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Dear parents/ carers,

The Spring term of the academic year is always an enjoyable experience. As the brighter mornings and evenings continue to edge deeper and deeper, we have combined this with even more examples of our children deepening their knowledge of subject areas and creating lasting memories through impactful educational experiences. Here is just a flavour of some of the learning opportunities that IKB and Orchard Grove children have been seizing in recent weeks:

A visit from Bugfest and Nick the Bug Man

As part of their 'Jungles' topic, both IKB and Orchard Grove Reception classes had a visit from Nick the Bug Man. The children looked at different rainforest insects and even got to hold some of the creatures!

Behaviour Rewards

IKB Governor, Bob Pamplin, treated all children from both schools to an Easter magic show. This was a reward for the children for demonstrating superb learning behaviours throughout the term. It's safe to say that the children had a spellbinding time!

Stories in the Wild

IKB Year 3 children have loved their 'Stories in the Wild' workshops this term, with local author Emma Bettridge. The children walked, talked and played with black Labrador 'Nell' to ignite their imaginations and recorded their ideas on paper or by using a Dictaphone. Thank you to Emma and Nell for helping to inspire another generation of young writers.

Wildwood

IKB Year 1 class recently explored Wildwood. They enjoyed challenging themselves by creating mud animals, exploring the physical development opportunities and experiencing and learning about the beautiful wild animals that reside there.

Fizz Pop Science

Our recent Fizz Pop Science assembly for Years 1, 2 and 3 certainly set off a chemical reaction. It has been great to see so many children signing up for this extra-curricular enrichment opportunity. Please refer to the email sent home on Parent Mail if you would like to sign your child up for this excellent after school club opportunity.



Upcoming Year Group Visits

We are thrilled to announce that we have just confirmed visits to Wellington Farm for every year group during Term 6 that will be absolutely FREE for EVERY child, further demonstrating our commitment to EVERY CHILD PARTICIPATING. More information will follow about these visits after the Easter holidays.

Our IKB and Orchard Grove

Attributes:

We are **POSITIVE**

We are **ENGAGED**

We are **RESPONSIBLE**

We are **RESPECTFUL**

We are **RESILIENT**

We **RISE TO CHALLENGES**



'Every Child Belongs'
'Every Child Participates'
'Every Child Achieves'
At IKB and Orchard Grove



Reading At Home:
Reading with your child or listening to them read for 5-10 minutes per day can drastically improve their educational achievements, their creativity and their life chances.

Please talk to your children about the books they enjoy: the titles, the authors and what it is about those texts they enjoy the most e.g. description, rhyming, etc.

**** DATES FOR THE DIARY****

Term 4 2023-24	
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Term 4.
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday – IKB, Orchard Grove and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Week of 1 st April	IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Week of 8 th April	IKB Bright Sparks open.
Term 5 2023-24	
Monday 15 th April	Term 5 begins for all children with WOW days to launch new topics.
Monday 15 th April	IKB and Orchard Grove Reception classes height and weight measurements visit from the NHS.
Monday 22 nd April	Wellington netball taster session for Year 2.
Monday 22 nd April	World Earth Day, inclusive of 'Magnificent Monday' session for parents/ carers to attend from 14:30 and join in with planting with their children.
Tuesday 23 rd April	Year 3 stories in the wild workshops (groups 1 + 2).
Thursday 25 th April	Fire rescue service visit in Year 2 linked to the Great Fire of London history learning.
Tuesday 30 th April	Parent/ Carer writing workshop with Miss Aldridge at 8:50 + 14:45.
Tuesday 30 th April	Year 3 stories in the wild workshops (group 3).
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – IKB, Orchard Grove and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Thursday 9 th May	National Archives Great Fire of London online workshop for Year 2.
Week of 13 th May	IKB Bright Sparks 'Wonderful Week' for parents/ carers to join their child in nursery for 30 minutes after dropping off to learn alongside their child.
Week of 20 th May	National Walk (scoot, cycle, roller blade, skateboard, run, hop...) to School week.
Week of 20 th May	Sex and Relationship curriculum letters going home to all parents/ carers ahead of information sessions in Term 6.
Wednesday 22 nd May	IKB and Orchard Grove Reception classes multi-skills festival at Court Fields
Wednesday 22 nd May	National Numeracy Day.
Wednesday 22 nd May	Term 6 knowledge organisers and class newsletters going home to all parents/ carers.
Friday 24 th May	Last day of Term 5.
Week of 27 th May	IKB Bright Sparks open.
Term 5 2023-24	
Monday 3 rd June	Term 6 begins for all children with WOW days to launch new topics.

I wish everyone a fun, restful and safe Easter break. As always, thank you for your continued trust and support.

Mr Healey

IKB and Orchard Grove Headteacher