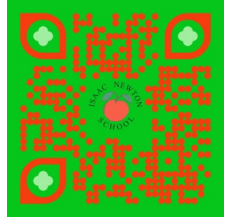




The Apple



The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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Dear Parents/Carer

It has been a phenomenal two weeks in school with so many things to share with you all. We hope you enjoy our latest Newsletter.

Why we love Isaac Newton...

'I love how we do maths and really enjoy the lessons,' Echo and Austin

'I love playing with my friends at break and lunchtime. It is really fun,' James

'I really like the teachers at Isaac Newton, they are really helpful and kind,' Luke

'I love the lunchtime and after school clubs that Isaac Newton offer us,' Mary

Local School Board Day

On Tuesday 5th November governors from our Local School Board came to visit us for the day. They spoke with the leaders of safeguarding, attendance, curriculum, SEND and teaching and learning. It was a thoroughly useful day for all involved. Thanks you to Mrs Townsend and the rest of the governors for taking time to come to school to speak with staff and children on the day.

Out of school achievements

We really want to know about your child's out of school achievements, please email the school office on enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk with information or send their hard work into school, and we will celebrate this in our next Newsletter which will be published on **Friday 30th November**, on social media and during our Celebration Assemblies!

Reminders

Please ensure that children wear studs and not hoops or 'dangly' earrings. If studs cannot be removed, unfortunately children will not be able to take part in Physical Education. Please consider this before letting children get their ears pierced!

Also, the temperature has dropped quite suddenly this week. Please make sure that the children bring a coat and if they have them, gloves and a hat to school. In the unlikely event of there being any snow, we will be in contact with you as soon as possible to let you know if we need to make any changes to our daily routines.

Mr Milner
Headteacher

Armistice Day Ceremony



On Monday 11th November, all children observed a minute's silence to commemorate Armistice Day. They were incredibly respectful throughout the short service. Mr Hearn who had organised the service again this year, played Nimrod as the children lined up, Mr Milner then read Exhortation before Mr Hearn played the Last Post. There was a minute's silence and then Mr Hearn played Reveille as the children walked back into school.

Donation from Winvic Construction

Matthew Vickers from Winvic Construction came into school to donate every child in Year 1 with the fabulous book, When I grow up. The children were absolutely thrilled. Many thanks to Winvic Construction for this kind gesture.



Attendance

It is parents and carers responsibility to inform the school office if their child(ren) are going to be absent from school. Please do this by calling 01476 568616 **before 9.30am**. In addition to this, please ensure the children arrive in school by 8.50am. If they are late, they miss out on valuable learning time. **Both gates open at 8.40, classroom doors are open at 8.45am and learning starts from 8.50am.**

Attendance by Class for the last two weeks.

How many classes are above 96%

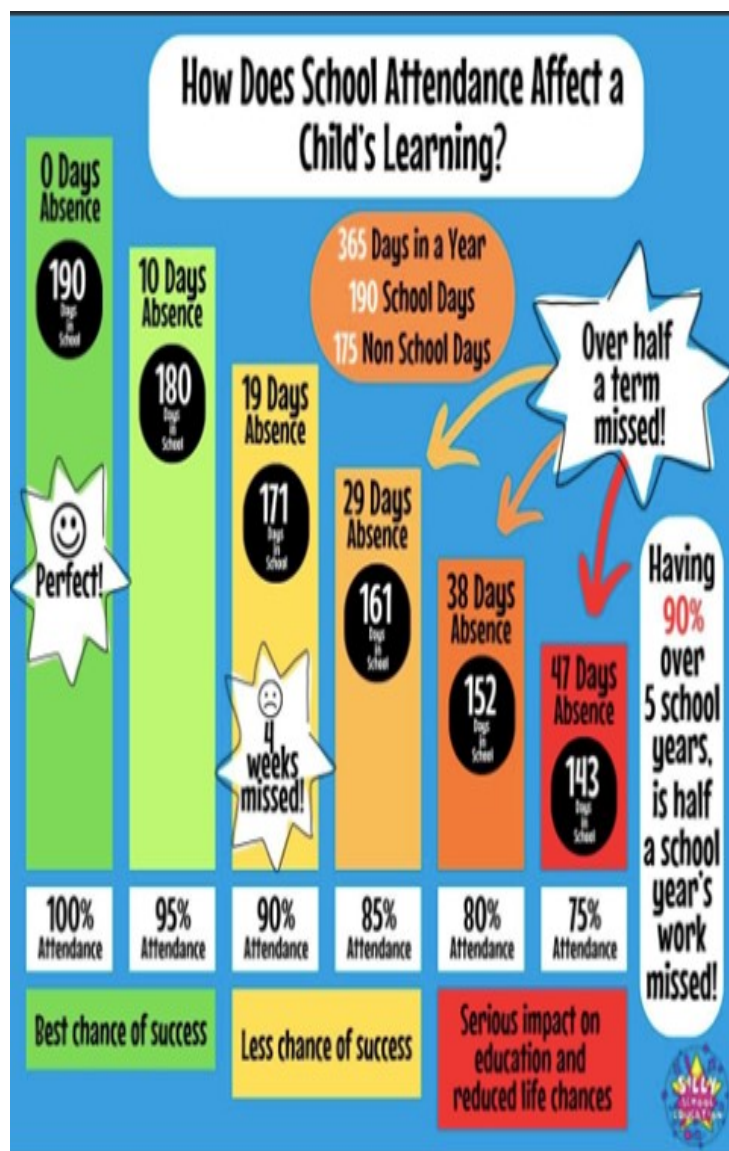
Class 1	93%	Class 8	97%
Class 2	96%	Class 9	94%
Class 3	95%	Class 10	91%
Class 4	93%	Class 11	98%
Class 5	93%	Class 12	97%
Class 6	93%	Class 13	90%
Class 7	97%	Class 14	87%

Well done to Classes 2, 7, 8, 11 and 12 who each have attendance over 96% also to class 3 for having attendance over 95%.

Below is a reminder of the impact of having below 90% attendance. If this continues over a five-year period, this is equivalent to half a school year's worth of lost learning that will result in significant gaps. Mr Richards and the attendance team continue to work hard to support families, offer advice and help get children back in school so they can flourish.

Medical Appointments

Photocopies of medical letters or of medical appointments are really useful and will mean that these absences will be authorised. Thanks you for your support with this.



Useful link – Is my child too ill for school?

The attached NHS link is a really useful resource for parents/carers if they are unsure whether to send their child to school or not. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon, we spend time celebrating all the successes from the week and present children with a Headteacher's Award. Staff choose one pupil from each class for a reason connected with our values (Respect, Pride, Responsibility, Kindness and Resilience and for following our simple, but effective, school rules (Be Ready; Be Respectful and Be Safe). All children are encouraged to listen carefully to the reasons for the award and they receive a certificate, a sticker and a round of applause from the whole school. We also celebrate those children who have produced exceptional work in school, at home and their out of school achievements. It is always a special occasion and enjoyed by all!



Winners from the recent Friday Celebration Assembly (08.11.2024 and 15.11.2024) with their certificates.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



School Values

This term we will focus on our school value of Respect. Being respectful and responsible for their actions will not only ensure that children are successful in school, but will also serve them well as adults in the workplace.

Dates For Your Diary:

28 th November	Cheerleading Festival
10 th December	EYFS Afternoon Christmas Performance 2:30pm
11 th December	EYFS Morning Christmas Performance 9:30am
12 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance from 9.30am
12 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance from 2.15pm
13 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am
13 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 2:00pm
13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Optional)
18 th December	End of term 2
19 th December	INSET DAY (School closed to all pupils)
6 th January 2025	Start of Term 3
5 th February	Year 2 at Lincoln Castle
9 th February	Swimarathon
11 th February	Valentine Disco
14 th February	End of Term 3
24 th February	Start of Term 4

Sports/PE update

This week our Year 5/6 Football team have been in action playing a league fixture against Huntingtower School. The team were excited to play the game and despite the short journey, had plenty of time stuck in traffic to talk tactics and positions!! We started the game very tentatively, with both teams having good spells of possession. The first half ended with no goals. A few changes at half term and we started to play, getting the ball down the wings and allowing for crosses into the box. We were able to capitalise on our possession with a lovely strike scoring the first goal of the game to go 1-0 up. We then faced a lot of pressure from the opposition, some great play from Huntingtower resulted in an equaliser with 3 minutes to play. Our defenders worked tirelessly alongside some super saves from our goalkeeper, but unfortunately we conceded with 15 seconds left to play. The game ended 2-1 to Huntingtower.

