

# INIS Newsletter

## Head Teacher Welcome



**November 2023 - Issue 4**

Mrs Marshall- Head Teacher

Our teachers started the new term off with training around the curriculum. Our teachers worked with staff from IJS and the Finedon schools to ensure we continue to offer an excellent curriculum to all our children. We looked at supporting our children with additional needs and how to ensure that all our children have access to our ambitious, nurturing and well planned curriculum. **Thank you to all the parents and carers** who attended one of our parent partnership meetings. I hope you could see the progress your child has made so far this year.

### Parent/Carer information session Sleep Management

**Wednesday 8th November 2pm – 3pm**

Please come and join the mental health support team workshop afternoon for information sharing, tips and advice about supporting healthy sleep.

Sleep has a significant impact on behaviour, concentration and general health. Strategies, tips and advice will be shared to support a healthy sleep pattern.

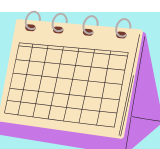
Lorraine will be delivering the workshop at INIS and will be able to signpost you to other relevant sleep support.

If you would like to attend please email [inisoffice@iflt.org.uk](mailto:inisoffice@iflt.org.uk) or phone the school office as we need to make sure there are enough biscuits available!

### Mental Health Support

Some of you may have met members of the mental health support team at our parents evening. They were there to talk about the sleep workshop but also the other support that they can offer. Mental health can be a force for positive change but sometimes it can impact on a child's life in negative ways. If you feel your child needs initial support please phone school to talk with our **Mental Health Lead Mrs Marshall. Also see the information and link to Place 2 Be.**

### Upcoming Dates



[Click here for a full calendar of dates](#)

**7th November - 6.30pm PTA AGM** in the staffroom - All welcome!

**8th November - 2pm** Sleep workshop

**11th November - 4pm** Our choir sing two songs at the town remembrance event.

**13th November -** Anti Bullying Week

**17th November - Children in Need**

**23rd November - 9am** Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics workshop

**24th November -** Santa's Grotto!

**27th November - 5.45pm** Maths Workshop - Rec to Year Two for parents

**28th November - 9am** Maths

Workshop Rec to Year Two for parents

**8th December -** Christmas Jumper Day and Reception Family Celebration event with songs, crafts and cakes at 2.30pm!

**14th December -** Kingswood Christmas Lunch and Christmas Mufti day- bring in sweets or chocolates!

**15th December - 9.15am and 2.15pm** Year One Christmas Singing

**19th December - 9.15am and 2.15pm** Year Two Christmas Concert

**20th December -** Cransley Hospice Charity Santa Run

**20th December -** Break up for the winter break

### Further Mental Health support

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity who also offer advice for parents and carers through 'Parenting Smart'. There are 45 topics covered to support children's wellbeing and behaviour.

[parentingsmart.place2be](https://parentingsmart.place2be)



# childline

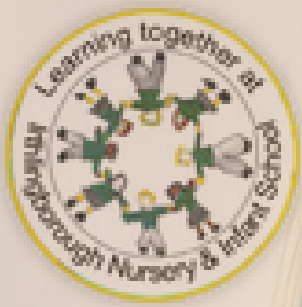
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME



If you ever need support  
you can call **0800 1111** or  
visit **childline.org.uk/kids**

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the school on 01933654900, the local authority following the link [report a concern](#) or NSPCC report a concern to [NSPCC](#)





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## Attendance

You will have seen from our Ofsted Report that attendance was picked up as an area of improvement. We have always worked hard on this as we know it is vital for children to get the foundations of education early on.

This is what Ofsted said *“Some pupils are not attending school regularly enough. Missing so much time at school makes it harder for these pupils to achieve their full potential. It also means they cannot take advantage of all the opportunities on offer at Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School. Leaders should continue to work with families to reduce absence and make sure that all pupils have high attendance.”*

Some parents will have received a letter alerting them to their child’s attendance dipping at this early stage of the year. We understand that children can be ill but it is important they return as soon as they are well and holidays are not taken in term time. Please let us know if you need support.

## Attendance Ladder



## Handwriting at INIS

We use a handwriting programme in school and nursery called Kinetic letters. in the programme there are four main threads:

- Making bodies stronger,
- Holding the pencil,
- Learning the letters, and
- Flow and fluency

It enables children to develop legible handwriting that is produced quickly and automatically. With the development of automaticity, handwriting becomes a valuable tool and not a hindrance to learning.

The Kinetic Letters font covers all the letters in the alphabet and is based on a set of rules that have been made as simple as possible to enable fast learning. The order in which letters are taught recognises the cognitive development of children.

The children will start with strength exercises and poses, they will learn how to comfortably hold a pencil and then learn the letters, which flow and fluency will follow.

To find out more have a look at the Kinetic Letters website. [Kineticletters.co.uk](https://kineticletters.co.uk)







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## Poppies available

We have poppies available. You can bring your child into the entrance office or send in a donation of at least £1 in an envelope and we can get a poppy for your child. You can of course ask for more than one! All proceeds go to the British Royal Legion.



## Remembrance

We will be talking to the children about remembrance this week in our assemblies. We will observe a minute's silence on Friday with the children as a mark of respect for the fallen. Our choir are performing at St Peter's church at 4pm on Saturday 11th November for their annual remembrance festival. We have two lovely songs to perform. There will be a brass band and other singers to entertain. Tickets are £5 each for adults.

