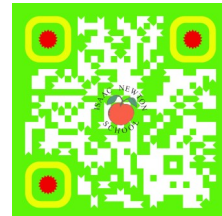




The Apple

The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham



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Dear Parents/Carers

We have the usual range of high-quality work produced by the children in class and from home in this Newsletter. There have also been trips out of school for EYFS and Year 1, where the children were excellent role models. This is something that we have come to expect from our pupils, and they did not disappoint!

Please remember that as we get into the summer term, it will be really important to apply suncream on your children in the morning, send them with sun hats and ensure that they have bottles of water. We will take shade breaks, when it gets really hot and will always put the safety of the children first. This may mean being outside for short periods of time or in extreme heat, having indoor playtimes.

Please remember that with the warmer weather we've had, we need to be mindful about sun damage. Children will need sun hats and suncream to protect them. We will have regular shade breaks during lunch and breaktime so the children are not exposed to the sunshine for long periods.

Year 6 SATs

Our fantastic year 6 children have their KS2 SATs week commencing 12th May from Monday to Thursday. They have been working exceptionally hard this year and we are really proud of them. Please make sure that they arrive on time for school and try to encourage them to get a good night's sleep. There will be a special breakfast club for them from 8.15am in the year 6 block, on each of these days.

Staffing update

Mr Hearn will be retiring on the 7th May after 30 years of dedicated service working at Isaac Newton. During his time with us he has taken on a variety of roles. He has always been involved with computing and as ICT Coordinator he has supported staff with a range of technical issues (there have been many) and children in the classroom. As a Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mr Hearn has taught classes in a range of subjects but he always specialised in Computing. As well as this, he has been a Site Manager which he did for seven years. Mr Hearn is also a talented musician who can play a range of instruments including the Clarinet and the trumpet. He has helped out at Christmas Performances, Summer Concerts, Year 6 Leavers Assemblies and during Armistice Day providing



soundtracks and adding those special finishing touches. It has been a pleasure working with him over the last two years and the children from our community have been exceptionally lucky to have known and worked with Mr Hearn for the last 30 years! We wish him well in his well-deserved retirement and I hope he knows he is always welcome to come back for a visit!

Out of school Achievements

We really want to know about your child's out of school achievements, please email the school office on enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk with information or send their hard work into school, and we will celebrate this in our next Newsletter which will be published on **Friday 16th May**, on social media and during our Celebration Assemblies!

EYFS trip to Woodside Wildlife Park

We had a tour of the wildlife park with our own ranger's Jess and Johnny, they talked to us about all of the animals. We watched the amazing animal show before lunch and the owls flew right over our heads!!! Just before we came home, we were lucky enough to meet a snake, the ranger's held them while those of us who were brave enough stroked them. They felt very silky and had beautiful patterns on their scales. We had a fantastic time and enjoyed our trip to the zoo.



Mr Milner
Headteacher

Is my child too ill for school?

The attached NHS link is a really useful resource for parents/carers if they are unsure whether to send their child to school or not. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Sport

We played an away football fixture against Corby Glen Primary School. Much anticipation on the minibus travelling down the A1, with this our last match of the League. The team started well, with lots of communication and passing play. It took 4 minutes for the first break through, a lovely goal taken into the bottom corner. This continued for much of the first half, finishing 4-0. A few substitutions and a change of goal keeper, the second half continued much the same as the first. Some great passing, super defending and the game ended with a great win of 8-3. A huge well done to the team, you certainly finished the League strongly with our highest scoring game!!

This week we have seen our first Bikeability sessions for our Year 5 children. They have taken part in Level 1 on the playground, practising their riding skills before going out on to the local roads to complete Level 2. The children worked hard to ride safely, using the correct signals and being aware of their surroundings whilst using the roads. Well done everyone!!



Last week we took a team of Year 3/4 children to the Cross Country Event at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre. A distance of 1 mile, the children participated in girls and boys events. They were very excited to take part and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Over 100 children in each race, our children showed perseverance and reliance, particularly in the extreme heat we had been experiencing. Well done everyone!!



School Council



During our most recent School Council meeting last week, we began by discussing our interests in the Arts including the types of clubs or activities we would like to do surrounding

this. The ideas were:

Acting, Clay, Singing and dancing, Music, Disco, Do performances in assemblies, Create an Isaac Newton band with instruments, singers etc and put on shows for our families. We then thought about the type of Art projects we would like to get involved in. The ideas were:

Earth day – have an art poster competition between classes to create the boldest poster to support our Earth

St. Patricks day collage – Everyone has to create a collage and only use green things!

