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After School Club Contact Numbers

Infant School : 07500 887 982
Junior School : 07810 502 693

The Merle

Keep up to date with The Merle (Senior School Newsletter) [here](#)

Please see attached for :

- Next Thing Easter Tech Camps
- Infant School menu w/c 04.03.24
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As you will be aware, we operate a strict **no nuts** policy at school and for all school related trips and activities.

No nuts or nut related products (e.g. chocolate or cereal bars, nut based chocolate spreads etc) are permitted and staff closely monitor for these.

Please be aware that the list of prohibited foods also includes any items containing pine nuts, for example pesto.

Thank you for ongoing support to keep all of our pupils happy and healthy.

Abbreviations used throughout:

EYFS = Reception classes IS = Infant School JS = Junior School IJS = Infant & Junior School

MRS SIMPSON'S NEWSLETTER

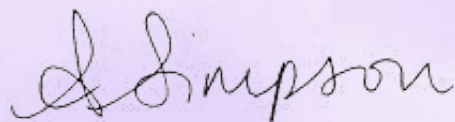
Dear parents,

It has been a real pleasure this week to meet so many families who are joining us in September to become part of the Nottingham High School community. Talking about our high-quality academic provision and pastoral care with our new families is such a delight; they are always struck by the "feel" of the school when they come into visit and have spoken very highly of our marvellous pupils who have greeted them warmly when they come in. For some, there is a family connection to Nottingham High School, and it gives me great pride to know that ONs are continuing to choose us for their own children. For others, we are their first experience of the independent sector. Regardless of each family's situation, we look forward with great anticipation to September when we welcome them into our IJS family.

This week also saw the official launch of our Nottingham High School Wellbeing Centre. What a pleasure it was to see the school lit up in the colours of the LGBTQIA+ flag and to see our sector-leading Wellbeing Centre in all its glory. The event was a roaring success with ONs and current parents coming together to see what the school is doing to support student wellbeing at all ages in the school. One of our school values is individuality, represented at IJS with our Roadmap strand "I am me," and the launch of the Wellbeing Centre was a real reminder of the ways in which we are supporting individual pupils with their physical and mental health to prepare them, ultimately, for a healthy and happy adulthood.

This week, on my commute home from school I was thinking about how busy modern families and modern children are. There are so many clubs and activities in and out of school, birthday parties to attend, homework and music practice for some. As parents, we are busy people who squeeze an awful lot into our working week. And yet, not every moment of every day needs to be "productive" for us, or for our children. One of our fabulous IJS teachers recently told me that when children are playing freely, even with toys that are not seen to be "educational" in the obvious sense, there is important cognitive work going on. She told me that learning is like going to the supermarket, and putting items in your trolley. But it is only later, when playing Polly Pockets or building a fort out of sofa cushions, or any type of play that your child enjoys, that they actually digest that information properly. "While they play, the brain puts all that shopping from the trolley away in the right places, and the learning is locked in," she said. If ever there was a call to action for us and for our children to pause the productivity and do something a little bit fun, surely this is it. Personally, I am going to spend some time this weekend building Lego castles with my daughters, possibly from the comfort of a sofa-cushion fort, and I think our busy brains will thank us for it. All that remains is for me to encourage you to do the same.

With best wishes,



Mrs Simpson



MARCH SNAPSHOT

MON

04

IS Book Week

- U11 IAPS Regional Heats Swim Gala @ Repton School - leave at 12noon
- 5D Outdoor Education Day

TUE

05

- 8.00am Reading Cafe in JS Hall
- U11 Chess match away @ The Elms

WED

06

- 8.00am Reading Cafe in JS Hall
- U11 ISFA Football tournament @ Repton School
- U9 & U11 Swim Gala @ home to Ranby from 4pm
- Choral Music Festival

THU

07

- **World Book Day**
- 8.00am Reading Cafe in JS Hall
- **NO DANCEFIT CLUB TODAY**
- Y1 & Y3 Greg Link 'Evergreen' Music Workshops

FRI

08

- U10 Hockey v. Hill House @ Highfields from 2:30pm
- U10 Netball v. Hill House @ Valley Road from 2:45pm
- U11 Hockey & Netball v. Hill House away from 2pm

11

- Y2 Agility Festival @ Nottingham Trent University
- Y3 Outdoor Education @ Perlethorpe
- U11 Cross Country away @ Twycross Primary from 2pm

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- Y3 Taster
- Y6 Trip to St Peter's Church & Nottingham Contemporary
- U9 Cross Country away @ Twycross Primary from 2pm

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- Y3 Hindu Temple visit
- Y5 WWII Beaumanor Hall Trip