## Admissions for Reception and Year Three for September 2024

If you have a child starting Reception next year please sign up for one of our tours. I have just added three more dates to the website. They are organised in small groups and are usually run by the headteacher so you can ask questions, relevant to your child. You will have a tour of the whole school. If your child is starting in Year Three at IJS or another school you must apply for a place before 15th January 2024, which is the same date as the reception placements need to be confirmed. Please click [this link](#) when you are ready to apply for your place at either INIS or IJS. Each year we have some applications which are late and this could mean that you miss out on a place at our wonderful schools!!



If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen. Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900.



Mrs Parsons-Moore



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Luke



Mrs Cummins



Miss Ratcliffe

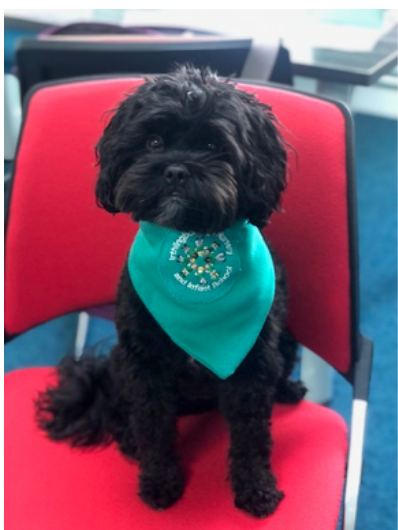


Mrs Richardson

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.

### Dogs not allowed on site

Please be aware that dogs are not allowed on our site, not even if they are small and carried. This is a policy across the whole site including IJS. We do have service dogs who come on the site and our reading dogs Monty and Star. These are used to being with the children and have been risk assessed. Please also be mindful of dogs being tied to the fence on the rec path as when you are in school you do not know what other dogs go by and the reaction either dog may have. I have had a number of reports of this worrying our children on entry to school, which I'm sure none of you would want. Thank you for understanding. We love dogs here, just not on the site!







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## PTA information

We are very fortunate to have an active PTA, however we can't take this for granted as the actual committee is very small and most parents involved have children in Year Two meaning at the end of this year we may not be able to carry on our PTA!!! I urge you even if you can't come to all the meetings but can offer some support to join us on Tuesday 7th November at 6.30pm for our AGM.

We have a Christmas Grotto coming up on Friday 24th November but have had to slim down our plans as we are short of volunteers. Please come along to support and to find out more.

## Pumpkin Competition



Thank you for all those who entered our design a pumpkin competition. We had some amazing, creative designs. Our class winners received a story book and our overall winner had a lovely cuddly pumpkin cat!! Well done Sebastian our overall winner, I loved the effort that went into your creative Autumn calendar.

## Advent Calendars

We are collecting advent calendars for a charity called East Northants Community Kindness, who amongst other things, give out advent calendars to a wide range of families who in other circumstances may not get one. We believe that the joy of counting down to Christmas and this magical time of year is important to lots of families. We also realise that this is a luxury item for many families. If you would like to give to this charity please ensure we receive the calendars by **17th November**.



**Dates for School Tours for new Reception parents September 2024**

**27th November - 4.45pm**

**11th December- 10am**

**9th January - 10am**

Come and join our informal but informative tours of the school. Remember to complete your admission form before 15th January 2024. You may not get a place if your application is late.

## Donations Needed

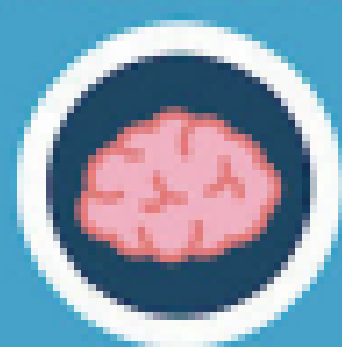
**We need donations of toy cars, baby dolls, books, games (with all pieces) for our lunchtime play.**



# 10 THINGS PARENTS CAN DO TO NOURISH THEIR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

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 @BELIEVEPHQ



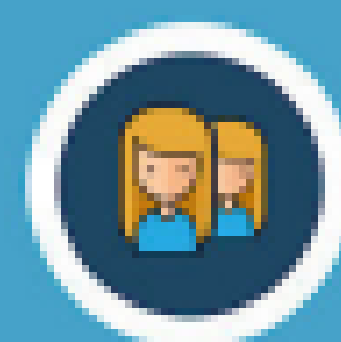
Provide them with autonomy. Allow them to make their own decisions



Emphasise the importance of good sleep, eating healthily and exercise



Listen, listen, listen. Be patient and present when talking to your child



Support your child to develop positive relationships with family and friends



Talk your child. Help them to express their thoughts and feelings



Make sure your child feels loved, valued and safe



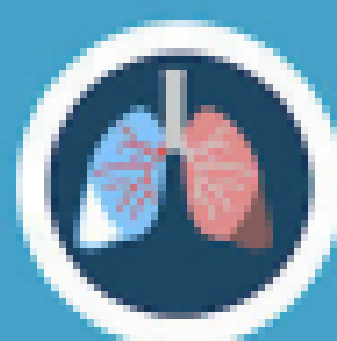
Provide your child with opportunities to play and be creative



Role model positive mental health. Highlight the importance of self care and looking after yourself



Involve yourself with your child's hobbies. Support and praise them



Learn some simple coping skills such as relaxation and deep breathing. Practice them with your child