We are so proud of the team, they worked hard and supported each other throughout. Our players were commended by the opposition for their efforts and for showing exceptional manners and sportsmanship. We may have lost the game, but the team showed fantastic spirit and commitment whilst representing our school. A huge well done to everyone!

EYFS Fire brigade Visit

On Monday 4th November, our Foundation children had an exciting visit from the local Fire brigade. Fire Officers talked to the children about what they do in a typical day, how to keep safe and even let them climb into the cab of the fire truck and try the hose outdoors. Mr Milner could not resist having a quick go too!



School Council update



Mrs McEvoy and Mr Milner met again with the School Council this week. These meetings will happen every other Thursday afternoon.

Following a visit from Mr Hill and some other members of the Community Inclusive Trust in early November, Mr Milner gave some really positive feedback to the School Council:

- Everyone was working really hard
- Polite, especially manners e.g.) asking visitors how they were etc
- Supported well by staff
- Very good routines in place
- Children spoke highly about the school
- Great knowledge sharing with Mrs Jackson

Mr Milner went on to add that it had been a brilliant day and showcased the school to be a kind, happy and safe place and he was very proud of everyone. At the end of the session, Mr Milner asked for some quotes from the children about what they love about our school and we had some extremely positive feedback.

The School Council will meet again on Thursday 28th November.

Work to be proud of



Brilliant maths work from Nate. Really proud of how hard he is working.



Such brilliant poetry using similes for effect. Well Done Peter. Also well done to Nettie-Rae and Reign for their fabulous poems.



Amazing maths Leilan subtracting 4-digit numbers without exchange. Really well presented, accurate work! Well done.



Jackie Morris inspired artwork by Year 4. Such fantastic colours and careful shading. Well done to Lilly, Jonathan and Alice!

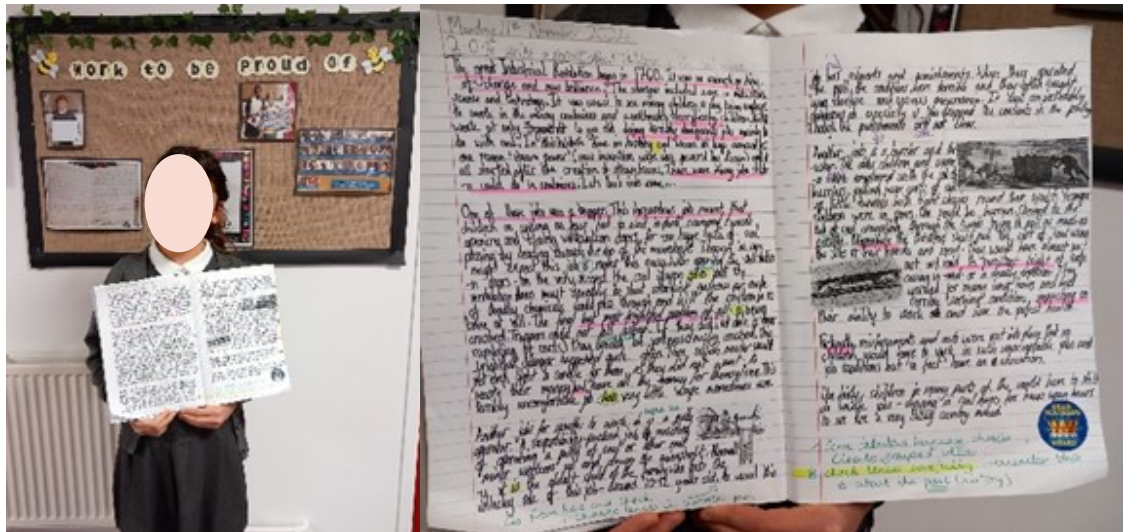


Amazing maths work from Riley who was successfully taking away 1's across a 10 with up to 3 digit numbers. Well done!



Kara B has been so helpful this week especially during tidy up time. She's also been working really hard to write her name.

Work to be proud of



Brilliant English work by Vidya. A fantastic and interesting report about what life was like for children in the Victorian child. Well done!



Alyssia's art work has blown me away. Fantastic shading and such attention to detail. Well done!



Miss Howes described Elsie as an exemplary student who always makes the right decision!
What a lovely thing to have said about you.
Well done Elsie



A fabulous recount from Lily, Andreas, Antoni and Oliver about their exciting trip to Mrs Smith's Cottage. Well done!



Great work from Maya Sale who wrote a really descriptive piece of writing about the Dreadful Menace. 'The mountain stood over the landscape aggressively watching over everyone. It froze in everyone's way to stop them reaching their goal! The icicles fell speedily whilst screaming loudly!'

Work to be proud of from home



Willow has made this wonderful Super Potato that her granny gave her. She also decorated this amazing poster. Well done!



Antonina has produced this magnificent teddy bear cushion. She has been inspired by the Year 3 DT work where the children have been learning about the different types of stitch. Antonina has used a running stitch because it is the most effective for this type of cushion (and it's the easiest!)



Brilliant art work from Lexi, inspired by her art topic in school. She told me that she really enjoyed the use of shapes.



Benas produced a wonderful piece of work about a Time Machine. This was inspired by the book Horrid Henry and the Mega Mean Time Machine. He also made his very own time machine out of a cardboard box – really creative!



A fantastic box model Antarctica 'Linked with the Year 2 geography topic on Climate change. Well done Evaleigh.



Great work from Maddison who made this cave at home. She did this with her dad and it is linked with the Year 3 Stone Age Topic. Well done!

Out of school Achievements



On Wednesday 6th November Jennifer Newton performed on stage at the Guildhall in the Elf the Musical JR with New Youth Theatre. Jennifer had a speaking part as a mother and a variety of dancing parts in the ensemble. We are really proud of her, well done Jennifer!



Well done to Daniel for receiving this medal from his football team Portuguese Football Academy. Well done!



More great swimming from Arthur who has now achieved the Water Safety 2 badge and certificate. Well done!



Leilani was awarded a special certificate for being the gymnastics star of the week. Her coach said it was a super first session, amazing strength on bar and great work on vault and track. Well done!



Upcoming Online Safety Q+A events for Parents

Our Keeping Safe Survey Lincolnshire showed that effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. Being able to keep up to date with the latest apps and trends in order to keep your children safe can feel like an overwhelming task. The Stay Safe Partnership deliver Online Safety workshops in Primary and Secondary schools across Lincolnshire everyday. In this event we will give you the most up to date information and tools, so you feel confident that you can keep your children safe from online harm whilst still allowing them to explore the online world. Whether you want to know more around age appropriate apps, online trends, parental controls, social media or any other burning questions this is the event for you! Sign up is required.



Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for **Parents of Primary Aged Children 20th November 2024 6-7:30pm** FREE TEAMS event
sign up required:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1441939>



Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for **Parents of Secondary Aged Children 26th November 2024 6-7:30 pm** FREE TEAMS event
sign up required:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1441969>



The Amazon Fire HD tablet is a popular choice of device for children.

It is important to know prior to purchase that users of the Amazon Fire HD tablet will only be able to use the Amazon shop for purchasing apps. Users can access many popular kids' games including Roblox. However, some popular apps are unavailable through this store, including:

- YouTube
- Google Play Store

Amazon offers their own app similar to YouTube called 'Video Direct'.

You can set up child profiles on the Amazon Fire tablets. This gives children limited access to content. Some users may find the child profile is restrictive. You may decide to use a regular profile for your child. You can set up appropriate restrictions to make it safe for them.

To find the parental controls on the tablet, from your home screen, swipe down and select the gear next to the profile icon. Under 'personal', select 'parental controls'. Turn them on by pressing the toggle. Set a password that can be used to modify access to features.

You will be able to do the following through the tablet's parental controls:

- block content and apps from being accessed
- add passwords for accessing certain content
- monitor profile activity
- limit access to the device during certain times of day

Using these controls, you can choose which apps to make available to your child. For example, you can stop them from being able to access the web browser.

Restricting web browser (SILK) limits access to inappropriate and harmful content. If playing on games and sent malicious links by other user, having no web browser access would remove the risk of them accessing the content sent.

Any apps you restrict will be hidden from the home screen. To access these apps simply turn off parental controls within the settings.

Setting the tablet to lock at selected times can help maintain routine and a healthy balance between technology and other activities. When the tablet has locked, parents and carers are able to access by entering their chosen password. Restricted access can be turned on using the settings via 'parental controls' under 'set daily goals and time limits'.

Setting up parental controls on the Amazon Fire HD tablet can be made easier with the help of [Internet Matters' step-by-step guide](#).