14

- EYFS White Post Farm visit

15

- Y6 Humanist talk
- U8 Netball away at Fairfield from 1:30pm
- Y6 Outreach Netball Festival @ Valley Road

18

- Y4 Outdoor Ed @ Walesby Forest

19

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- Notts Primary School Choir Festival in Player Hall

21

- Y3 Residential departs

22

- Y3 Residential returns
- Y6 Netball away @ Birkdale School

25

- Y3 Caroline Lawrence Author visit (pm)
- Y4 Outreach Football Festival @ Valley Road

26

- Y1 'We Love London!' Production @ 9.15am & 2.15pm
- IJS Open Classrooms (pm)

27

- **End of Term**
- IS @ 3.45pm &
- JS @ 3.55pm

Support staff will be in school during the holidays except on Good Friday & Bank Holiday Monday on: 0115 845 2235

If you would like to request an authorised absence for your child, please contact exeat@nottinghamhigh.co.uk which now addresses exeat requests across IJS and Senior School.

WEEK AHEAD - W/C 4TH MARCH



IJS BOOK WEEK

MONDAY

- RA Superhero Club, RJ Mindfulness & Yoga Club, 1P Collage Club (3.45 - 4.30pm)
- Y2 Speech & Drama (3.45 - 4.30pm)
- 5D Outdoor Education
- U11 IAPS Regional Heats Swim Gala @ Repton School - leave at 12noon

TUESDAY

- Y1 & Y2 Choir (3.45 - 4.15pm)
- 8.30am Reading Cafe in JS Hall
- Swim Club - Y5 & Y6 - please bring a packed lunch for afterwards.
- U11 Chess match away @ The Elms depart at 3pm

WEDNESDAY

- RB Computing Club, 1S Weaving Club, 2M Construction Club, 2B Dance Club, 2W Art Club (3.45 - 4.30pm)
- 2M Dance Club (3.45 - 4.25pm)
- 8.30am Reading Cafe in JS Hall
- U11 ISFA Football tournament @ Repton School
- U9 & U11 Swim Gala @ home to Ranby from 4pm

THURSDAY

- 1S Little Wickets Cricket (3.45 - 4.25pm)
- 8.30am Reading Cafe in JS Hall
- **NO DanceFit Club today**

FRIDAY

- U10 Hockey v. Hill House @ Highfields from 2:30pm
- U10 Netball v. Hill House @ Valley Road from 2:45pm
- U11 Hockey & Netball v. Hill House away from 2pm
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Year 1 Production - We Love London!

Year 1 have begun their rehearsals for their production, We Love London!

The performances will take place on Tuesday 26th March at 9:15am and 2:15pm. Due to strict fire regulations, we can only offer a maximum of two tickets per family. **Tickets will be available Mon 4th March 7.00pm <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DFGC>**

Limited parking will be available in the Senior School Yard on a first come first served basis.

We have organised for Open Classrooms to take place after each performance. The children will return to their classrooms and parents can join their child in 1P or 1S to celebrate their work.

Y2 Sports Festivals

Over the course of this half term, all of the children in Year 2 will have the opportunity to take part in a sports festival. The first one took place last week and the second one is taking place on Monday 11th March and is an Agility Festival.

The children will just need to come in to school in their PE kit as normal on a Thursday and take a water bottle with them.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 7th March**, we will be celebrating World Book Day. To mark the occasion, we will be wearing fancy dress. Children can come to school wearing a costume of their choice linked to one of their favourite books.

Our **Infant School** pupils will be taking part in a parade so that we can see and celebrate reading and all of the children's costumes.

We would also like to offer an extra challenge for **Junior School** pupils: Can you bring a single accessory which will allow your classmates to guess your book character?

If you choose this option, come to school in non-uniform with your chosen accessory.



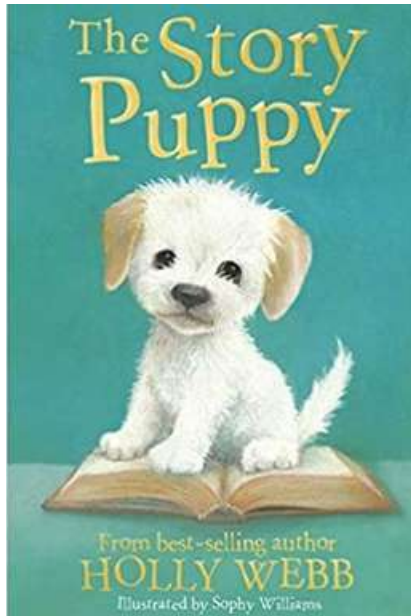
Junior School Mystery Book Event

Back by popular demand! We will be holding our Mystery Book event again on World Book Day, Thursday 7th March.

