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Dear Parents and Carers,

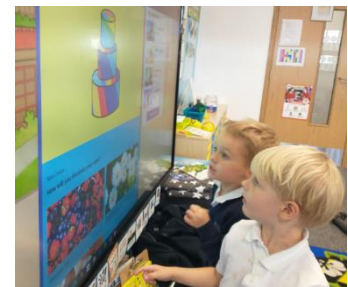
We cannot believe how rapidly this half term is going by, but we are so thrilled with how engaged all your children are in their learning opportunities and how much they are thriving in their respective classes.



Our IKB Bright Sparks children have been making the most of our balance of child initiated learning and opportunities to participate in activities linked to their topics, masterfully planned and put together by our brilliant nursery practitioners.



Our reception class have been building strong relationships and learning alongside one another through plenty of collaborative activities.



Year one have picked up where they left off last year – with some totally OUT OF THIS WORLD learning in their ‘Space’ topic.

We are so proud of all of our children’s achievements during these early weeks of the year and we are so excited by even more successes to come!!



We have been completely blown away by your feedback at the beginning of this academic year, both positive and constructive, as we are always looking at ways to improve our provision for all our children and families. Please remember that we have fantastic parent governors in Aaron Warren and Philippa Small who regularly provide great advice for our families, however please know that if there is ever anything you wish to discuss we are ready and waiting to support. We may be available right away, but if we are not then please contact Mrs Hawkins in our office and she will happily book you an appointment with the staff member you wish to see.

We are currently offering tours of IKB with myself for prospective new families, so if you know of anyone who is interested then please point them in our direction. We have loved hearing more voices in the classrooms and more footsteps in the corridors this academic year and we are really looking forward to continuing to add more families to our learning community.

Our IKB Attributes:
We are POSITIVE
We are ENGAGED
We are RESPONSIBLE
We are RESPECTFUL
We are RESILIENT
We RISE TO CHALLENGES



It has been fantastic seeing so many of our IKB Bright Sparks parents and carers learning alongside their children in the setting for our first ever 'Wonderful Week' this week.

We cannot wait for our Year 1 parents and carers to join us for their very own 'Fabulous Friday' next week on Friday 15th October from 8:45am.



Monday 1st November is our 1 year anniversary of IKB in our own setting. Please join us for an afternoon of performances from your very own children from 1:45pm. Fake fizz and cakes for all!



**** DATES FOR THE DIARY TAKING US UP TO DECEMBER****

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Monday 11 th October	Continuing our celebrations of World Mental Health Day (10 th October) – yoga and wellness activities for all children.
Friday 15 th October	'Fabulous Friday' in Year 1. Opportunities for parents and carers to learn alongside their children from 8:45 – 9:10 and get a real insight into how Year 1 begin their school days.
Monday 18 th October	Term 2 class newsletters and knowledge organisers sent to parents/ carers.
Monday 18 th October	A visit from Mayor Mark Lithgow who is dropping off £200 worth of book vouchers to help us continue to fill our library – a huge thanks again to Wellington Town Council for this.
Monday 18 th October	Halloween safety assembly from Simon Bramley, our local PCSO.
Tuesday 19 th October	Halloween dress up day for all children and staff – please don't make the outfits too terrifying, the staff get very scared!
Tuesday 19 th October	Last day of term 1.
20 th + 21 st October	Staff training INSET days. Children are not in school.
Friday 22 nd October	Additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Reception and Year 1 only.
Week of 25 th October	IKB Bright Sparks is open.
Monday 1 st November	Term 2 begins.
Monday 1 st November	WOW days across the school to launch new curriculum topics in all classes.
Monday 1 st November	1 year anniversary celebration and performances – doors open at 1:45pm.
Thursday 4 th November	Bonfire night and fire safety assembly with Miss Hawkins.
Friday 5 th November	Arts and crafts poppy making afternoon for parents/ carers and children from 2:30pm.
Monday 8 th November	SMILE!!! – it's school photo day.
Tuesday 9 th November	Parents/ Carers evening #1 – sign-up sheets will be available closer to the time.
Wednesday 10 th November	Parents/ Carers evening # 2 - sign-up sheets will be available closer to the time.
Friday 12 th November	Children In Need day.
Week of 15 th November	National road safety week and national anti-bullying week.
Monday 15 th November	Flu jabs for Reception and Year 1 (more information to follow).
Monday 15 th November	Road safety assembly from Simon Bramley, our local PCSO.
Wednesday 17 th November	Miss Fahy's phonics workshops for parents/ carers: 8:50am + 2:45pm (both are the same).
Thursday 25 th November	IKB safeguarding review day – we will feedback to all parents/ carers with our strengths and development areas.

As always, thank you for your continued trust and support. Remember, learning doesn't just happen in the classroom, so seize all opportunities for learning that you come across with your children.

Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher