

Ingleby Mill Newsletter
February 2017



I would like to start the February Newsletter with the wonderful news that we have passed our Level 1 **Rights Respecting Schools Award**. The external assessor came into school on Thursday 23rd February and talked to senior leaders, staff, children, parents and governors. The children gave her a tour of the school and she spent some time looking at the evidence gathered to show we have met the criteria. As always, all the children were fantastic in demonstrating their understanding of the UNICEF International Rights of the Child and how these relate to their lives in school. A special thank you needs to go to Mrs Wilson and the RRSA Ambassadors from every class who have led us all in promoting this award.

More good news – Congratulations to Mrs Hood and her family as they welcome the arrival of their new baby, Emily Freya.

Hoopstartz Festival – A group of 30 children from years 3 and 4 went along to a special sporting festival last week where they tried out their skills using hula hoops. The feedback has been excellent – although I am not sure who enjoyed it the most, the children or Mrs Outhwaite!

Swimming Success – We also had children entered for the swimming gala at Thornaby Swimming Pool at the very end of January. All children performed well, with 10 children getting through to the finals in March. Well done everyone.

Looking ahead:

On Thursday this week we will be celebrating **World Book Day** in school. Children (and staff) are welcome to come into school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. And on the following day, Friday 3rd March, lucky year 4 children will be going to Billingham Forum to see the stage version of David Walliam's 'Gangsta Granny'.

We also have our visiting **Book Fair** from Tuesday 7th March until Friday 10th March. This will be held in the year 1/2 area and parents and children can visit from 8.30-8.50am and again after school until 4.00pm.

The week beginning 13th March is our Science Week. I know that many of you have already been working hard on your half term science projects – we can't wait to see them. These can be brought into school on Monday 13th March and will be shared and displayed in your child's year group. Year groups will be publishing their own newsletters in the next few days which will let you know the dates and times when parents are invited to join in with some practical science learning in classrooms during Science week.

Friday 24th March is **Red Nose Day** for Comic Relief. We will be raising money for this worthwhile cause. Children can bring in £1.00 on the day to wear non-uniform and children can also buy red noses in advance, available from the office now for £1.00.

Finally I can let all parents know that **Mrs Shaw**, has decided to retire with effect from the end of this term. Mrs Shaw has been at Ingleby Mill Primary School from its very beginning, setting up the new nursery in 1995 when the school was located in a different part of Ingleby Barwick. During her time she has worked as a teacher and team leader, predominantly in the early years, but with the occasional year or two in key stage 1. We wish her all the very best. Mrs Lake, who currently works part-time partnered with Mrs Shaw, has agreed to work full time in year 1 in the summer term, so the children will continue with their own teacher who knows them so well.

DIARY DATES:	
Thurs 2 nd Mar	World Book Day activities in school
Fri 3 rd Mar	Year 4 visit to Billingham Forum 'Gangsta Granny'
7 th -10 th Mar	Scholastic Book Fair in school
WB 13 th Mar	Science Week
Fri 24 th Mar	Comic Relief - non-uniform day in school

TERM DATES:		
<u>Spring</u>		
Easter	Close	Fri 7 th April
<u>Summer</u>		
Term starts	Mon 24 th April	
Half Term	Close	Fri 26 th May
	Re-open	Tues 6 th June
Summer	Close	Fri 21 st July
PD DAYS – we have 1 remaining professional development day on Monday 5 th June 2017.		
THEMED WEEKS:		
Spring	Science/DT	WB 13 th March
Summer	Geography	25 th /26 th May
	Health & fitness	WB 26 th June
KS2 SATS TEST WEEK 2017		WB 8 th May
KS1 assessments during May		
Year 1 Phonics screening during WB		12 th June