1. Choose a book from home that you have read, enjoyed and are happy to give away (please choose one that is in good condition).
2. Wrap it carefully and write a brief summary of the book on the wrapping paper but don't give too much away! (Don't write the title or the author.)
3. Bring it into school to add to the event. If you bring a book into school, you will be able to pick a new mystery book to take home with you!



'The Story Puppy' by Holly Webb - reviewed by Violet B. (3M)



'The Story Puppy' is about a puppy who lives in a sanctuary. A boy called Jack visits the sanctuary and sits to read. He visits the sanctuary everyday. When Jack is reading, the puppy comes over and sits with Jack as he reads. However, Jack doesn't know that the dog is there. I think this is a very good book - a quick read for anyone looking for something shorter. It made me happy because Jack got the puppy in the end. But it also made me feel a little bit sad because the puppy was alone before Jack adopted it. I think anyone can read it, older and younger people, because of the type of story it is - one about friendship with a happy ending. I would give a 5 star rating!

An Extra Special Invitation – Back by popular demand!

Dear Junior School,

Do you love to read with your parents? Come along to one of our Reading Café events next week, in our Junior School hall which will be open from 8-8:30am for lots of reading loveliness. There will be drinks and snacks available for parents and children alike, as well as plenty of places to sit together and enjoy reading books with your grownups. (There will also be limited parking available on the Senior School yard from 7.55am).

The hall will be open on the following mornings. This time, any year group can attend on any day: **Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th March.**

Please sign up if you wish to attend so that we know how many visitors to cater for:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YGijNtTKks>

This was such a popular event last time, so please come along and bring your grownup for some lovely reading time together! We'd love to see you there!

Junior School House Egg-stravaganza!

What's the idea?

- Decorate an egg! You can use more than one egg if you like and it can be any design you choose.
- You can either use real eggs or polystyrene/cardboard eggs or even just decorate a picture of an egg.
- If you use a real egg, you will need to ask an adult at home to help you prepare the egg- there are ideas on GC for how to do this.
 - Bring your design into school on **Monday 25th March**.
- The competition will be judged on Tuesday 26th March with winners announced on the last day of term, **Wednesday 27th March**.
- There will be an award for everyone who takes part (merits) a class winner (prize) and an overall House winner.
 - Be CREATIVE!
 - Think outside the (egg) box.



JS INGRAM CUP

This year we will be holding, our annual house music competition, the Ingram Cup, in the Summer term. I would like to encourage ALL pupils who learn a musical instrument, whether they learn in or out of school, to participate in this competition. Everyone who participates will earn valuable merits for their house, regardless of their level or ability.

During the 'Preliminary Heats', which will take place during the week beginning 22nd April, pupils will be adjudicated and ten pupils from each year will go through to the final, which will be held on Thursday 2nd May. Please encourage your child to talk to their teacher about what they might play for the Ingram Cup this year. I would stress that they should play something that they know well and that shows musicality rather than something that they are currently working on. Pupils who perform on anything other piano (including voice) need to provide named piano accompaniments/backing tracks to Mrs Kawalec as soon as possible and no later than Friday 12th April.

Prior to the heats, which will begin during the week beginning 22nd April 2024, sign-up sheets will be put up in the pupil entrances.

The final will take place on Friday 10th March. Pupils will be notified if they have been successful in gaining a place in the final by the end of the week beginning 22nd April 2024.

Please see further information by clicking on the link:

<https://nottinghamhigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Ingram-Cup-information-2024.pdf>

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

(Available Places Update)

£180.00 - Bookings via Wisepay

Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April



	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Places Available	3	7	8**	6	7	8**	9

more places opened today for year 2 and year 5

INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL
INFANT SCHOOL STAR OF THE WEEK

RA

Kareem E-S. for collaborating and playing with kindness and generosity.

RB

Dustin X. for thinking about how to challenge himself within his learning.

RJ

Khizr R. for following instructions well in PE to use the equipment safely and sharing good ideas on where to balance a beanbag.

1P

Noah S. for showing an increased level of determination when working independently and working hard to think of his own ideas.

1S

Leo F. for being aware of his target of including capital letters and striving to achieve this.

2B

Joshua F. for trying his best to use neat handwriting and creative ideas in his recount of our Year 2 trip.

2M

Jayan U. for his accuracy when measuring in centimetres in Maths this week.

2W

Hugo A. for his fabulous phonics this week and lovely handwriting.

INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

INFANT SCHOOL SQUIRREL OF THE WEEK



Sahib S. (RA) for enjoying Rainbow challenges in the classroom to embed his learning.

