

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 21st February 2022

WELCOME BACK

We are looking forward to the half term ahead. Please read on to find out more about events coming up this half term....

UNIFORM- please can I remind all parents that on non-PE days children should be wearing plain black sturdy trainers or shoes, not multi-coloured trainers?

Thank you

YEAR 3 SHARE THEIR LATEST NEWS

In Science, the Year 3 children have been investigating how they can see behind themselves using light and reflection using mirrored spy glasses!



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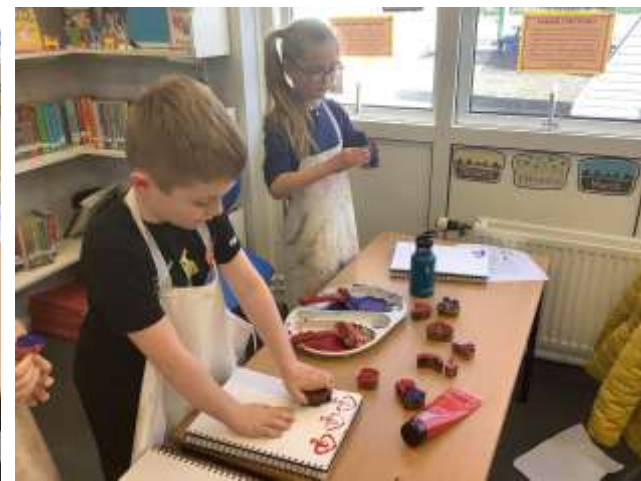
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They have also been using data loggers to see which room in school gets the most light.



In Art, Year 3 have been creating prints using Indian wooden blocks. Great photos Year 3- you have been busy!

Well done Year 3.



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WORLD BOOK DAY ADVANCE INFORMATION



World Book Day takes place on Wednesday 2nd March at Isleham C of E Primary School and we hope you'll join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we will have plenty of fun activities taking place throughout the day and **we invite children to dress up as a favourite book character and if they would like to, they can bring the book to share.** You can find lots of creative ideas at worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas and there will be a prize for the best costume in each class! The more home made the better!

There will also be an opportunity for the children to share their favourite book, they are welcome to bring this is too if different from the book their character costume is from and they will contribute to a display explaining what their favourite book is. Please can you spend some time before hand at home discussing favourite books (-it is not always an easy task to decide, for teachers as well!)

We are very excited to **welcome author and illustrator Matty Long** to school as part of our World book day celebrations on Wednesday 2nd March. He will run workshops with all classes and those children who have pre ordered his books there will be opportunities for him to sign them. If you already have his books at home, please feel free to bring them in to be signed.

For all you budding Harry Potter fans, a competition you might like to enter this year is found in the link below: To celebrate the 25th birthdays of both Harry Potter and World Book Day in 2022, Bloomsbury has partnered with World Book Day to feature an exclusive competition on the printed £1 book token: offering fans a chance to win a magical Harry Potter trip, as well as runners up prizes of Harry Potter books and National Book Tokens. The competition opens on 17 Feb – enter at www.worldbookday.com/harrypotter.

Like most years, the children will be bringing home today a £1 book token to be able to spend until 27th march on specific £1 books.

Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can help your child choose their £1book by showing them the exciting 'Look Insides' at worldbookday.com/books



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Bookshops and supermarkets are a big part of what makes World Book Day special and thousands will be taking part in World Book Day 2022, with many putting on special events to celebrate World Book Day. Your local bookseller might be on the high street or could be a supermarket. Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco all stock the £1. You can find your nearest bookseller at booksaremybag.com.

There are also lots of fun reading ideas and resources for you to enjoy with your child at home on the World Book Day Family Hub as well as brilliant book recommendations for all ages.

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school and hope you will join in too with your child at home.

World Book Day could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you, you make it happen!

TROY STORY UPCOMING SCHOOL PRODUCTION PERFORMED BY YEAR 3 AND 4- 23.3.22 and 24.3.22 at 1.30pm



Year 3 and 4 will be performing their Spring production 'Troy Story' to parents on the afternoons of Wednesday 23rd March and Thursday 24th March at 1.30pm- 2 tickets per family will be available for each family's preference of date.

Please note that Year 3 are the chorus for this show and do not have main parts- their time will come to be cast for the larger roles in next year's Spring show when they are in Year 4. With this in mind, this year, we have decided to seat Year 3 parents and Year 4 parents in different areas of the hall...

Year 3 parents will be able to sit at the side of the hall where the chorus will be performing for the show, and Year 4 parents slightly nearer to the centre of the stage.

School age siblings will see the show during the dress rehearsal within school time so will not need to attend with parents.

We are really looking forward to seeing and hearing the production, and welcoming parents back to the school hall. Tickets will be available for booking via the link sent in NEXT WEEK's newsletter



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COVID-19- LATEST UPDATE

LIVING WITH COVID-19

As we are now seeing a sharp reduction in cases of families affected by COVID-19, we will continue to clean and ventilate the school and touchpoints regularly, and to encourage regular hand washing and good hygiene in school. However, we will no longer require staff and visitors to wear masks in communal spaces and we will be re-introducing opportunities for the mixing of class groups this half term for assemblies, playtimes and group activities. We will of course let you know if anyone in your child's class has tested positive for COVID so that you can be extra vigilant.

PLAYGROUND DECORATING PROJECT- ANY PARENT FENCE PAINTING VOLUNTEERS?



The Year 5 sunflowers banners have arrived in school for installation on our playground fence next week but sadly it was too wet and windy to paint the fence in preparation as planned during half term. Are there any parents with DBS checks completed who can spare 1 or 2 hours to help us paint the fence?

We have chosen the week of the 28th February for this, as the winds are still predicted to be quite gusty throughout this week!

If you are free on Monday 28th February or Tuesday 1st March in the afternoon for painting, please let us know via office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk

Thank you in advance.



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SCIENCE WEEK 2022- WEEK COMMENCING 14.3.22



This year we will be celebrating British Science Week with a 2 day collapsed curriculum where the classes will have 2 main foci, to personally develop a greater knowledge about environmental issues, and to change perceptions of scientists. These days will take place on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th March 2022.

We are very excited to be welcoming several scientific parents of children in school, to share their love of the subjects and to lead assemblies. We will also combine Black History month learning by finding out more about black scientists such as George Washington Carver and Mae Jemison, so that we can find out more about scientists who have not been as extensively celebrated in History, despite making remarkable discoveries.

One of the discovery sessions that are being organised by the reception team is to create sensory bottles. They would like to ask you to provide any used plastic bottles so that they can make this exciting provision. Please could you save any plastic bottles and bring them into school.

Year 2 will also make a rocket using vinegar and soda, so could you please send in used corks.

Thank you for your continued support.

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS- 22.4.22 and 24.2.22

Parents are reminded to log in for their SchoolCloud Parents' evening appointments this week on either Tuesday 22nd February or Thursday 24th February at their pre-booked times.



We look forward to seeing you then.



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THIS HALF TERM AT A GLANCE

Monday 28th February- Fence painting

Tuesday 1st March- Fence painting

Wednesday 2nd March- World Book Day dress-up if you can!

Week of 14th March- Science Week

Tuesday 22nd March- Girl Guides and Scouts Thinking Day

Wednesday 23rd March- 1.30pm Year 3 & 4 production 'Troy Story' in school hall

Thursday 24th March- 1.30pm Year 3 & 4 production 'Troy Story' in school hall

Sunday 27th March- Mothering Sunday

Friday 1st April- 2pm Isleham's Got Talent, Easter holidays start after school

Wednesday 20th April- Children return to school after the Easter holidays



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