



Illogan School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I hope that you were all able to enjoy the sunshine over the weekend and had the opportunity to follow some of the G7 events locally. It's been exciting to see some of the security in place as dignitaries travel through the county and interesting to see the beauty of the area we live in through the eyes of others. Mrs Bright spoke to the pupils last week about the events and a focus on environmental issues was high on their agenda.

This half term we have a whole school focus on the local area through a study of history, considering people and places of significance and how this has changed and influenced the present day. You should all have received the class curriculum overview (or be about to) which will provide you with further information about what your child will be learning this half term.

I spent a lot of my time last week talking to staff and children about Illogan school to identify the things that they value most. They told me that the best feature of Illogan School is the people, they value the support and relationships between staff, pupils and parents, there is a true community feeling that makes Illogan School a special place to learn and work. There are also several approaches to the teaching of writing and the wider curriculum which are helping children make good progress. A focus on continued improvement is also important - not always because things aren't good enough but because we can always strive for improvement. The priority identified by staff was to support the pupils to develop their behaviour for learning eg respect for and belief in themselves and their abilities. This will be the focus for our assemblies over the coming weeks.

The children told me that they would like to spend more time outside lunchtimes, I think that this has been exacerbated by the recent improvement in weather. Our children have been incredibly patient and resilient over the last 12 months or so, following the COVID restrictions and accepting the limitations that this has placed on them. However, in line with government guidelines, we are now able to allow two bubbles of children to mix **outside** where the risk of transmission is much lower. This means that from Monday two classes will be sharing an area of playground/field. They will continue to be supervised by staff from their bubble.

We are in the process of planning Sports Days and hope to be able to invite parents to be part of this. We will send out further information soon but for now please put 7th July for YrR, Yr1 and Yr2 and 12th July for Year 3-6 in your diaries.

You will be aware that we have a new Chair of Governors - Karen Brokenshire. Further information about Karen and a photograph can be found on our school website.

Finally, encouraging the love of reading is a core aim of the school. We are therefore introducing a new feature to our weekly newsletters of a staff recommendation. We will ensure that over time these recommendations feature a range of genre, fiction and nonfiction and books suitable for different ages. I hope that you find the recommendations helpful and tempt your children (and family) to explore the wonderful world of books.

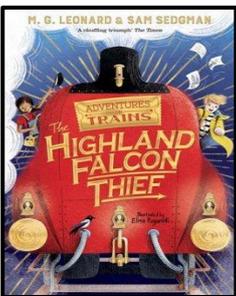
Mrs Lamb's Book of the Week

The Highland Falcon Thief by M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman

This is the story of a boy who reluctantly embarks on a train journey around the UK with his uncle only to discover that travelling on the royal steam train with a host of celebrities and a stowaway is more thrilling than he could have imagined.

I have only recently discovered this book and loved it. It is beautifully written with a balance of engaging human story and a fast-paced adventure. For children (and their parents) who are interested in solving puzzles and mysteries it's a must read.

Tamsin Lamb



Illogan School, throughout the year, distributes fliers and magazines offering family services or posts details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not endorse these services.



Dojo Awards

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

BRONZE – 50 points

SILVER – 100 points

Year 6 – Seb

GOLD – 200 points

Year 3 – Casper S

PLATINUM – 400 points

Year 6 – Aimee, Rose, Lowenna, Ethan, Evie & Toryn

DIAMOND – 500 points

Year 6 – Olivia & Zac

Illogan Wondrous Word Competition- update

| <u>Year Group</u> | <u>Top Readers</u> | <u>Overall Total</u> |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| 3 | Charlie H – 157,220 George C – 12,557 Kyla L – 4,600 | 190,158 |
| 4 | Seb KS – 399,437 Seth JW – 245,268 Karl K – 210,314 | 1,130,477 |
| 5 | Doug B – 98,483 Connie B – 92,831 Georgia H – 28,869 | 287,325 |
| 6 | Lowenna P – 76,887 Aimee W – 56,888 Ethan T – 10,946 | 145,577 |

A message from the PTFA

We are holding a jumble sale at the Mosley Museum, Tumblydown Farm, Tolgus TR15 3TA on Sunday 4th July from 11am. This is our first fundraising event for a long time, so we hope you will be able to support us. Please keep hold of anything that could be sold at the jumble sale and bring in any donations to school on Friday 2nd July, not before. We also need tables, clothes rails & hangers, plus volunteers to help move jumble, etc. If you think you could help please have a chat with a member of the PTFA or send us a message on Facebook, many thanks.

Attendance (96% and under – red)

| | Attendance last week | Attendance so far this year | Lates last week |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| EYFS | 97.8% | 99.1% | 1 |
| Year 1 | 99.3% | 96% | 2 |
| Year 2 | 97.9% | 97.7% | 3 |
| Year 3 | 98.4% | 96.8% | 2 |
| Year 4 | 97.8% | 95.6% | 8 |
| Year 5 | 93.8% | 90.9% | 3 |
| Year 6 | 92.5% | 92.2% | 3 |
| Whole School | 96.7% | 95.3% | 22 |

Dates for your diary

Weds 7th July – KS1 & EYFS Sports Day

Mon 12th July – KS2 Sports Day

Weds 21st July – last day of term

Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd July – Inset days

Mon 6th & Tues 7th September – Inset days

Weds 8th September – Return to school

Fri 22nd October – Last day of term

Mon 1st November – Return to school

Thurs 16th December – Last day of term

Fri 17th December – Queens Jubilee

Inset Days for 2021

Tues 4th January

Mon 28th February (MAT)

Fri 1st April

Mon 25th & Tues 26th July

DAZZLE AWARDS

Last week staff awarded Dazzle Awards to children who have dazzled them. The awards went to:

YEAR EYFS

Maisie J- For dazzling staff when completing addition number sentences during continuous provision.

Martha B – For aspiring to be a great role model for everyone in our class.

YEAR 2

Betsy – For dazzling with her fantastic comprehension answers in full sentences.

Ethan J – For dazzling us with his brilliant rule of three sentences.

YEAR 4

Alfie W- For being interested in learning & asking questions.

Rose H -For always being kind, using fantastic manners & being a great friend.

YEAR 1

River & Chloe – For retelling & acting out our new story with great enthusiasm.

YEAR 3

Jack R – For his amazing progress in reading.

Rufus BM - For his amazing progress in reading.

YEAR 5

Chloe C – For showing amazing determination, resilience & skill in developing multiple pieces of writing which include fantastic vocabulary & dialogue.

Miley B – For persevering & being extremely resilient within her Maths learning last week.

YEAR 6

Jess-For the exceptional progress she has made with her writing this year.

Anna – For always working hard in every subject & always ensuring her work is completed to a very high standard.