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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased with the progress all our children are making in 2023, educationally, developmentally and socially. It is clear to see how much support our children are receiving at home so I would like to say thank you to you all for engaging in this. Whether it is hearing your child read, practising key or high frequency words, or even getting out and spotting different species of birds during the Big Garden Bird Watch, all are having such a positive impact upon the learning of our children.

Internet Safety Week

This week has seen us celebrating National Internet Safety week. This year the theme was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online' and it was great to see lots of you at our Internet Safety workshops this week. Below is information to follow these up that will help you with keeping your children safe online, outside of school and at home:

- Talk with your children about the games they play, the videos they watch and the content they are accessing online – doing these things together can highlight how positive the Internet can be.
- Have conversations with children without judgement.
- The earlier you begin these conversations the better.
- Explain that being kind and respectful online makes the Internet fun and safe for everyone.
- Talk to children about making safe online choices, just as you would do when offline.
- Remind children that it is okay to say 'no' to people online.
- Know where you can learn more about their favourite games/ apps and how to support them.
- Ensure your child knows to get support if things go wrong by talking to their safe adults.
- Reassure children that whatever happens online, you are there to support them.
- Set an example with your own positive online habits as your child will be watching.
- Think before you share – do not give out personal information to people you do not know.
- Check in with your child regularly about their online use, because child interests change regularly.



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> - UK Safer Internet Centre tips for parents/ carers, inclusive of guides to stay safe on every type of technology you can find in and out of the home.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/> - Childline outlining the basics of staying safe online with top tips to help support.

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/media-centre/news-and-blogs/2022/02/respect-and-healthy-relationships-online-how-the-children-s-code-can-help/> - Information Commissioner's Office for building healthy relationship whilst socialising online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/dark-web-explained/> - The dark web explained in 5 minutes for everyone to understand. Very important for all parents/ carers to watch.

IKBFC

Our IKB Friends and Community (IKBFC) group are officially a year old after holding our annual general meeting earlier this week. On behalf of our entire school community, I would like to share a huge thank you for all of the efforts of our core IKBFC team and the many volunteers who have supported them during these past 12 months. From money raised to community events put on, we are so grateful to have IKBFC working alongside our school. IKBFC are always looking for new members, please contact the school office if you are interested in joining the team.

Paralympic Athlete Visit

On Tuesday 24th January, we welcomed Paralympic swimmer, Rachael Latham, to IKB to meet and talk to our children about overcoming barriers to achieve our goals and our IKB Attribute of 'We are resilient'. Rachael led our children in a fitness workout whilst explaining all the health and social benefits that come along with being active. It was a joy to have Rachael with us and the impact she has had on our children has been phenomenal. Our children relished the opportunity to learn from someone who has achieved so much in sport and in life and asked thoughtful and respectful questions that Rachael was excited to answer. Thank you to all who helped raise sponsorship money for the day, we were blown away by the total of £2338.12, a large portion of which we are able to spend on our PE curriculum and sports equipment for all IKB children to benefit from and enjoy. We have enjoyed working with Sports For Schools so much that we have already signed up for our next athlete visit in 2024!

Our IKB Attributes:

We are **POSITIVE**

We are **ENGAGED**

We are **RESPONSIBLE**

We are **RESPECTFUL**

We are **RESILIENT**

We **RISE TO CHALLENGES**



Our IKB and Castle Partnership Trust Values:

Every Child Belongs

Every Child Participates

Every Child Achieves



TO BE A FLUENT READER, WE NEED TO:

1. Pay attention to the punctuation.
2. Read at a natural speed (not too fast and not too slow).
3. Read carefully (not missing out words or adding words).
4. Read with expression so that it sounds interesting and makes sense.

** DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Term 4 2022-23	
Monday 20 th February	INSET Day – IKB School and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Tuesday 21 st February	Term 4 begins for IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks.
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book day. All children to dress as their favourite book characters if they wish to.
Friday 3 rd March	'Fabulous Friday' in Reception from 8:45 – 9:10.
Friday 3 rd March	IKBFC pre-loved book fayre in the school hall from 15:15 – 16:30.
Wednesday 8 th March	International Women's day.
Friday 10 th March	Launching our Easter bonnet showcase – more information to follow.
Week of 13 th March	British Science week and IKB Tri-Science week – more information to follow.
Tuesday 14 th March	Class photo day.
Wednesday 15 th March	British Sign Language communication lesson for all children.
Thursday 16 th March	Year 1 visiting Carymoor for their 'Wild Day Out' – more information to follow.
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief – Red Nose day.
Friday 17 th March	'Fabulous Friday' in Year 1 from 8:45 – 9:10.
Tuesday 21 st March	Parent/ Carer evening #1.
Wednesday 22 nd March	Parent/ Carer evening #2.
Monday 27 th March	Nick the Bug Man visiting Reception class linked to their Jungles topic.
Monday 27 th March	Governor Bob Pamplin is performing an Easter show for all children from 14:00 – 15:00.
Wednesday 29 th March	Term 5 class newsletters and knowledge organisers going home to all parents/ carers.
Wednesday 29 th March	Miss Fahy's maths workshops for all parents/ carers at 8:50 and 14:45.
Thursday 30 th March	Last day of Term 4, inclusive of the IKB Easter bonnet parade in celebration assembly.
Friday 31 st March	INSET day. Both IKB and IKB Bright Sparks closed.

Thank you for your continued Trust and support. Enjoy a wonderful half-term break. Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher