

The Apple



The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe that we are at the end of yet another term here at Isaac Newton. The children have been working so hard as always and continue to amaze me with some of their work! Please remember that today is the last day of term. The children return to school on Monday 31st October.

Unfortunately, this next term at Isaac Newton will be my last here as headteacher. As many of you are aware, I live in Nottinghamshire and have a young family. Also, at the start of the year, my eldest son was diagnosed with a rare eye condition called X-linked juvenile retinoschisis. In order for me to better support my family, I have therefore had to make the difficult decision to move to a role that is closer to home. In January I will be moving to a new headteacher role within an academy trust in Nottinghamshire.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their support over the past four years. Together we have navigated the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, alongside continuing to ensure that the children at Isaac Newton get the very best education!

CIT, the academy trust to which the school belongs, will be providing further details after half term regarding plans for a new headteacher. I would like to reassure you that we will do everything that we can to ensure a smooth transition. Up until the arrival of a new headteacher, Mrs Pask will take charge of the school as acting headteacher.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the future. Your children have been an absolute pleasure to teach and I could not be prouder of each and every one of them! They have all shown me such respect and kindness and I know they will do AMAZING things in the future!

C Heathcote

C Heathcote Headteacher

Tag Rugby Festival

Last week we took 8 year 4 children to the Tag Rugby Festival at Kesteven Rugby Club. They took part in a carousel of activities aimed at increasing confidence in tag rugby. They all had a great time, were enthusiastic and represented our school impeccably! Well done children and thank you to Mr Doughty for taking them!



Inspire+

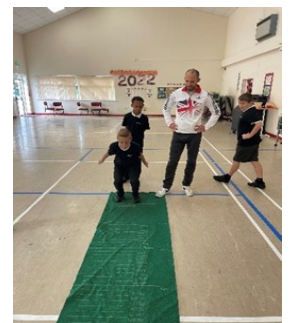
Our partnership with Inspire+ allows us to access some wonderful initiatives to promote sport, physical activity and mental well being and so last week we welcomed

Ambassadors Sophie and Kane into school to work with our Year 5 pupils. Sophie ran a Girls in Sport workshop, aimed at motivating and increasing the girl's confidence in all areas of sport and physical activity. Kane ran a team building workshop with the boys, allowing them to practice their communication skills. They needed to show respect to others within their groups, which is vitally important and follows one of our school rules. Many thanks to Sophie and Kane the children had a wonderful time!!



Dai Greene Visit

This week we welcomed a World Champion into school! European, Commonwealth and World Champion 400m Hurdler Dai Greene gave an assembly to our KS2 children. He explained his story, how he achieved his incredible medals and what they meant to him. Dai had to overcome a series of challenges in his career, meaning he had to show determination and perseverance in order to achieve his goals. The children were in awe of him, his medals and how hard he had worked throughout his career. The children asked some wonderful questions and we hope that they have taken away the fact that they can achieve anything they want to if they just believe in themselves. Our Bronze Ambassador got to hold his medals and even spent a bit of time with him afterwards, practising their standing long jump and getting tips on how to perfect their technique! Its not every day you can say you trained with a World Champion Athlete! Thank you to Dai for visiting Isaac Newton and we hope to welcome you back into school again soon!



Girls In Sport

Over the past year we have been working hard to promote Girls In Sport. Through workshops, extra curricular clubs and competitions we aim to inspire our girls. One of our Year 6 pupils Devan, has been attending many of these clubs over the years and has shown a real enthusiasm for football, particularly after the huge success of the England Women's Football Team in the Euros. Devan was lucky enough to go to her very first Premiership football match last week, visiting Old Trafford to watch Manchester United. This is wonderful to see and hear about, a real success story in inspiring Girls In Sport!



Virtual Mile

This week in our PE lessons our children have been completing the first of our Competitions within the Grantham area. The virtual mile has been set up on the field and each child has had the opportunity to complete it. The 3 quickest girl and boy times from each year group will be sent to Mr Plumb our local School Games Organiser, who will check our times against the other Grantham Schools. A huge well done to our children, some incredibly fast times and we look forward to seeing how we have done!

School Communications

The school does not send out letters in paper form. All of our information and updates are sent out via email and our E-Schools app. Please ensure that you have downloaded the app onto your phone and have logged into this. You also need to ensure that we have a correct, up-to-date email address for you on our school system. Letters were sent out last week to all new parents/ carers containing their E-Schools App username and password. If you have any issues with this, then please contact the school office.



Parent Online Safety Information Event

A Date with Dan: Free TEAMS Online Safety Q and A for Parents and Guardians, 7th December 6-7pm. Sign up required

Over two thirds of students surveyed in the LSCP 2021 Keeping Safe Online Survey indicated that their parents didn't know everything about their online activities. The survey also showed when parents talked openly to their children about their activity online, those students were less likely to experience cyberbullying and more likely to access support.

We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook our resident Online Guru will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required. [A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 7 Dec 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Sensory Bus

Every Friday during term 1 we have had a visit from the Linkage the Sensory Bus. The spectacular sensory room at the back of the bus has been transformed into a spectacular sensory experience for our children to explore. Such as, coloured lights, sounds, projectors, aromatherapy diffusers, and a variety of sensory environments which are both fascinating and educational. Groups of our children have had the opportunity to enter a wondrous under sea experience followed by atmospheric jungle.



Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child then you should report this immediately. You can report this to the school or directly to Children and Young People's Services (Social Services).

Children and Young People's Services Emergency Contact Information Lincolnshire:

During Office hours contact the Children Services Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01522 782111. Email: lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk



Out of Office Hours (24-hours) contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01522 782333.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Beeby. Safeguarding concerns can also be reported to Mr Heathcote or Mrs Pask who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Upcoming Dates:

8 th Nov	Year 4 Visit- The Collection (Lincoln)
10 th Nov	Year 2 Visit- Stibbington
14 th Nov	Y6 Cromford Mill Visit
29 th Nov	EYFS Rand Farm Visit
30 th Nov	Y5 Greek Workshop

School Term Dates:

Term 1	7 Sept- 21 Oct
October Break	
Term 2	31 Oct- 16 Dec
Christmas Break	
Term 3	3 Jan- 10 Feb
February Break	
Term 4	20 Feb- 30 March
Easter Break	
Term 5	17 April- 26 May
May Break	
Term 6	5 Jun - 21 Jul
Summer Holiday	