



# Illogan School Newsletter

## 19th July 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of the academic year our thoughts inevitably turn to reflect on the year that has passed. I don't think any of us would have predicted the twists and turns that 20-21 would have brought, from bubble closures in the Autumn and Summer, a return to home schooling in the Spring term and continued restrictions and uncertainty this term. I am very aware that on top of this, the staff changes that have happened at Illogan will have brought about further feelings of uncertainty in you and the children. I apologise for this. It is not a situation that any of us would have chosen and would like to reassure you that I am working hard to stabilise the school going forward.

The ongoing success of the school is important to me, maintaining the strong community values and child focussed approach which has been so strongly nurtured at the school for the past few years. The plan for the headship of the school is to begin the recruitment process in the Autumn Term. Finding the right person will be important and we want to take our time and make sure that the 'fit' is right. I will remain at Illogan until the new headteacher takes up post (probably January) and after that time will continue to support the new head to transition into the role with the minimum disruption to the school.

The leadership of the school goes far beyond the role of headteacher. The stability, knowledge and experience of the leadership team (Mrs Bright and Mr Riches) combined with the skills of the teaching and support team will help to bring about further security for the school.

If any of you have any questions or concerns please get in touch. I'm always happy to talk to you on the gate at the beginning or end of the day or talk on the phone if it is more convenient.

### **Transition**

At the beginning of this week I wrote to you to inform you all of your child's new teacher in September and the arrangements that we have put in place for them to begin to get to know each other. On Friday (15<sup>th</sup> July) all the children will have a further opportunity to meet their teacher outside, face to face. We have also been working hard behind the scenes sharing transition information between the staff – not just the academic information (although that is important) but also the personal information that teachers need to make a class work eg Susan needs to sit near the board to be able to see it properly, Jamie and Sam are great friends but work better when they are not sat together or George some times finds it tricky to come in to school in the morning but a job to do helps this.

This week your child's new teacher will introduce themselves to you via Dojo – please feel free to message them back with any information that you think it is important that they know.

In early September we will make sure that there is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher face to face.

### **Reports**

The end of term reports have been written and are nearly ready to go. These will be sent home with pupils today. If you have any questions or would like to talk to your child's teacher, please get in touch.

### **September**

We have an exciting new curriculum being launched in September. We hope that this will be engaging and the new themes will help the children to make continued progress in their learning, making links between subjects.

We will of course share this in far more detail with you in September but I thought a bit of advanced warning of the topics covered would be of interest:

Reception - Lets explore, Year one – Childhood (with a history theme), Year two – Movers and Shakers (the people who have changed our lives), Year three – Through the Ages (Stone age to Bronze Age life in Britain), Year four – Invasion (Anglo Saxons and Vikings in Britain), Year five – Dynamic Dynasties (The Ancient Shang Dynasty in China), Year six – Maafa (Africa past and present including the slave trade)

We will have a continued focus on encouraging pupils to read as frequently and widely as possible, in home and at school, with lots of new texts for the children to enjoy.

I would like to reassure you that what will not change is the school's community focus, our belief that school should be a safe and enjoyable place for children to be and that their wellbeing will always be a priority.

### **End of Term**

We break up on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and school will finish at the usual time with gates opening at 3pm. The parents of Yr6 pupils have been invited to help give their children a good send off from 2.30pm, including a visit to the ice cream van.

For other children the ice cream van will remain on site at the end of the school day if any of you would like to purchase and end of term treat. I recognise that this could mean ice cream 2 days in a row – but it is the end of term.

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.

## COVID

We are not currently sure what September will bring in terms of COVID restrictions. We have been told that there is unlikely to be and National restrictions and the need for children to be in 'bubbles' or be forward facing in their classrooms will be removed. We have also been notified that depending on local infection rates there may be locally enforced restrictions. Our sincere hope is that from September we will be able to operate in a more normal fashion, allowing pupils to mix within school, returning to face to face assemblies and welcoming you back into the building. I will be in touch at the start of next term to make sure that you understand how things will be for your child returning to school.

I know that today there is likely to be an announcement that there is no longer requirement to wear face coverings. I am however mindful that we have vulnerable members of our school community and with the end of term so close **I ask that you all continue to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting your child.** Staff will continue to do so in communal areas of the school for the final few days of term.

Thank you all for your cooperation with this all year and for the next few days.

Tamsin Lamb

Headteacher

### Book of the Week

Make sure you look out for Mr Riches whole school Summer Reading Challenge and send in photographs of you reading in the strangest places!

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**Mrs Goldsworthy's Choice** Ideal for reception ages and those who enjoy being imaginative.



My son really enjoys when we read this book. I like the focus that it gives children to think of all the amazing things that they can do, whilst also encouraging them to use their imagination! A great 'Dr Seuss'-like rhyming flow with lovely detailed bright pictures.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Top Readers</u>	<u>Overall Total</u>
3	Charlie H – 366,869 Isaac P – 259,185 Toby B – 138,700	1,449,425
4	Karl K – 428,179 Seb KS – 423,121 Seth JW – 285,297	2,186,424
5	Rosie C – 319,326 Connie B – 285,604 Doug B – 245,942	1,658,264
6	Lowenna – 182,812 Heidi C – 107,718 Olivia H – 89,194	693,012

	Attendance last week	Attendance so far this year	Lates last week
EYFS	100%	98.4%	0
Year 1	96.5%	96.2%	1
Year 2	98.6%	97.7%	0
Year 3	92%	96.9%	5
Year 4	89.4%	95.3%	0
Year 5	93.4%	91.7%	4
Year 6	87.4%	91.8%	1
Whole School	93.8%	95.3%	11

### Dates for your diary

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> July – last day of term

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> & Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Inset days

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> & Tues 7<sup>th</sup> September – Inset days

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> September – Return to school

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> November – Return to school

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> December – Queens Jubilee

Inset Days for 2022

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> February (MAT)

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> & Tues 26<sup>th</sup> July

## DAZZLE AWARDS

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

### YEAR EYFS

**Arianna EW**- For making great progress in reading & writing.

**Jessie F**- For her wonderful Trelawny singing.

### YEAR 1

**Bryce P** – For being a great mathematician.

**Mia T**- For being the first to complete all of her topic work.

### YEAR 3

**Ella K**- For always being a kind & caring friend to all her peers in Yr 3.

**Bethany P**- For her amazing attitude & focus in all lessons.

### YEAR 2

**Charlotte** – For dazzling us with a brilliant, thoughtful poem in English.

**Olivia-Mae** – For dazzling us with her fantastic home learning.

### YEAR 5

**Aalaya D**- For showing determination & perseverance over the academic year to improve her reading.

**Emelia T** – For showing determination to improve & understand the knowledge of capacity & volume.

### YEAR 4

**Lowenna**- For believing in her own ability to give everything her best no matter how challenging she feels a task is.

**Ryan** - For believing in himself & showing that he embodies all of our Illogan School values in all of his learning.

### YEAR 6

**Rose & Lowenna**-For working hard every lesson & always trying their best.