



Newsletter October 2024

Where has the time gone! It is hard to believe we are already approaching half term; we have been so busy! The children have had a fantastic first half term in school, as demonstrated in the two fantastic class assemblies that have taken place so far. Our Reception children have settled beautifully into full time school, we are all so very proud of them.

Facebook and Photo Consent

This year we are working hard to provide you all with a window into the excellent work that goes on in school. It is lovely for us to be able to share with you what we see in school every day, children enjoying their learning and thriving during their time at Ingleby Mill.

When we changed our system to Arbor there have been some anomalies with the photo consents. We have updated the options available, you can now select:

- Photo School - your child's photograph only being displayed in school
- Photo General – you are happy for your child's photo to be shared on our social media platforms, school website and in the media.

Can you please update your preferences using the Arbor app, when we return after half term we will assume all children's records are up to date and display photographs accordingly.

Harvest Festival

A massive thank you to everyone who has provided donations to support our local food bank. It is a cause that is very close to my heart as during my career I have worked with so many families who have benefited from this and children who were then guaranteed a meal each night. This service truly makes a difference.



Sporting Events

Ingleby Mill is continuing its participation in sporting events and experiences coordinated by our local Sports Partnership. This provides children with the opportunity to not only take part in competitive sport but to also experience sports they may not have tried before.

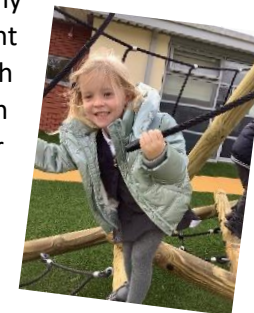


We've had an excellent start to the sporting calendar this half term, with our KS2 children participating in Cross Country, Tag Rugby, and Indoor Athletics competitions. The students displayed skill, enthusiasm, and great sportsmanship, representing our school with pride. They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other schools and embraced the challenge. We are especially proud of Phoebe and Freya Christon, Florrie Rogan, and Georgia Skelton, who all qualified for the Tees Valley Finals in the Cross-Country Competition—a fantastic achievement!



Early Years Outdoor Classroom

We are extremely proud of the outdoor classroom we have been able to create for Early Years. Each piece of equipment has been carefully selected with the learning opportunities it can provide. In the September Newsletter I made a polite request for the equipment in the Early Years outdoor classroom not to be accessed before or after school by children.



We are continuing to see a significant number of children accessing this equipment at the end of the school day. This is not a playground it is an outdoor classroom. We have already had to have repairs done to the pulley system as children have been riding on this like a swing, which does not happen during the school day. To completely enhance the whole Early Years outdoor area was a significant cost to school, we do not have the budget available to continually repair it because it is not being used correctly.



Children are not permitted to access the Early Years outdoor equipment before or after school.

For the other outdoor play equipment on site, school does not assume responsibility for children accessing this before 8:45am and after 3:15pm.

Car Parking

The school car park is becoming increasingly busy at the start and end of the school day. We have several families who have an agreement to access the carpark who cannot find spaces due to the number of cars entering.

We understand that it is not as straightforward as limiting use of the carpark to Blue Badge holders only. We have several families who need this support for short periods of time depending on current life circumstances. We want to be able to continue to support all our families as best we can.

To ensure that everyone who needs the support of being able to access the carpark can do so, we are returning to a system previously deployed by school. Permit badges will be issued, this will be automatic for all Blue Badge holders. All other requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. We are aware of the families who we are currently supporting and these will be issued. So that we do not miss anyone, if you have an agreement currently with school to access the car park, can you please email school to confirm the arrangement is still required using office@ingleblymill.org.uk. We are not trying to make a tricky time of the school day harder but ensuring we can effectively support families.

Star of the Week

As we continue our journey to becoming a two-form entry school, one of the benefits is that we are now able to hold whole school assemblies on a Monday and Friday. It is wonderful to start and end the week as a whole school family except for class assemblies. Friday is our celebration day when two children from each class are awarded a Star of the Week certificate. This is an absolute highlight of the week, not only the excitement



of the children awarded a certificate but the joy as the rest of the school celebrates with lots of 'High 5s' as they make their way to the front of the hall.

Fond Farewells

We say farewell to two members of the team this half term.

Mrs Black leaves the school office team after serving as an integral part of the Ingleby Mill community for over 22 years. I can't even begin to calculate the huge number of families she has impacted on during her dedicated service to the Ingleby Mill community.

Mrs Richardson is moving on to pastures new and has secured a position at Hardwick Green Primary School, the children there are very lucky to have her.

Both will be missed here at Ingleby Mill but I am sure you will join with us in wishing them both the very best as they start their new adventures.



Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns our safeguarding contacts are:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead: Janis Williams, Head Teacher
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Andrae Dent: Assistant Head Teacher

Forward Planning

Earlier this half term we issued a full calendar of the main events for school. This will be added to as the year progresses. Next half term is busy for school and

families so we have attached the Diary Dates to this Newsletter.



An additional date for your diaries is Anti-Bullying Week which takes place from Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November, this year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. We will be joining with the national odd socks campaign on Tuesday 12th November, we would love to see the children wearing odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique.



Don't forget, school finishes for half term on Thursday 24th October as we have a PD Day on Friday 25th October. The children have had an amazing half term but are now very ready for their holiday. On behalf of the whole Ingleby Mill Team, we want to say a huge thank you for your continued support and wish you all a wonderful half term break. We're looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4th November.

Mrs Williams
Head Teacher



