

Ingleby Mill Newsletter
March 2020



Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope everyone managed to have a lovely half term break despite the on-going horrible weather. This is the half term when we start to see signs of spring and so hopefully we have better weather just around the corner.

Bright Futures

We ended the first half term with our annual 'Bright Futures Week' with visitors and events planned for the whole school to inspire our children in their thinking about ambitions and aspirations for the future. I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all the parents and friends who gave up their time to come into school to speak to the children. We had so many visitors across school that I know I will miss some out, but they included:

In nursery – firefighters, a radiographer, a dentist, a property developer and a computer analyst.

In reception – paramedics, police and police dog handlers, firefighters, a nurse, a cheerleader and someone who works in a powerplant.

In years 1&2 – police, a radiographer, air traffic control, a forensic scientist, a GP, a 3D printer, Reverend Charlton, a pharmacist, a nurse, a florist, a drummer, a video games producer, a family support careers advisor and someone from a technology company.

In year 3 – a health & safety manager, a refrigeration engineer, a business owner, a mechanical engineer, a firefighter, a nurse, a video games designer, a farmer, a robotics engineer, a personal trainer, a scientist, a student and a mental health advisor.

In year 4 – a business director, a forensic scientist, a personal trainer, a director of safeguarding from Durham University, an

assistant director at Bolton Council, a physiotherapist, an amputee physiotherapist, a gaming project manager, a firefighter, a chemist and a 3D printer.

In year 5 – a pilot, a scientist, air traffic control, a video games producer as well as representatives from GSK, Santander and the FA

In year 6 – Reverend Charlton, a video games producer and representatives from GSK, Santander and Teesside Airport.

What a week!

Charity Fundraising

Charity fundraising is always a big feature of life at Ingleby Mill and parents will have heard from me before about how our children constantly amaze and inspire me in their wish to help others. Four girls from year 5; Sophie, Isabel, Gracie and Megan came to see me in December to see if they could organise a non-uniform day to raise money for a rainforest charity, inspired by their learning in class as well as similar fundraising in school last year. We decided that the best time to do this was at the end of the first half term in spring and so I told the girls to come back to me after the Christmas holidays. This they did, but having seen the news items about the devastation caused to wildlife in Australia in the bushfires, they wanted to change the focus of fundraising to support this. The girls presented a heartfelt and moving assembly to the whole school in January and then their non-uniform day (wear red to show you love the planet) took place on the last day of last half term raising £537 pounds for the World Wide Fund for Nature's Australian Wildfire Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported this great effort.

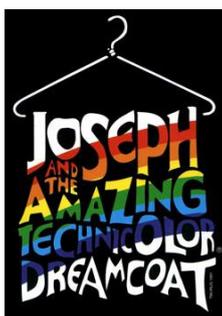
...and it doesn't end there. Inspired by the amount of money we were able to raise in one day, Ben from year 5 asked if we could hold another non-uniform day at the end of this half term to raise money for the premature baby unit at James Cook Hospital. He then went on to show me a powerpoint presentation he had prepared

explaining how he had been born 11 weeks early and had been supported for the first 6 weeks of his life at James Cook. Of course we will go ahead with this idea – how could I say no!! Ben presented his powerpoint in assemblies this week which gives everyone plenty of notice about this wear what you like day for a donation of £1.00 on Friday 3rd April.

Coming Up – Musical Performances in Year 2 and in Years 3&4

We wish good luck to our year 2 children who will all take part in the 'Snappy Spring' singing performance at Thornaby Pavilion later this term in a massed choir made up from schools across Stockton. This will be a fantastic event including songs such as 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' and 'I'm a Spring Chicken'. It sounds like a great event.

As part of their music curriculum, year 3 and 4 will be presenting a concert performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat' on Wednesday 1st April at 2pm and 6pm. The children are very excited about this and are busy learning the words to the songs. I have to say that the staff are very much enjoying singing the songs too. Please note that this will be a popular event and is strictly tickets only for parents and family of years 3 & 4.



Nuts – a reminder

Can I remind parents of children having packed lunches to please avoid putting nuts and nut products (such as Nutella bars and spread) in your child's packed lunch. We have children in school with serious nut allergies some of which involve contact with nuts and nut products as well as consumption.

Diary Dates – coming up		
WB 2 nd March		Parent Meetings
Friday 6 th March		Cardiff (2LC) class assembly. Parents invited at 9.45am.
Friday 13 th March		Darlington (1NR) class assembly. Parents invited at 9.45am.
Friday 20 th March		London (2AB) class assembly. Parents invited at 9.45am.
Wed 1 st April		Year 3/4 concert performance of 'Joseph and the amazing Technicolour Dream Coat'
Friday 3 rd April		Last day of the Spring Term
TERM DATES 2019/20		
<u>Spring</u>		
Easter	Close	Fri 3 rd April 2020
<u>Summer</u>		
Term starts		Mon 20 th April 2020
May Day		<u>Fri 8th May</u>
Half term	Close	Fri 22 nd May 2020
	Re-open	Mon 1 st June 2020
Summer	Close	Fri 17 th July 2020
<u>Professional Development Days remaining for 2019/20</u>		
Monday 20 th July 2020		
<u>Year 6 SATS Test week</u>		
WB 11 th May 2020		

For parents/Carers who like plenty of forward notice – here are our term dates for 2020/21		
TERM DATES 2020/21		
<u>Autumn</u>		
Term starts	Wed	2 nd September 2020
Half term	Close	Thurs 22 nd October (PD Day 23 rd Oct)
	Re-open	Mon 2 nd November 2020
Christmas	Close	Thurs 17 th Dec
<u>Spring</u>		
Term starts	Mon	4 th January 2021
Half term	Close	Fri 12 th Feb 2021
	Re-open	Mon 22 nd Feb 2021
Easter	Close	Fri 26 th Mar 2021
<u>Summer</u>		
Term starts	Mon	12 th April 2021
May Day	Mon	3 rd May
Half term	Close	Fri 28 th May 2021
	Re-open	Mon 7 th June 2021
Summer	Close	Fri 16 th July 2021
<u>Professional Development Days 2019/20</u>		
Monday 1 st September 2020		
Friday 23 rd October 2020		
Friday 18 th December 2020		
Monday 19 th July 2021		
Tuesday 20 th July 2021		