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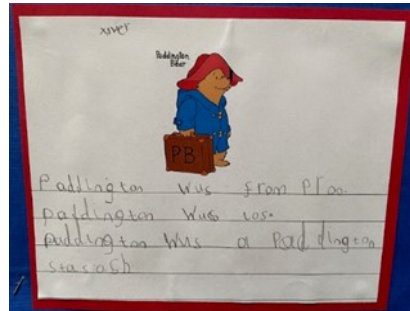
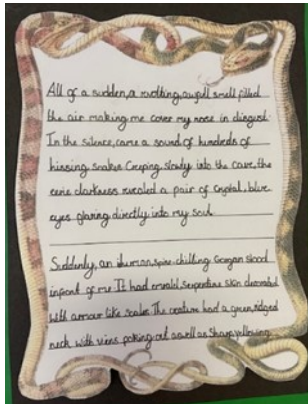
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all of the children and family members who attended the Family Bingo last week. It was so refreshing to be able to have families back in school again! We will continue to do our very best to keep our doors open to you all but as I'm sure you can imagine, we have to continue to do this safely. Keep your eyes peeled in the newsletter and on Facebook and E-Schools for further event for parents/ carers that will be coming up this term.



As I've been wandering around school this week I've seen some amazing writing going on! In Year 5 they have been learning about the Greek myth Medusa and using this to inspire their writing. They've also been doing some sketches of the mythical creature herself! In Year 1 they've been exploring the story Paddington.



This has formed the basis of their writing and I've seen some fantastic sentences as well as some great ideas which they have drawn from their reading and inference skills!

This week I introduced our new school rules in assembly. These are: Be Ready, Be Respectful & Be Safe. We expect the children to follow these rules at all times in and around school. We have also spoken a lot about responsibility (our school value this term) and that they are RESPONSIBLE for ensuring that they follow these rules. The stories that we have heard in the last two assemblies have both had the same message which is 'just because you can do something doesn't mean that you should'!

Whilst I am on the subject of assemblies, some of you may have noticed that children are now receiving a certificate in our Friday celebration assembly. Children receive a certificate and a headteacher award sticker if they are nominated by their class teacher that week. Hopefully this will now ensure that all parents/ carers know when their child has been nominated and what this was for!



Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

Halloween Discos

Halloween discos will take place on Thursday 21st October.

Years 1 & 2: 4.30pm- 5.30pm

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 6.00pm- 7.15pm

Tickets are SOLD OUT for Years 3- 6 but there are still some available for children in Years 1 & 2. Tickets are £2 and are available from the school office. This includes a drink and a packet of crisps.



School Survey

If you have a child here at Isaac Newton then we would really like to hear what YOU think of our school! We have just opened our community survey which will close on Friday 15th October. We would really appreciate your feedback and will use this to help inform decisions which we make as a school. The survey can be accessed at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3uuerA9> or alternatively, you can scan the QR code. Thank you for your support and feedback.



E-Schools App

Don't forget to download and log into our E-Schools App. After the October half term, many of our letters and updates (including the newsletter) will be going out via this app. If you require any support with setting this up or would like your login and password details then please contact the school office at enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk.



House Captains

We have elected our house captain and vice-captains for the 2021- 2022 academic year. These are as follows:



Robertson

Captain: Szymon J

Vice: Elisa O

Saunders

Captain: Adam C

Vice: Freya A

Tennyson

Captain: Ruby B

Vice: Harrison K

Foale

Captain: Weston S

Vice Ryan T

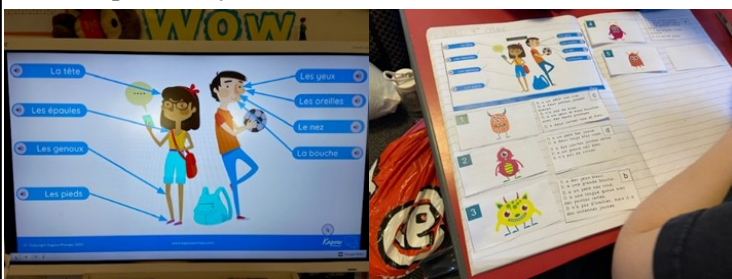
Our **Bronze Ambassadors** (sports representatives) are:

Fabian & Connie

Congratulations to everyone who has been selected for one of these roles this year!

