats and gloves, since outdoor learning and play times need to be comfortable and enjoyable. They also require outdoor kit and footwear for PE lessons (tracksuit bottoms, warm top over t-shirt and trainers)

EYFS Nativity

Save the date! We look forward to inviting the families of our youngest children to watch their Christmas Nativity on Tuesday 19th December at 9.30am. Further details nearer the time.

KS2 Carol Service

We will shortly confirm a date in December for our Christmas Carol Service. We haven't had one since 2019, so it is time we rekindled this lovely tradition.

Christmas Dinner and Party Food

We like the children who normally enjoy packed lunches to have the opportunity to share our special Christmas Dinner (not including Nursery) which is on Thursday 14th December and the party food (including Nursery) planned for Friday 22nd. All children are invited to have dinner and/or party food so if your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to join us for either or both of the days, please order at the office before 24th November, informing us of any special dietary requirements. (Meals cost £3.26 for main school and £1.90 for

nursery). We are unable to accept any requests after this date. All pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be entitled to free meals as usual.

To keep track of any dates, they are on our website to easily see what is coming up https://ingleton-pri.n-vorks.sch.uk/events/

PTA Thanks

Our generous PTA have recently contributed towards a class set of glockenspiels to support our new music scheme, Charanga. Swaledale put on a fabulous musical performance in assembly just before half term.

Parent/Carer Support Groups and Workshops

Please see below information on November's free workshop run by Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust.





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Pumpkin Trail

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Pumpkin Trail. Together we raised £750! It was a great evening and we appreciate all your help to make it a success.

PTA AGM

Please join us for our AGM on **Monday 13th November at 7.30pm** at The Wheatsheaf, Ingleton. Everyone is welcome- there is no commitment to join if you'd just like to come and hear a bit more about what we do.

Date for your Diary

Our Christmas Fair will be on Thursday 14th December, after school. More details to come.