



Illogan School Newsletter

8th March 2021



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Headteacher message –

What a joyous sight it was yesterday to see all of our families back at Illogan School, As the bell rang out to summon everyone back to learning, the school was filled with the happy sounds of laughter and class reunions. Thank you parents for everything you have done to keep your children safe and learning at home and to prepare them so well for their return to school. As I chatted to children during their break time, one Year 6 girl summed up her feelings as "nervously excited" which I felt summed it up for all of us. Children have returned to school with confidence, enthusiasm and so much taller. I really could not believe how much they have all grown!

We have learned from each reopening that what our children really want from us is a prompt return to high quality teaching and learning, with our usual kindness and understanding of what they may find hard, and that is what we intend to give them. They have slotted back into routines admirably well, respecting Covid guidance, treating their classmates with kindness and trying their hardest with everything they do. Yet again I am so proud of all the staff here for their hard work, dedication and commitment to giving their very best to every single child.

Throughout our partial closure and into our reopening our cleaning team of Mrs Tonkin and Mrs May have been working hard to keep our school clean and safe. Mrs Tonkin is regularly having to clean up dog mess outside the school and we would be very grateful if you see any dog owner leaving mess if you could remind them of the health hazards and cleaning nightmare of this coming into school. Also Mrs Tonkin is regularly having to clean up unsavoury waste from people illegally using our field out of hours, including fire damage. Each incident takes time to clear and report to the police, time which could be spent for the benefit of our children. Please can I ask you to be vigilant if you are out for walks at the weekend or evenings and to call the police if you see anyone using our facilities? Your support would be most appreciated.

I apologise for the amount of surveys that are being sent your way, but the data generated by these surveys is very useful to us here. If you have not yet had time, please scroll on Class Dojo for the one I added on 8th March about Remote Learning and the one added on 9th March from our wonderful PTA. We really value your opinions.

Thank you again for your continued support with the reopening and with following Government guidance to keep us all happy and safe.

Mrs Jo Knuckey
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th March – Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 31st March 2021: Last day of term

