



# INGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Parent / Carer,**

Over the past few weeks pupils have been celebrating Children's Mental Health week and Internet Safety Day in school.

### **Safer Internet Day**

#### **What is Safer Internet Day?**

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 was on the 8th February and pupils celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

During our Votes for School lessons, pupils considered safety online and how to foster respectful relationships. In the KS1 lesson, they explored friendships and how these could be affected by online activities, voting on the question: "Is the internet bad for friendships?" Meanwhile, KS2 voters explored relationships more widely, including family, friends and at school. Pupils then voted on the question: "Is the internet bad for relationships?"



Please see the links below for further information

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

Useful advice for parents can also be found on the following websites:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/new-devices-2021>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>



### **Children's Mental Health**

At Ingleton C of E Primary School, we are committed to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff. We know that everyone experiences life challenges that can make us vulnerable and at times, anyone may need additional emotional support. We take the view that positive mental health is everybody's business and that we all have a role to play.

Please see our website for lots of links to further advice and support

<https://www.ingleton.durham.sch.uk/parents/mental-health-wellbeing/>

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



### Great North Air Ambulance – Clothing Collection

Our School Council have chosen to support the Great North Air Ambulance by having a clothing collection. We will be sending home bags with pupils at the end of the week. Please return to school by **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Please ignore the date / time on the bag. This will not only help to raise money for this wonderful charity but will also benefit our school as for every kilogram we collect they pay our school 15p.



### World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. The theme this year is **'You are a Reader'**. We will be hosting a range of fun activities in each class and **pupils have asked if they can dress up as characters from their favourite book**. We would love for pupils to join us in dressing up however if your child does not want to they can still bring one of their favourite books into school to share with others in their class.



### Parent's Meeting Spring Term

Parent's Evening will take place on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March & Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Appointment letters will be sent home in March.

### Parent Reading Surveys

Many thanks to all of the parents who completed our online survey via Survey Monkey. This has been really helpful and we appreciate your support.



### Weduc

As you are aware we are in the process of changing our communication app to Weduc. Many thanks to all the parents who have so far downloaded the app. Reminder letters will be going out to those who are still need to do this as we cannot use it fully until we know everyone has access to this. This will be our **main method of communication** so it is vitally important that parents have full access and use it regularly. Thank you for your support with this.



### School Lunches

We have been notified by Durham County Council that school lunches will increase in price from the 4<sup>th</sup> April to £2.20 per pupil and £2.64 (£2.20 + VAT) per pre-school child. This increase will not affect children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as they are all eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, as a result of a change in circumstance, please call or email the school office.

### Academy Council

We are still looking for a new parent member to join our Academy Council (Governing Body). If you are interested or would like any further information please speak to Mr Bill Deakin (Chair of the Academy Council) or myself. We'd be happy to help.

### Parking

This is a polite remind to ask you to please take care when dropping off and collecting pupils at school. **Please can we ask that you park safely away from the school gate and respect resident's drives and the verges**. We strongly encourage you to use the Black Horse car park and walk down to the school -thank you.



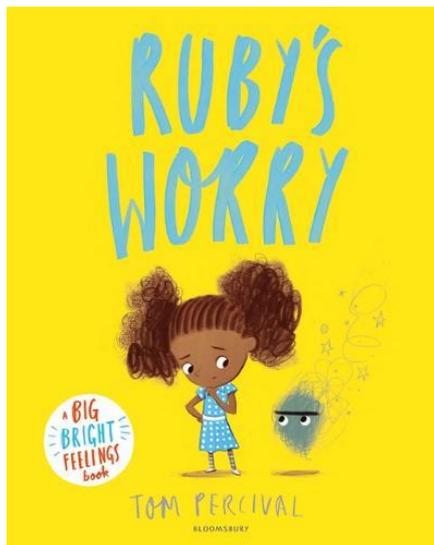
### Stars of the Week

- Willow Class (Rec/ Y1 & Y2) – Mason / Noah / Betty / Lexie / Freddy & Eliza
- Chestnut Class (Y3&Y4) – Ralph / Freddie / Max / Georgia / Archie & Grace P
- Oak Class (Y5&Y6) – Lucy / Jacob / Uma / Lily / Lucy / Elliot & Finlay



**Well done everyone! Keep up the good work!**

## **RECOMMENDED READS**



### **RUBY'S WORRY**

#### **TOM PERCIVAL (AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR)**

Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?

A perceptive and poignant story that is a must-have for all children's bookshelves. From Tom Percival's bestselling Big Bright Feelings series, this is the perfect book for discussing childhood worries and anxieties, no matter how big or small they may be.

