

# Newsletter

WB 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## Community and Charity Week!

This week has been our Community and Charity week at Irthlingborough Junior School. The idea behind the week is to teach the children about their local community and British values like democracy, liberty and mutual respect.

We want our children to be proud of the community they are growing up in and understand how where they fit into their town and what they can do to make a difference!



## The democratic process!

On Monday, we welcomed Gen Kitchen to assembly to talk to the children about democracy on a national scale. Gen is the parliamentary candidate for Wellingborough, representing the Labour Party. She spoke to the children about her various jobs working for charities including the Salvation Army and a cancer research charity as well as her role as a candidate for the parliamentary seat for Wellingborough.



### Is University for me?

On Tuesday, we took some children to the University of Northampton to read with some students. We have a good relationship with the University who run our Changemaker project and we also took some children there earlier this term to take part in a debating activity.

The event wasn't just about reading – we gave our children a small taste of what university life is like so they can start to think about their future after Irthlingborough Junior School.

### Who wants to be a volunteer?

One of the themes of the week was around volunteering in your local community.

In the morning of Tuesday, Sue and Karen visited assembly to talk to children about IGrow and the work it does in Irthlingborough to improve our town.

Not only did they share events that were happening in the run up to Christmas, they also told children about the personal rewards you get from volunteering.

#### Who works to organise the Fest?

Alaina

Angela

Annice



Paul

Karen

Sue





### Local Democracy

On Monday afternoon, Caroline Cross visited the school to talk to the children about the work of the town council. She told the children about the local democratic process and the work the town council does to improve our town. Children were particularly interested in the plans for Christmas lights in the town.

We're very lucky to have councillors like Caroline working on our behalf in our community.



Headway East Northants  
@EastHeadway

Enormous thanks to the amazing children and staff at @Year5IJS who are focusing on 'Charities and Community' this week! We are thrilled that Year 5 has chosen to support and fundraise for us! Fab to see young people working together to make positive change!

*Thank you so much,*  
**IRTHLINGBOROUGH  
JUNIOR SCHOOL!**

### Year 5 Headway Charity

On Tuesday afternoon, Becky from Headway visited the year 5 classrooms to talk about the work Headway does in our local community.

Year 5 chose Headway as their local charity and have raised money by completing a sponsored skip in the playground.



### Community Day Centre

Year 6 have supported the Day Centre on College Street. Last week a group of children visited the day centre to meet the people who use it regularly taking with them some rocky road and cookies that they had made the previous day.

On Wednesday, Mrs Meekings led an assembly talking about Social Isolation and the group she supports, Golden Years, who run events for older people who live on their own.







### **Year 3 and Irthlingborough Foodbank**

The Year 3 charity was the Irthlingborough Food Bank. The children held a colour mufti and have made colour themed food hampers which are being raffled with all proceeds going to the food bank.

Volunteers from the foodbank came into school on Wednesday to speak to the children about volunteering and how the organisation serves a need in our community.

### **Father John, Clubs and the community walk**

Father John led assembly on Thursday to extol the virtues of volunteering.

In the same assembly, Miss Heaton and Mrs Crowley presented about their voluntary roles with the Scouts and Guides.

After the assembly, Father John went for a community walk with Year 3.



### **Tom Pursglove MP Visit**

On Friday afternoon, our School Council got an opportunity to speak to our MP, Tom Pursglove.

Tom told us all about life in the constituency as well as what his job as a Member of Parliament is like.

Our school council got the chance to ask Tom all sorts of questions including what made him want to become an MP, whether he agreed with all the laws that get made in parliament and who his best friend is!

# Christmas Events



Year Group	Event	Date and Time	Venue
Year 3	Ukulele Performance	1 <sup>st</sup> December 1:30pm	IJS School Hall
Year 3	Nativity	12 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30	St Peter's Church
Year 3	Nativity	13 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30	St Peter's Church
Year 3	Nativity	14 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30	St Peter's Church
Year 4	Carol Concert	15 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30	IJS School Hall
Year 5	Carol Concert	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2:30	ISJ School Hall
Year 6	Christingle Service	19 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00	St Peter's Church



## This week's whole class attendance winners:

Our aim is for all children to have at least **96% attendance which is the same as having 8 days off** in a school year.

This week the following classes have met the target earning each child 5 team points!

3MD	96%	3SB	95%	3HG	95%
4MW	96%	4EW	90%	4BL	92%
5YB	95%	5LH	94%	5UR	94%
6TL	96%	6AA	98%	6CG	99%

## Name the Christmas Gonk!

The PTA are running a competition in the run in to the Christmas holidays – name the Christmas gonk!

Children can enter by paying £1 to choose a name for our little Christmas friend and children can have as many entries as they like.

The winning name will be chosen at random and the winner gets to take him home for the Christmas holidays.

Team Captains will be selling tickets next week.

