



# Illogan School Newsletter

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### Harvest Festival

A massive well done to the pupils of Year 1 and 2 who represented the school so well at our Harvest Festival on Wednesday. They all behaved beautifully, sang their hearts out and participated in the service too. I know that their teachers were very proud. Thank you all for supporting the school and local food bank with your kind donations, these are being collected on Monday.



**Congratulations** - Last weekend Miss Bramley got married, she returned to school this week as Mrs Abbott-Smith. Congratulations to you both, we wish you a long and happy life together.

**National Poetry Day** - Thursday was National Poetry Day. We decided to celebrate by writing a school poem, with each class writing one line about what they think Illogan School means to them. In assembly on Friday, we then shared this with all our Illogan Friends, we were very impressed (and a little surprised) with how well it turned out. I recorded the performance on Friday, but unfortunately the quality wasn't quite up to sharing with you. I will try again this week!

*Safety, laughter, fun, together we are one,  
We work together to dazzle and shine.  
New learning every day makes us say yeah,  
Excited to explore new things.  
We love Illogan School 'cos we love art.  
School is fun, we are kind to everyone,  
Learning lots and having fun with our friends.*

**COVID** - Unfortunately, we have a sudden flurry of confirmed cases of COVID in the school over the last couple of days. There are now confirmed cases in reception, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Thank you to those parents who contacted me over the weekend, this has been helpful in enabling me to review procedures, notify others and ensure that we are taking appropriate measures in school. I am always happy for parents to get in touch via Dojo if you have any concerns or queries. I wish all those affected a speedy recovery. As you will be aware, the school is no longer required to close bubbles when a positive case is confirmed. All classes, therefore, remain open and your child should continue to attend school unless they are unwell or have any of the symptoms of Covid-19. The school is no longer asked to identify which children are close contacts of anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19. This task is now carried out by Test and Trace. If your child is identified by Test and Trace as a close contact of the positive case, they will be in touch directly to advise you of this and provide you with advice on testing (which is likely to be a recommendation to arrange a PCR for your child) and how to help to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Please note that children below the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to self-isolate even if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case unless they themselves show symptoms. If there has been a positive case confirmed in your child's class, please be extra vigilant to look out for symptoms of Covid-19. Symptoms are a new continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell. The newer variants of the virus can also result in a runny nose and general 'cold' like symptoms. If your child does develop symptoms, they should remain at home until they can have a PCR test. You can arrange a PCR test using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119. If the test result is positive, your child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. If the test is negative, your child can return to school as soon as they feel well enough to do so.

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.

### On-line Safeguarding

Please can I draw to your attention concerns around 'Squid Game' a recent Netflix series which is growing in popularity. Children and young people are likely to know about the show via word of mouth and because it is so popular on social media. They may be unaware of the extent of gore, death, and violence the show contains. It also focuses on adult themes that are not appropriate for younger sensibilities. For young people who live with mental health issues, they may be triggered by some of the content.

If you are concerned the advice around talking to your children is:



#### PAUSE

Consider the age and ability of your child alongside the platform they use



#### THINK

Consider talking to your child about harmful content online



#### TALK

Engage your child in a natural way and ask questions to establish how much they know about the topic

Tamsin Lamb, Headteacher

### **Books of the Week – In National Poetry Week I thought a poem maybe timely, rather than a book**

#### **Where Do All The Teachers Go? By Peter Dixon**

Where do all the teachers go  
When it's four o'clock?  
Do they live in houses?  
And do they wash their socks?

Do they wear pyjamas  
And do they watch TV?  
And do they pick their noses  
The same as you and me?

Do they live with other people?  
Have they mum and dads?  
And were they ever children?  
And were they ever bad?

Did they ever, never spell right?  
Did they ever make mistakes?  
Were they punished in the corner  
If they stole the chocolate flakes?

Did they ever lose their hymn books?  
Did they ever leave their greens?  
Did they scribble on the desk tops?  
Did they wear old dirty jeans?

I'll follow one back home today  
I'll find out what they do  
That I'll put in a poem  
That they can read to you.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – last day of term**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half term**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Tempest photos**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr1 hearing screening**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Nov & Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent Consultations**

#### **Future Inset days**

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022, Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, Mon 25<sup>th</sup> & Tues 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Nasal Flu vaccinations**

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

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Inset day**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Xmas holidays**

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Inset day (Return Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

## DAZZLE AWARDS

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

### YEAR EYFS

**Henry L**- For making excellent progress at lunchtime.

**Karina S**- For confidently choosing children & activities to play with during continuous provision.

### YEAR 1

**Martha** – For always following the school rules.

**Dexter C**– For an amazing written innovated story!

**Harrison** – For good problem solving.

### YEAR 3

**Alfie W**– For his can- do attitude & always following instructions.

**Toby**- For showing determination & superb concentration in all lessons.

### YEAR 2

**River** – For trying his best.

**Noah** – For being a great artist!

### YEAR 5

**Rylan & Kody**– For their brilliant discussion of 'Brightstorm' in our reading lesson & using evidence from across the text to support their points.

### YEAR 4

**Poppy**- For great listening & teamwork in PE.

**Toby** – For showing great determination in learning & trying his best.

### YEAR 6

**Doug**–For showing great confidence & determination to complete his 25m in his swimming lesson.

**Maisy** – For overcoming her fears of getting into the deep end and having a go at completing her 25m.