Zain F. (2B) for contributing well in group tasks and always sharing his ideas with his friends.



Thomas S. (RJ) his incredible resilience in all areas of learning. We are so proud of your perseverance Thomas.

Anna S. (1P) for always being confident at trying new activities.

Sajan L. (1S) for looking carefully at his script and knowing when to say his lines during our rehearsals.



Mannat P. (RB) for always thinking about other people before herself.



Lana S. (2M) for showing kindness to her classmates by bringing everyone a flower in the morning.

Henry H. (2W) for always being a great friend to everyone in 2W and his super explanations about friendship in our PSHE lessons.

3G

Kitty A. for outstanding dedication to defeating superheroes in Maths.

Dylan U. for superb comparing and contrasting skills in RE.

4W

Janice W. for fantastic reading comprehension written answers.

5B

Luca C. and Haris Q. for fabulous propaganda posters created in Humanities this week. Both children thought carefully about the purpose of their posters and conveyed important messages.

5D

Wanfei X., Musa A., Aryan B. and Amrit J. for an excellent piece of writing on Rose Blanche including some super examples of figurative and emotive language.

Harkiran M., Joshua S. and Lara S-S. for excellent work converting between fractions, decimals and percentages this week.

6C

Neil K. for showing excellent reasoning skills with some challenging questions when converting between fractions, decimals & percentages.

Imogen N. for taking pride in her work which is always beautifully presented.

6S

Ibrahim L., Bertie H., Aarav K., Matilda C., Hawah R., Samyuktha V. & Mahira I. for producing a brilliant and informative poster on visiting a synagogue.

Felix M., Jin Chen L., Sukhveer M., Elise C., Alex P., Emi D., Simran L., Ethan S. and Ben S. for honest views and a reflective approach on the Good and Evil scenarios task.



Rajan L. and Jude. A (3G) for going the extra mile to consolidate their Maths learning.

Rayaan J. (3G) for the massive increase in effort he has shown in Spring Term, resulting in truly impressive progress across the curriculum.

Jia S. (5B) for completing the optional homework to the best standards.



Iyla K. (6C) for celebrating our differences and always showing empathy towards others.



Adele S. (6C) for being brave and asking for help and guidance with her project.



Ibrahim M. (3G) for stopping to help Sebby pick up his belongings when he dropped them. Sebby was really impressed by Ibrahim's kindness and nominated Ibrahim for this award.

Willow I-W. (5B) always works and collaborates well with all children. She is a fabulous role model for 5B!

Louis S. (5D) for always showing kindness and demonstrating consistently what it means to be a good friend.



Aaryan J. and Saad K. (5D) for always bringing their authentic selves to school and for putting a smile on the face of others.

5A

Henry A. for showing particular resilience and determination in his first home school gala.

Anoushka P-T. for standing in for absent swimmers and being totally amazing!

5B

Seraphina A. for standing in for absent swimmers and being totally amazing!

Miranda B. and Jia S. for excellent defending during our netball fixture on Wednesday – so many interceptions!

5D

Hannah T. for being a super captain for our netball fixture on Wednesday, leading her team brilliantly and liaising with the other teams maturely before each match.

6C

Tony S. for standing in for absent swimmers and being totally amazing!



Primary Maths Challenge

The pupils below made it through to the bonus round: Neil K., Ishaan D. (6C), Max F. (6S). Jin Chen L., Avani K. (6H), Aniket M. (5A). A special mention for Neil K. (Bronze award), Jin Chen L. (Silver award) and Aniket M. (Gold award).

Report on the Swimming Gala against Ratcliffe on Tuesday 27th February, 2024

Swimmers from the A and B U11 and U10 boys and girls' teams were very excited to be representing the school at a home gala against Ratcliffe College. It was a great opportunity to practise for the IAPS regional round (with plenty of 50m races!) as well as giving an opportunity for many of our school swimming club swimmers to compete in a highly competitive environment.

We knew from our previous away fixture that it was going to be a great gala with some very close races, and it was!

Final scores:
Both Ratcliffe and NHIJS drew with 107 points each!

Well done to everyone and thank you to all the super supporters.



Alice B. (3G) performed in the half time show for the Nottingham Panthers on Sunday.



Adam A. (3G) finished as the runner-up in the NPSCA County Championship (U8) and, he was also awarded the Best Game Trophy.

INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE



Edward B. (3M) received his 800 metre swimming badge this weekend!



Benedict C. (3M) was awarded NPSCA under 8 Nottinghamshire County Chess Champion.