Whole school collage and put every classes piece of work together to create one large collage for the front of the school – maybe on an apple?

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th May at 1.45pm.

Attendance

It is parents and carers responsibility to inform the school office if their child(ren) are going to be absent from school. Please do this by calling 01476 568616 **before 9.30am**. In addition to this, please ensure the children arrive in school by 8.50am. If they are late, they miss out on valuable learning time. **Both gates open at 8.40, classroom doors are open at 8.45am and learning starts from 8.50am.**

Attendance by Class for the last two weeks.

How many classes are above 96%

Class 1	97.3%	Class 8	94.1%
Class 2	98.9%	Class 9	96.1%
Class 3	94.9%	Class 10	96.9%
Class 4	91.8%	Class 11	96%
Class 5	92.7%	Class 12	99.3%
Class 6	94.1%	Class 13	91.7%
Class 7	92.3%	Class 14	96.9%

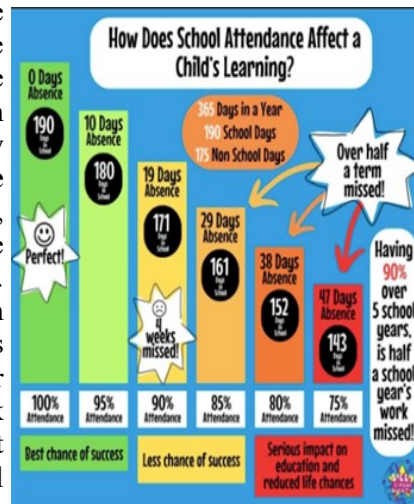
Congratulations to classes 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 for having attendance above 96% since the last newsletter.

Medical Appointments

Photocopies of medical letters or of medical appointments are really useful and will mean that these absences will be authorised. Thanks you for your support with this.

Here is a reminder of the impact of having below 90% attendance. If this continues over a five-year period, this is equivalent to half a school year's worth of lost learning that will result in significant gaps. Mr Richards and the attendance team continue to work hard to support families, offer advice and help get children back in school so they can flourish.

A reminder that the government have updated their guidance connected with attendance. Any holidays, which **have not** been authorised, will now result in a fine from the local authority. In addition to this, ten unauthorised sessions (five school days) or more in a ten week period, will also result in a fine from the local authority.



OUR SCHOOL VALUES



School Values

Again this term we will focus on our school value of **Respect**. Being respectful and responsible for their actions will not only ensure that children are successful in school, but will also serve them well as adults in the workplace. We will also be focusing on our **Kindness** value.

Dates For Your Diary:

7th May	Year 2 Trip to Nene Valley
8th May	School Council Meeting
12th May	New Parent Meeting - EYFS from 3pm
16th May	Newsletter Published
20th May	Walton to visit Year 6 pupils
21st & 22nd May	Bikeability with Class 11
22nd May	Year 3/4 Tennis Festival
22nd May	KS1 Disco 4:30pm - 5:30pm KS2 Disco 6:00pm - 7:00pm
23rd May	End of Term 5
2nd June	Start of Term 6
14th July	Rocksteady Concert from 10am
17th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco (all of KS2 invited, Year 6 attend for free)
21st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Week commencing 12th May – Year 6 SATs Tests (Please do not book holidays during this time!)

Work to be proud of



A fantastic recount by Isabelle about the volcano eruption in Pompei. Well done!



Brilliant pots designed and made by Henry, Oscar and Leo. Excellent attention to detail, well done!



Well done to Elsie, Leo and Tadi on a really well written recount (diary entry) all about Pompei and Mount Vesuvius erupting. Great use of punctuation and some lovely descriptions too!

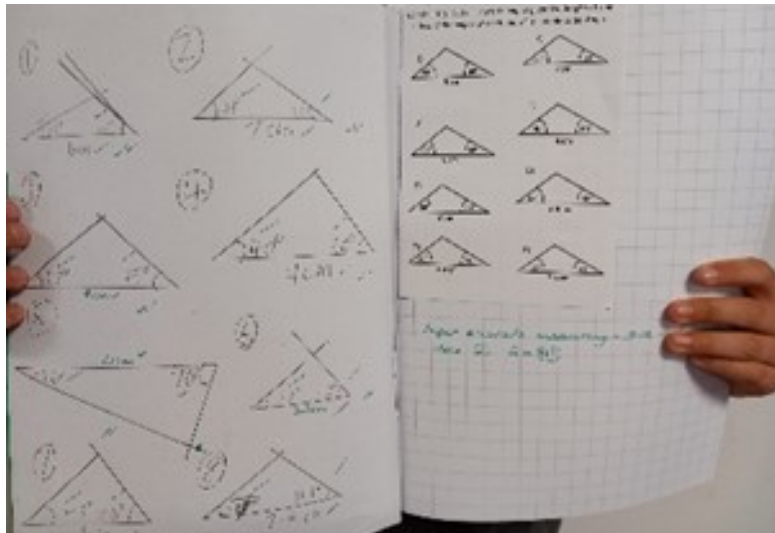


Fabulous maths work from Hunter who accurately used related facts for addition and subtraction calculations. Well done!

