



Newsletter

Happy New Year!

It lovely to welcome everyone back to a new school term and a brand new year. The first week back after a break is always a tricky one and the weather has not been kind to us this week but still the children have been resilient and managed to make the best of our return with a positive attitude and, as usual, excellent behaviour.

Making learning even more meaningful!

We are always looking for new and exciting ways to make our curriculum exciting and engaging for our learners. To this end, we would like to share with you information about **The Big Question**.

The Big Question is, quite literally a thought-provoking question that children will focus on answering throughout each topic of learning. There will be a Big Question for each new topic that children are learning about in all subjects apart from English and Maths. It will drive their learning; foster deeper understanding; encourage critical thinking and help them to move beyond just learning rote facts towards exploring the meaning and application in real-life for what they are learning. It will also allow children to make links with any of their prior knowledge and see where learning can be open ended in taking facts and knowledge to experiences outside of the classroom.

We would love for you to get involved in your children's learning by talking to them about The Big Questions that they are focusing on this Spring half-term. The Big Questions are going up on display in classrooms this week and will be shared in the Curriculum section of our new school website soon.

Mrs. Ruffell Curriculum Lead

New Website

Our new website is fully up and running now. We hope that you find it easy to use and informative. One thing that we have been adding is photographs of our children learning and enjoying our many activities that we have here at IHJS. To see these great presentations, please click on the Children bar at the top of the home page; then for individual class photo presentations, click on the first heading on the drop-down menu and choose your class. For whole-school presentations choose the Gallery option. Letters, that we send to you via email, can be found either by choosing the Parents drop-down menu at the top of the home page or by the Quicklinks section on the left-hand side of the Home Page. Newsletters can be accessed by choosing the News & Events drop-down menu at the top of the page or again via the Quicklinks section on the left-hand side of the Home Page.

Thursday 22nd January—Stay & Learn morning for Maths

WB: 26th January. There will be a visiting book fair here at IHJS. For most families, this will be held in the hall from 3.15pm. Children who travel to school on the school bus will be able to purchase their books at lunchtimes.

Wednesday 28th January: MC Grammar will be visiting IHJS.

Thursday 29th January: 5I class assembly

Dates for your Diary





Calling all Unwanted Gifts!

Did you receive 2 of something
or didn't love a gift this
Christmas? We won't tell.

Donate unwanted and
unopened **NEW** gifts such as
candles, beauty gift sets, socks,
smellies etc. to help support
Iver Heath Junior School PTA.

Please drop off any gifts into
the donations box in school
reception by Feb half term.



We are **ACHIEVERS!**

We are a **COMMUNITY!**

We are **PROUD!**

We are **INCLUSIVE!**

Celebration Page

3I—Imaan—What a fantastic week back you've had! Your learning attitude and efforts have been fantastic—keep up the amazing work!

Almir—You have settled into IHJS perfectly! - well done for a brilliant first week and keep up the great work!

3H—Molly—You have come back with so much confidence in your learning. I am so proud of you! Your learning attitude and determination has blown me away. Keep it up!

4I—Millie—I am so proud of you! You have shown great resilience during maths this week! Even when you are unsure you still put your hand up and give it a go! Well done!

4H—Inara—Wow! Your returned learning attitude has been outstanding! I am so proud of you—you are a star!

5I—Ethan—for always being an absolute superstar in class. You have a great nature, kind helpful and always eager to learn and to try your best at all times—Well done!

5H—Eshne—Well done for a brilliant start to the term. Fantastic in maths, English and all other subjects this week. Brilliant contributions, keep it up!

6I—Prabhleen—for being a focused and hardworking. You are also not afraid to ask for ways to improve your learning! Well done!

6H—Lara—for her super learning attitude and ability to improve her work. Always with a smile!

PE—Coach Kightley

Amira 4H & Iyla 6H

For having such a good learning attitude towards our new topic and being great role models for the rest of their class! Well done!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Y3

Charlie

Y4

Sahana

Y5

Eshne

Y6

Josh

Weekly House Points

Beech

7625

Cherry

8361

Oak

7344

Pine

8654