French

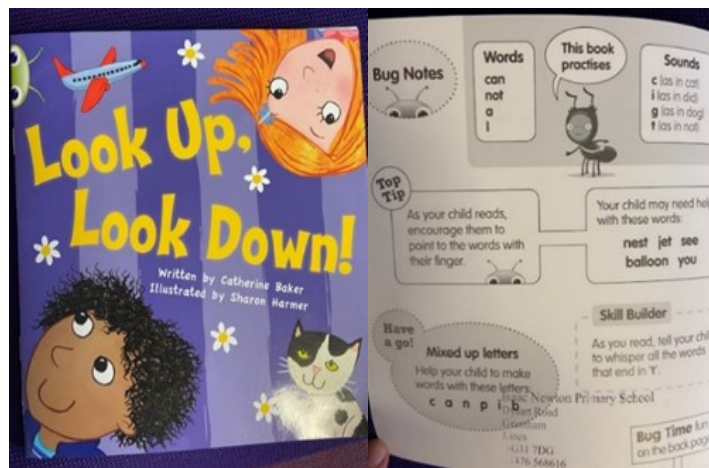
We're very lucky to have a specialist French teacher here at Isaac Newton. Madame Wilson teaches French to our Key Stage Two children once every two weeks. I know how much the children look forward to these sessions and I have been amazed with how their French skills have developed over the past few years! Tres bien!



Phonics Books (EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2)

If your child has a phonics book (bug club) then don't forget to do the activities on the first page before they read. This will help them to practise the sounds and words that they will need for the story. These books are designed to be read **3 times** before they are changed. This helps children to develop their reading fluency and embed the phonics sounds that they have learnt.

If you would like to know more about how you can support your child at home with their reading or have any questions about reading books then please make sure you speak to your child's class teacher- they'll be happy to help!



Important Dates

Term 1:	Monday 6th September 2021 – Friday 22 nd October 2021
Oct 13th	Y2 Trip to Stibbington (9:00am—3:30pm)
Oct 18th	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop (School Hall)
	Halloween Discos
Oct 21st	Years 1 & 2: 4.30pm- 5.30pm Years 3 - 6: 6.00pm- 7.15pm
Oct 22nd	Last day of term
Term 2:	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021 - Friday 17 th December 2021
Nov 8th	School Photographer
Nov 29th	Year 4 Art Visit- Sleaford Hub
Dec 2nd	EYFS Christmas Visit- Rand Farm Park
Term 3:	Wednesday 5 th January 2022 - Friday 11 th February 2022
Term 4:	Monday 21 st February 2022 - Friday 1 st April 2022
Term 5:	Tuesday 19 th April 2022 - Friday 27 th May 2022
Term 6:	Monday 6 th June 2022 - Friday 22 nd July 2022

AGE RESTRICTION
13+



Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."



What parents need to know about **SNAPCHAT**



EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story,' stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose!" When uploading to 'Our Story,' your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

LENS EXPLORER

The 'Lens Studio' on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their own filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lenses users create "must comply with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snappers ages 13+." The 'Lens Explorer' in the app now enables users to choose from thousands of these creations to alter their snaps. Anyone can create a lens for Snapchat, which gives opportunities for age-inappropriate content to be uploaded.

SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message they have received, which can be screenshotted or used against them at a later date.

SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION

'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer that snaps are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

SEXTING

Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, (users can even send a one-second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies'. Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

SNAP ORIGINALS

Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, drama, news and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'snap originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.



Top Tips for Parents



THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An info button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: support.snapchat.com.

USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

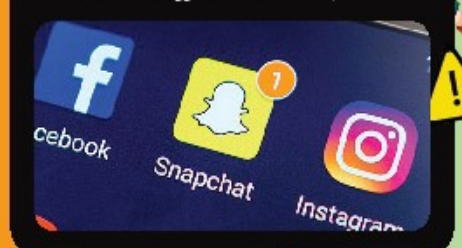
Advise your child never to send any negative messages (or images through gallery in the chat on the app) as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the app's settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends', 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends'.



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