

Ingleby Mill Newsletter
June 2017



Well here we are at the end of June with just a few weeks to go until the end of this academic year. During our assembly times in particular I notice how much the children have grown since September - and of course it is not just in height that they have grown! It has been an absolute pleasure to read every child's school report during the past couple of weeks, each one showing the developments and achievements of children this year. Teachers have put a lot of time and thought into reports for each individual child and are in the process of finalising end of year assessments. The reports will be sent home on Friday 7th July.



The last week of June has been our **Health and Fitness week** and despite having to cancel most outdoor events as a consequence of the torrential rain, we have still managed to fit so much into this important week.



Of course we managed to hold our **KS2 sports day** on Monday afternoon. It is a programme that has been honed over many years and I was impressed that staff, children and parents just knew what to do and where to go. It was great to see children trying their best in every activity with good competitive spirit and fantastic sporting behaviours, supporting and encouraging each other. Thank you to parents and extended family who took time out of busy schedules to attend on Monday – I hope you enjoyed it.

Activities in other year groups have included: Keeping fit in nursery with the daily 'Debbie Do' exercise programme as well as teaching activities about food and its effect on our teeth. Healthy eating activities in reception including fruit tasting.

Morning yoga in years 1 and 2 has proved to be a fantastic, calming way to start the day.

Year 2 children also loved making their healthy rice cake faces.

Year 3 teachers tell me that they have danced with their classes all week! I have also been reading some of the children's fantastic poems about their favourite sports.

Year 4 made it a bit more competitive with their inter-class hula hoop competition.

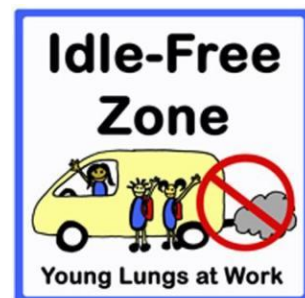
Children in year 5 have been out on their bikes each day (even in the rain) working towards their level 2 Bikeability Award.



Year 6 children managed to catch a dry(ish) morning and decided to walk as far as they could round and round the perimeter of the playground in a given time. Some children managed as many as 17 times round the whole playground area.

Also this week in year 6, children have been learning a new musical skill in Taiko drumming workshops. Parents were invited to a display at the end of the second day and I have to say that I was impressed by how much they had learned in just two afternoon sessions.

Keeping with the theme of our children's good health, a parent sent me a link to some excellent posters regarding the dangers to health of leaving a car engine running outside a school. I would hope that this is just common sense and that anyone collecting children by car would switch off their engine while they wait outside our school.



Next week is the main transition week for our year 6 children with different groups of children out each day visiting their secondary schools. This is a fabulous opportunity for our oldest children. They feel very grown up for the day or days when they are invited to attend their secondary schools as they do not come to Ingleby Mill at all. Rather they get to experience the full day (or days in some cases) in a secondary school and see a little of what they can look forward to in September.

Good news to report:

We had a group of year 5 finalists in this year's **Lego Competition** held at Conyers School. Our children came first in the efficiency challenge – so well done to Lucas, Jasmyn, Olivia, Poppy, Henry, Alfie, Ellie and Jack.

A group of children from Mr Carter's class; Heya, Kayden, Abigail, Chloe, Eva and Finley, represented the class as finalists in the **Newcastle Building Society Boardroom Challenge** with their idea for raising money at a charity event. Mr Carter reported that the children gave an excellent presentation and despite not winning overall (we came a very close second), we are so proud of the fact that they made the final and that they conducted themselves so ably amongst competition from across the region.

Congratulations to our year 4 **tennis players** who came 3rd in the Tees Valley Tennis Festival, and to our Y5/6 **cricketers** who won their local heat but despite some great play, were beaten in the finals.

Next week here in school, our **'Moving Up Day'**, takes place on Friday 7th July. Children will register in their own classes as normal then 'move up' to spend time with their new teacher for a day of activities and 'getting to know you' fun before returning to their current class for collection at the end of the day. Letters will go out early next week informing parents about classes for September.

Tuesday 18th July is our **Summer Fair**. We have had most reply slips back now letting us know who will be collecting children at 1.30pm to visit the fair. (If you are one of the few who haven't yet let us know then please do so asap). Each year group will be making or organising something exciting for their own stall and we do hope you will visit them all.

We would also very much appreciate any contributions for other stalls:

Soft toys, toys and books	Second hand toys, games and books in good condition	From the week beginning: Monday 3 rd July
Raffle and Tombola Prizes	Gifts, wines, spirits, confectionary etc.	From the week beginning: Monday 3 rd July
Bottles of wine	Full bottles of wine and empty bottles please for the bottle lucky dip	From the week beginning: Monday 3 rd July
Plants		From the week beginning: Monday 17 th July
Cakes	Cupcakes, biscuits, larger cakes etc.	From the week beginning: Monday 17 th July

Money raised from the fair will go to our school fund which supports the purchase of play

equipment as well as subsidising costs towards trips, events, treats and activities in school.

Mr Carter's class will be running a special stall in aid of 'Trinity Holistic Centre' at James Cook Hospital. This is the charity his class would have supported had they won the Newcastle Building Society event – and so they would like to still organise activities on a smaller scale for this important charity. Please make sure you take time to visit their stall – it is fantastic that they still want to support their chosen charity.

Also running their own charity stall, are Liam and Alfie from year 6 who have organised a 'Guess the Name of the Bear' stall raising money for SNAPS (Special Needs Activities with Parents Support) - another worthy cause so I would encourage everyone to give this stall a visit.

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES:

WB 3 rd July	Stockton agreed transition week. Most secondary schools are running their induction days during this week (please check with secondary schools if you are unsure)
Fri 7 th July	Whole school 'Moving Up Day'
Mon 10 th July	'Wicked' musical theatre workshop with yr 3
Thurs 13 th July	'Wicked' musical theatre workshop with yr 4
Mon 17 th July	Y5 children to Conyers school for a Languages and Creative Arts day
Tues 18 th July	Summer Fair 1.30 – 4.00pm
Tues 18 th July	Y6 Leavers disco 6.30-8.30pm
Fri 21 st July	Y6 Leavers assembly 9.30am – parents invited

TERM DATES 2016/17:

<u>Summer</u>		
Summer	Close	Fri 21 st July

TERM DATES 2017/18

<u>Autumn</u>		
Term starts		Tues 5 th September 2017
Half Term	Close	Fri 20 th Oct 2017
	Re-open	Mon 30 th Oct 2017
Christmas	Close	Friday 22 nd Dec 2017
<u>Spring</u>		
Term starts		Mon 8 th Jan 2018
Half term	Close	Fri 9 th Feb 2018
	Re-open	Mon 19 th Feb 2018
Easter	Close	Wed 28 th Mar 2018
<u>Summer</u>		
Term starts		Mon 16 th April 2018
Half Term	Close	Fri 25 th May 2018
	Re-open	Tues 5 th June 2018
Summer	Close	Fri 20 st July 2018

Professional Development Days 2017/18

Friday 1 st Sept 2017
Monday 4 th Sept 2017
Thurs 29 th Mar 2018
Mon 4 th Jun 2018
Mon 23 rd July 2018