Rosie M. (4C) won 4 x 1st prizes in the 8-9 years Ballroom and Latin Dance competitions: Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Waltz and Tango.



Shaheer K. (5A) runner up NPSCA U10 chess tournament.



Isaac G. (6H) won Player of the Match for his Hucknall Sports football team.

GENERAL NEWS



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are excited to announce that this Easter, you can join us for an awesome Tech Camp. With lots of exciting activities from programming challenges, Robot Coding, Minecraft Engineering, DJ mixing and LEGO Engineering! 🤖

We are running on 8th – 12th April at Nottingham High School, NG7 4ED from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

Our aim is to inspire, engage and empower the next generation of creators, coders, and inventors. We have put together an action-packed Activity Schedule with something for every child to extend their learning in a fun and unique way using the latest and greatest tech. Activities include:

- 🤖 ROCKING ROBOTICS - Meet our robots and learn visual coding and programming skills that make them come to life!
- 🚀 INGENIOUS INVENTIONS- Create electronic wonders, while exploring the world of circuits and invention with so many possibilities to explore.
- 🎨 3D CREATIONS - Unlock your inner Tech Artist and create mesmerising three-dimensional creations, letting your imagination soar!
- 📷 MEDIA MADNESS - Enthusiastic directors, actors, and content creators will delve into the captivating realms of photography and filmmaking.
- ⭐ MINECRAFT ENGINEERING -As a Minecraft engineer, you can build incredible structures, create ingenious Redstone contraptions, and bring your wildest dreams to life.

All staff are DBS Checked and qualified to run the greatest sessions in the safest environment. For more information check out our flyer attach or visit our website below.

Our camps cater to ages 5-11. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out and book online today, simply visit: <https://www.nextthing.education/product/nottingham-high-school-easter-camp/>

We look forward to seeing you at camp! 🚀🤖

Next Thing Education Camps Ltd.



GENERAL NEWS

Bandwise 2024

WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE DAY OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PLAYERS AGED 8 – 21

BIG YOUTH MUSIC EXPERIENCE



Playing workshop: Saturday 20th April
South Nottinghamshire Academy, Radcliffe on Trent
Concert: Sunday 28th April – Albert Hall, Nottingham



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PHYSIO SESSIONS

We're happy to announce the start of Physio sessions as part of the wider range of services the Centre offers to both students and parents.

Run by experienced physiotherapist Alex Lamb from Coach House Physio, sessions will take place between 1pm and 5pm on Wednesdays. Students will be able to attend sessions during lesson time or after school, with parental permission. Please note that parents must be able to attend these sessions in person alongside their child (including those over the age of 18).

Each 40-minute session, which will include assessment and treatment, costs £45. Mr Lamb also works with private health insurance providers.

Parents and staff are also welcome to use this service at the same rate of £45 per 40-minute session. If these sessions take place after 4pm, parents are welcome to keep children in our wrap-around care until the end of your appointment. All appointments can be booked in advance via this form. If you have any questions about this service, please contact the Wellbeing Centre Administrator, Dan Scott, at scott.d@nottinghamhigh.co.uk.

FIRST NIGHT FREE

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FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

Player Hall - Nottingham High School - NG1 4HH



NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

Wellbeing Centre Launch

You are invited to celebrate the official launch of our brand new Wellbeing Centre

26TH FEBRUARY

Event starts at 6pm in the Player Hall with our guest speaker Dick Moore. Followed by the official opening of the Centre & drinks reception. Finish time approx 8pm. Booking link will be emailed out next week.



To find out more about Dick Moore's work

A FUN WORKSHOP AND CONCERT OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 - 14

Vocals

Singing workshop: Saturday 9 March
Nottingham Trent University, Clifton NG11 8NS
Concert: Sunday 10 March
Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA

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MMR

MEASLES MUMPS RUBELLA

Measles is circulating, it is serious, very infectious and can cause complications.

Especially for those with a weakened immune system, babies under one year and pregnant women.

You need two doses of MMR vaccine to protect you, see your GP practice to make an appointment.

It is never too late to have your MMR.

Immunisation
the safest way to protect your child



The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national measles incident

Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people.

Cold-like symptoms

The first symptoms of measles include:

- a high temperature
- a runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- a cough
- red, sore, watery eyes

More info here

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

[National Measles Guidelines](#)

[MMR Vaccine Info](#)

AFTER-SCHOOL NETBALL TRAINING

IN THE MAIN SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE



MONDAY

SESSION ENDS

YEARS 6 & 7
YEAR 8

5.15PM
6PM



TUESDAY

SESSION ENDS

YEARS 9 & 10

6PM



THURSDAY

SESSION ENDS

SENIORS

5.45PM