### **THE OWL WHO WAS AFRAID OF THE DARK**

#### **JILL TOMLINSON (AUTHOR) & PAUL HOWARD (ILLUSTRATOR)**

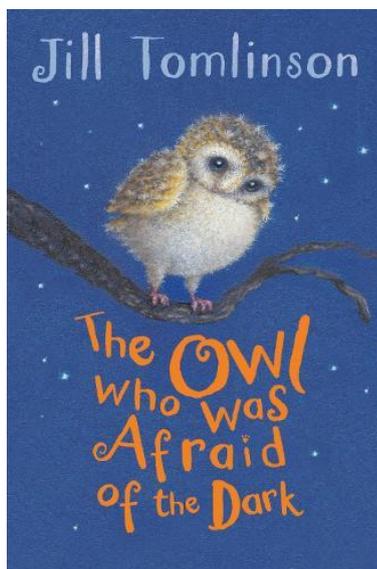
The much-beloved children's classic story about Plop, the baby owl - as read by the Duchess of Cambridge on BBC's CBeebies Bedtime Stories to mark Mental Health Week.

Plop, the Baby Barn Owl, is like every Barn Owl there ever was, except for one thing - he is afraid of the dark.

"Dark is nasty" he says, and so he won't go hunting with his parents. Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark and he meets a little boy waiting for the fireworks to begin, an old lady, a scout out camping, a girl who tells him about Father Christmas, a man with a telescope and a black cat who takes him exploring.

Perhaps there is magic in the dark after all...

Filled with gentle humour and giving comforting reassurance to nighttime fears and anxieties, Jill Tomlinson's animal bedtime stories have been enjoyed by children for decades.

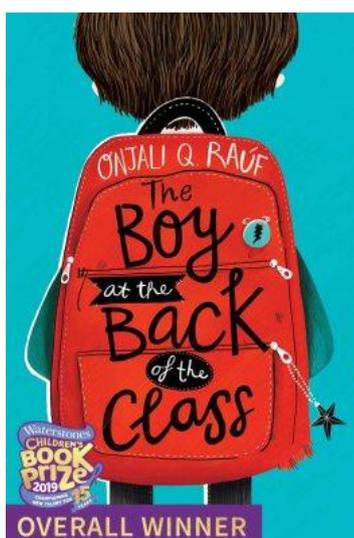


### **THE BOY AT THE BACK OF THE CLASS**

#### **ONJALI Q. RAUF (AUTHOR), PIPPA CURNICK (ILLUSTRATOR)**

A story of friendship, hope and the importance of kindness, The Boy at the Back of the Class is a story full of heart and humour, told from a unique perspective. Featuring illustrations from Pippa Curnick, this is an exceptional book by an emerging voice in children's writing.

When a new boy joins their class, a group of children try to befriend him. They soon learn that Ahmet is a refugee and has been separated from his family. None of the grown-ups seem to be able to help him, so the friends come up with a daring plan, embarking on an extraordinary adventure.



## **EARLY REMINDER STANDARDISED TESTS**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/primary-assessments-future-dates>

### **What are SATs in the UK?**

SATs are standardised assessment tests administered by primary schools in England to children in Year 2 and Year 6 to check their educational progress. In 2020 and 2021 KS2 SATs did not take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Primary school SATs results will not be published in national league tables until 2023 to reflect the disruption to children's learning.

If you have a child in either Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 4 or Year 6 please click on the following links below for further information:

- [Key Stage 1 SATs Parents Guide](#)
- [Key Stage 2 SATs Parents Guide](#)
- [Year 4 Multiplication Check Information for Parents Guide](#)
- [Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Parents Guide](#)

### **Key Dates**

<b><u>Standardised Test</u></b>	<b><u>Week Commencing</u></b>
Year 6 SATs	Monday 9 May 2022 - Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Year 2 SATs	Schools to administer tests during May 2022.
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Schools should administer the multiplication tables check within the 3-week period from Monday 6 June 2022.
Year 1 Phonic Screening Check	Week commencing Monday 6 June 2022

### **TERM DATES 2021-2022**

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing date</b>	<b>Date re-opens</b>
<b>Spring half-term 2022</b>	Friday 18 February 2022	Monday 28 February 2022
<b>Easter 2022</b>	Friday 8 April 2022	Monday 25 April 2022
<b>May Day 2022</b>	Friday 29 April 2022	Tuesday 3 May 2022
<b>Summer half-term 2022</b>	Friday 27 May 2022	Wednesday 8th June 2022
<b>Summer 2022</b>	Thursday 21 July 2022	TBC

Advanced notification of Teacher Training Days for the remainder of this academic year are:

- Monday 6th June 2022 & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June (additional Bank Holiday)

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs. K. Whitaker & The Ingleton Team

