

# The Apple

# The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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#### Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another fantastic week here at Isaac Newton with another week packed full of events. On Monday it was great to see the entries for our "Bling Your Bike" competition. It was almost impossible to pick a winner but well done to Kayleigh whose design wowed the judges and won her a scooter:



We were also delighted to welcome the NSPCC back to assembly on Monday. We managed to raise over £1200 - this is an amazing total and we are extremely grateful for your support.

On Tuesday three Headteachers from other schools came to visit us. They were working on behalf of the Community Inclusive Trust (the academy trust to which we belong) and looked at all aspects of the school including lessons, books, marking, planning, break times and behaviour. They were really impressed with our continued progress and spoke very highly of all of the children!

On Wednesday we had a special assembly in which we learned about the importance of Remembrance Day. The pupils in Years 1-6 then observed the two minutes silence and were able to take time out of the hectic school day to reflect on the assembly and their personal understanding of the significance of the day. We were exceptionally proud of the maturity that was shown.

On Thursday the pupils in the Foundation Stage (Reception) went to Belton House for a walk in the woods – this has really enhanced their topic giving them lots to talk about. They behaved brilliantly on their first ever school trip!

Finally, we held a special whole school tuck shop today, this was in order to raise money for Children in Need. Thanks to everyone who contributed we will have the money counted ASAP and let you know how much we were able to donate.

Paul Hill Headteacher



# Dates for your diary:

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Nov Parents' Evenings

8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm Foundation Stage Nativity

9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:45pm Class 14, Class 5 and Violin Music

Concert

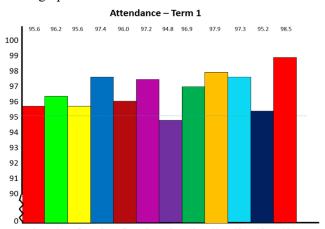
10<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am Foundation Stage Nativity

## Parents' Evening

Don't forget that we will be holding Parents' Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday next week. If you haven't made an appointment then make sure you do as soon as possible.

## Term 1 Attendance

As you all know, we are desperate for all children to attend school as regularly as possible. As such we hold an attendance competition each half term. The winners for the first half term were Class 14 – well done. You can see how your child's class did in the graph below:



#### **Energy Drinks and Nuts**

A number of children have been bringing energy drinks in to have with their packed lunch. Many of these drinks can have high levels of caffeine and sugar which can have a significant impact on pupils' behaviour and ability to concentrate in class. As such it would be brilliant if all pupils were able to have a healthier option that will not be detrimental to their education.

We would also be grateful if Parents/Carers would avoid sending nuts, cakes with nuts or any food with nuts within it into school. This helps us to ensure that we can maintain safety for those pupils who are allergic to nuts. Thank you for your support.

## Sending newsletter by email

Following recent upgrades to our computer systems at school within the next two weeks we are hoping to send out the newsletter both as a paper copy and by email. In order for this to be successful we will need to have the correct email address for Parents/Carers — if yours has changed then please let us know.

## **Christmas Tombola**

Don't forget that we are collecting for our Christmas Tombola. Any unwanted gifts such as chocolates and wine would be gratefully accepted. All proceeds will go towards the school library. Many thanks.

## **PGL Photographs**

The photographs taken at PGL are now available for download. If you send an email to:

# photo@isaacnewton.lincs.sch.uk

with your name and your child's name we can then return the email with the download link.