

Isleham C of E Primary School Newsletter



A message from Miss Williamson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic term we have had! There is a wonderful learning atmosphere around school, with children demonstrating our values of resilience, excellence and discovery in all aspects of school life. Mr Tull has brought two groups of children to external sporting events, Mrs England has organised a whole school celebration of Black History Month and Miss Eatock has been busy preparing for an exciting visit to the O2 Arena for the Young Voices concert. Children demonstrated their passion for reading and enthusiasm for books at the book fair last week, where sales have raised over £500 for our school library. These are but a few of the various opportunities on offer for the children to 'let their light shine' only a few weeks into the school year.

As we approach the half term break I would like to thank everyone in the Isleham community for welcoming me and making me feel like a valued member of the school. By the end of the week I will have had the pleasure of teaching almost every child in their classes (Year 2, you're next!). Mrs Deacon will tell you that I have been highly impressed by the children's behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. Isleham is a school full of motivated, happy, active learners, and I leave each session energised and excited to have played a part in our pupils' educational journey. I wish you all a restful half term break and am looking forward to hearing all about what you get up to!

Miss Williamson



Children in Need
Friday 17th
November 2023

We will be raising money for BBC Children in Need on Friday 17th November! Children in Need is a leading children's charity in the UK which helps organisations in communities across the UK. Children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas on this day. We are asking for a £1 contribution to take part which will be donated to the charity. School Council will be working on other activities to mark the occasion in school on the day. We thank you in advance for your support.

Chag Sameach!

Sukkot celebrations were in full swing for our first House Day of the year.

On Wednesday 4th October, the children came to school adorned in their house colour T-shirts, ready for a full day of learning about the Jewish festival of *Sukkot*. House Days are a wonderful opportunity for children to mix with others

outside of their year group and come together to share their learning experiences.



In Key Stage groups, the children completed a range of activities linked to the Jewish festival. Children made their own model

sukkah, a hut topped

with branches and decorated with autumnal leaves. The *sukkah* plays a key part in *Sukkot* celebrations, with families spending time together here eating, sleeping and praying. "It feels so peaceful in here," noted the children.

Miss Simmons guided the children in making some sweet treats - apples dipped in chocolate -



representing the typical bread and honey that is eaten during *Sukkot*. Meanwhile Ms Barnes-Weston and Mrs Gibbs guided the children in making beautiful stained glass windows decorated with Jewish symbols.

We came together at the end of the day for a special assembly where children had the opportunity to share what they had learned.



JUNIOR TRAVEL AMBASSADOR BULLETIN

Congratulations to Max, Barnaby, Elisabetta, Keane, Noah D and Alex who have been elected by their Year 5 classmates as Isleham's Junior Travel Ambassadors! This year, the children will be working on a range of campaigns to make travelling to school safer and more active. Road Safety Officer, Maree Richards, came to our first meeting of the term to distribute badges, lanyards and notebooks to our JTAs and to introduce the children to the programme. The first campaign, 'Be Bright, Be Seen' will begin after half term. The JTAs will be delivering a whole school assembly, running competitions and educating their peers about the importance of staying safe during the dark winter evenings.

