



February

Dear families, what a busy term we have had. The children have all worked so hard and I thank you all for your support over the last six weeks. It has been great to see the children focused on their learning and being so proud of the work that they have produced, it really is lovely to see them in their classes working hard. We have continued to work on our behaviour expectations and learning behaviours and will be continuing with this after half term. This week each class has completed activities linked to Children's Mental Health week and they all look amazing in their own clothes today to show how they "dress to express". It is important that we provide our children with strategies that they can use in different situations. Class 9 also had a weaving workshop on Monday which they thoroughly enjoyed. We also had a brilliant workshop on Tuesday as part of Safer Internet Day which the children all enjoyed. I hope you all have a lovely and restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 21st February 2023. Please keep using Times Table Rockstars and Oxford Owl over the holiday, it really does benefit the children a great deal.

Take care, Mrs.Powell

Chinese New Year



The children took part in activities connected to Chinese New Year. They learnt about the Chinese New Year and the "Year of the Rabbit". As you can see from the photos, the art and crafts look amazing!





Dates to Remember



Please find below dates for your diary.

End of Term: Friday 10th February 2023

Training Day: Monday 20th February 2023

Return to School: Tuesday 21st February 2023

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March 2023 - Dress up as a character from a book

Big Sing: Monday 6th March - Year 2 - School uniform to be worn

Comic Relief Day: Friday 17th March 2023 - Mufti Day

Weaving with Class 8



As part of our Children's Mental Health week, the children of Class 9 took part in a weaving class. They made wands each and a beautiful dragonfly to hang in their classroom.





The Big Sing

Some of our Year 2 children have the opportunity to take part in "The Big Sing" at the Royal and Derngate Theatre in Northampton on Monday 6th March. If you have a child taking part and you would like the opportunity to win tickets, please see the message below from our Trust.

Win 2 free tickets to NMPAT and InMATs School of Rock Big Sing!

🔗 Follow InMAT on social media

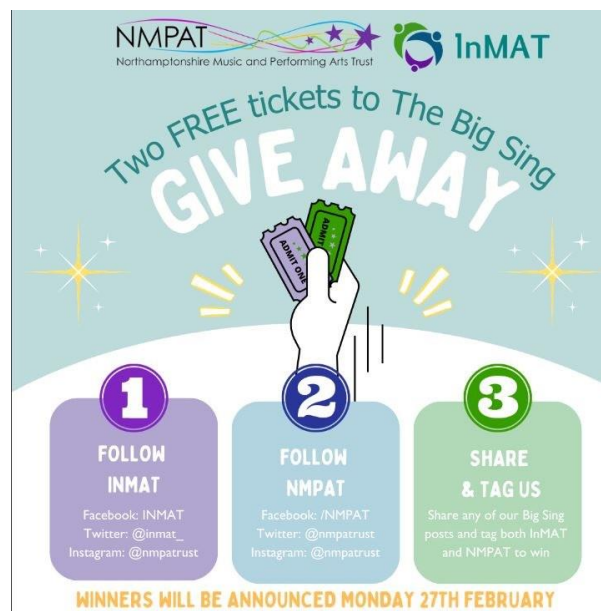
🔗 Follow NMPAT on social media

🔗 Share any of our Big Sing posts and remember to tag us

We will announce the winners on Monday 27th February

Any questions, please contact comms@inmat.org.uk

Thank you! 😊



Safer Internet Day

During our Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, we had a visit from One Day Creative. Our Key stage One children went into the hall for a workshop on how to stay safe on the internet, our EYFS children accessed this within their classrooms. The children were intrigued and came up with some great suggestions and solutions on how to keep themselves and their friends safe.



Head Lice



There have been a number of cases of head lice within out school. As you are aware, they can spread quickly from child to child. Please could we ask you to treat your child's hair promptly and if your child has long hair, to tie it back for school every day. Children can attend school as long as their hair has been treated. With half term upon us, this is the perfect time to check and treat. Thank you for your co-operation.

Oxford Owl



Oxford Owl <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>

Over the holidays, please keep using this site. It gives your child access to the whole library of Read Write Inc books that they can select from to keep up with their reading. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure which ones to start with as these are in colours. If you need to know your child's log in details, please don't hesitate to get in contact too.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading. It makes such a difference. Keep up all the super reading over the holidays Kettering Park Infant Academy.

Toys from Home

Please can you remind your child/children not to bring items from home into school. These can get lost and/or damaged. Many thanks for your support with this.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. The staff and children have been taking part in varied activities throughout the week. The children have a great understanding of positive mental health and how to be kind and helpful towards each other. The photos show how much they have enjoyed the week and finished with a "Dress to Express" day today.





This week in Reception we have been celebrating 'Mental Health Week' in lots of ways. We have thought about who and what makes us feel connected and how we are connected as part of a class. To show this each class member decorated a puzzle piece with things that made them feel happy, which we fitted together. Every day we have took part in different mindfulness activities, such as Zen Den, yoga and talking about ways to feel calm.





In Year 2 they have been making clay sculptures inspired by the work of Henry Moore. The children designed their own sculptures by exploring different techniques and using various tools. We have

the finished articles on display in our hall, so please come and admire their work when you are next in school. The children are very proud of their work.



Attendance



Here are your attendance figures for the end of the term. Emphasis, as always, is on good timekeeping and high levels of attendance. We know we have had lots of childhood illness at school during the last couple of weeks of term, but we will still be sending out emails to those whose attendance falls below the recommended guideline of 97% and are persistently absent and emails to those who have been late on a frequent basis. It is so important that your child attends school regularly and on time. They are more settled when coming into school and know what to expect from their teachers when in class. Children who are in Reception classes, who turned 5 before the 31st December 2022, will now be marked as absent or late.

Class 1 - 99%

Class 2 - 98.8%

Class 3 - 99.4%

Class 4 - 94%

Class 5 - 92.8%

Class 6 - 91.1%

Class 7 - 95.1%

Class 8 - 94.5%

Class 9 - 91.3%

Rainbow Room - 91.4%

Whole School Attendance - **89.8%**

Safeguarding

This is our wonderful safeguarding team. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to raise with them, please get in touch via email or by calling the office.

Kettering Park Infant Academy

In this academy the following members of staff are part of the Designated Safeguarding Team:



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Sarah Powell—~~Headteacher~~
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Miss Tina Pearce—Family Support Worker
Tina.Pearce@kpia.inmat.org.uk



Mrs Gemma Burn—Class Teacher
Gemma.Burn@kpia.inmat.org.uk

Parking

The streets and roads surrounding our school provide enough parking for us to be able to drop off and collect our children every day. Please be aware that we park on residential streets, we must not block driveways or park on double yellow lines. Please be considerate to our neighbours and our community and look out for families and children crossing the roads before and after school. I know that we all want to keep our community safe. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Times Tables Rockstars



During half term week we would love for the children to continue to use Times Table Rockstars. We will monitor the TTRS league table over the half term and celebrate the work of the children in the next assembly. If you need your child's log in details, please send an email to the office and we can send those across to you ready for half term. Thank you

See you on Tuesday 21st February 2023