Thursday 1st April 2021: Inset day

Monday 19th April 2021: Return to school

Monday 3rd May 2021: Bank holiday

Friday 28th May 2021: Last day of term

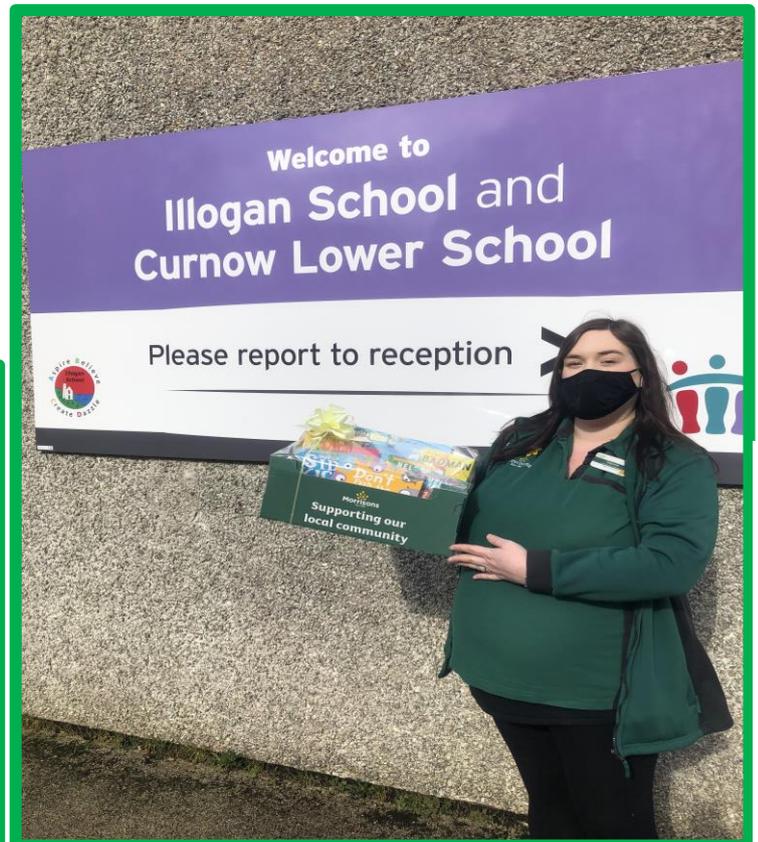
Monday 7th June 2021: Return to school

Wednesday 21st July 2021: Last day of term

Thursday 22nd July 2021: Inset day

Illogan school would like to thank David Ekinsmyth, our local councillor & Governor of our school, for his generous gift via the Digital Devices scheme to supplement our IT budget. It is wonderful to have the support of our local community with such important aspects of our learning.

We would also like to thank Morrison's Community Champion Dianne Keen for visiting us last week with a super hamper of books to help our supply. Creating a lasting love of books is so central to boosting our children, so it was wonderful to have this lovely new collection. Thank you Morrisons for supporting us so well. (See photo on right)



Teaching Personnel Easter card design competition

Teaching Personnel are running an Easter card competition where children could win a £25 gift voucher for the store of their choice and the runner up will receive an Easter Egg!

Entry details below:

We want to spread some Easter cheer this year, given that the beginning of 2021 has been rather odd. Who better to design a bright and beautiful Easter card than primary school pupils! Please submit all entries as an image or PDF file to cornwallprimary@teachingpersonnel.com by Friday 12th March. If you're happy for this to be displayed on the winning card, it would be fantastic if each entry could have the pupil's **first name** and school name written in the corner somewhere. With your consent, we will share the winning image across the company and primary schools across Cornwall will be sent a printed copy to brighten up their reception!



Illogan Wondrous Word Competition- update

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Top Readers</u>	<u>Overall Total</u>
3	Isaac P – 105,718 Jack R– 65,175 Toby B – 49,425	368,421
4	Karl K – 135,031 Seth J-W – 130,866 Kody M – 102,062	759,297
5	Paige K – 118,341 Xander P – 116,541 Connie B– 116,400	661,033
6	Hannah C – 98,570 Evie B– 65,812 Aimee W – 53,865	262,920

Dojo Awards

Last week we gave Dojo certificates to the following children. Well done!

BRONZE – 50 points

Year 4 – Alfie W & Chad

SILVER – 100 points

Year 3 – Sophia & Oscar

Year 4 - Kody, Harry, Rylan, Cadan & Gracie

Year 5 – Kayden, Emelia, Ethan & Zac

GOLD – 200 points

Year 1 –

Year 3 – Poppy, Toby & Harry

Year 4 – Sienna, Harry

Year 5 - Xander, Aalaya, Oliver & Isabelle

PLATINUM – 400 points

Year 3 - Rufus

CREATE AWARDS

Last week staff awarded Create Awards to children who have been creative. The awards went to:

YEAR 1

River D- For creating a fantastic information text.

Jenson R – For creating & editing a wonderful information text.

YEAR 3

Charlie S – For creating a well written, clear & easy to follow set of instructions in writing.

Samson C- For creating independently an imaginative & highly detailed opening to a story.

Year 5

Tyler S – For consistently exploring different ways of overcoming barriers in his learning. He has applied this skill in all his lessons & Mr. Riches is delighted to see the progress he has made.

Nathan O – For completing many of the World Book Day Reading challenges set during last week's event. Nathan also came up with some creative ways to dazzle Mr. Riches last week in all areas of learning.

YEAR 6

Evie B –For creating an exquisite painting of a vase of flowers, which she hand picked from her garden.

Katie C – For creating a fantastic piece of descriptive writing based on a picture of a knight.

YEAR EYFS

Eryn E– For creating a fantastic story & telling it with masses of enthusiasm.

Nancy L-J – For creating a lovely story atmosphere when telling her story about Macky.

YEAR 2

Charlotte H – For creating a fabulous poem inspired by Michael Rosen.

Betsy B- For creating a wonderful short story independently using her writing skills.

YEAR 4

Savannah C- For creating a fantastic hat for our World Book Day celebrations, themed around Charlotte's Web.

Karl K – For creating & performing poems including limericks, haikus & acrostics.