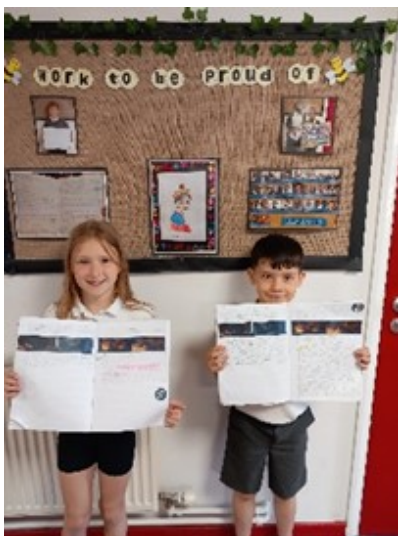


Fantastic work by Elsie in Foundation this week. Such wonderful handwriting, where she wrote an 'I can see' sentence. We are really proud of her!

Work to be proud of



Really accurate drawing of triangles using a protractor and a ruler. Well done Daryll, careful work!!



Fabulous English work from Julia and Alfie where they wrote a descriptive paragraph focusing on action, atmosphere and sensory language – well done!



Excellent maths from James and Seagun today. They accurately answered lots of add and subtract questions connected with weight (mass) using mental arithmetic strategies. Well done both of you, keep up the good work!



Brilliant history work from Riley today. He could tell me when the Roman period occurred on a timeline and also how to use a timeline and chronology.



Fabulous first draft of shape poems by Anasteja, Rochelle and Ben. Well done!



Huge congratulations to Connor who has scored 39 out of 40 on his most recent SATs Arithmetic paper. Well done, huge progress made this year!

Work to be proud of from home



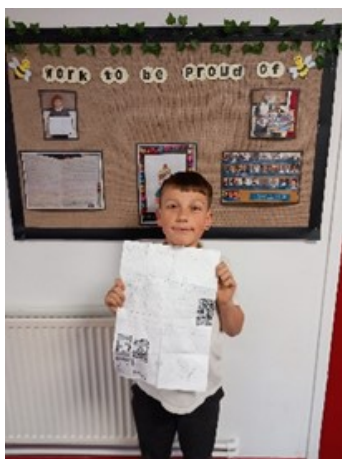
Congratulations Lena on creating this very realistic volcano. She made it out of clay and painted it herself with her dad. Well done!



Fabulous fact file full of information about Ancient Egypt. Did you know that Tutankhamun's tomb was lost for over 300 years but found again in 1922?



Interesting facts about Lithuania from Austėja in Year 4 in this well presented brochure. I had not heard about what the colours on the national flag symbolise and the national dish sounds absolute delicious. Cepelinai are large potato dumplings filled with meat, cheese and mushrooms!



Interesting fact file from CJ about World War 1 and 2 following a trip to the museum in Boston which he went to before Easter with his family. This trip has inspired him to learn more about these two time periods. Well done CJ.



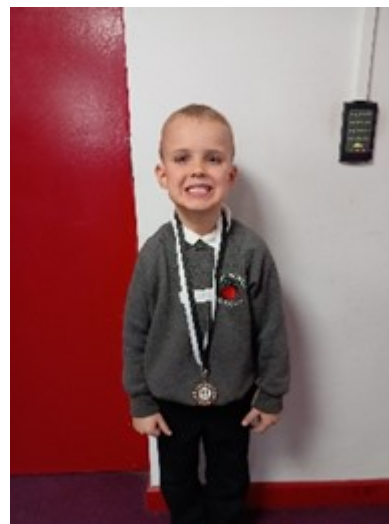
Harpreet has designed and made this fabulous farm with her dad out of cardboard, pipe cleaners, lolly pop sticks and real twigs. It's so impressive and the pictures don't do it justice!



Out of school Achievements



Congratulations to Mila who has completed her Learn to Swim 3 badge and certificate. Well done!



Well done to Oliver who was awarded this medal for really good listening whilst playing football for Grantham Town Football Club. Great work!