



# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

# NEWSLETTER

28th May 2021



## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

We started our wet, final week of the Summer Term 1 with a very exciting installation! Last Summer, FOSS and I began looking at exercise equipment for our school and through their dedicated fundraising, we have been able to see it through to installation this week! It is one more tool in our belt towards building a community of learners who 'Let their light shine' through their energy for well-being, fitness and life! Mrs Greenland has been busy planning some amazing Summer exercise adventures!



## Race for Life

As a School, and as so many too have been touched by Cancer, our school has decided to take part in Schools Race for Life this year. This will take place on Monday, 12th July. Further information to follow!



## Diary Dates

Weather and Government guidance permitting, we are planning on have socially distanced, parent attended, Sports Days as listed below. Further details will follow after half term.

Years R-5 will have 'Move-Up Day' on 19th July, 2021 with an opportunity for parents to meet the teacher after school on that day with a virtual/or outdoor meet. Before you need to ask...we will be announcing teachers for year groups and classes in early June. Watch this space!

More information to come but we are planning for Year 6 to present a Summer performance on Friday 16th July and we are hopeful for a summer evening picnic and games for them too, before transitioning onto High School.

16 <sup>th</sup> June	Europe Class (yr 5) Virtual Time & Tide Victorian Servants Zoom!
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Asia Class (Yr 2) trip to Sheringham Museum
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Oceania Class (Yr 1) trip to Banham zoo
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Spelling Bee
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Ark Class (Yr R) trip to Dinosaur Park
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Race for Life
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Europe & North America Classes (Yrs 5 & 6) Sports Day - Afternoon
16 <sup>th</sup> July	N America Class (Yr 6) performance
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Move up Day for years R to 5
19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition for Year 6 to High School
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Africa & South America Classes (Yrs 3 & 4) Sports Day – Morning Ark, Oceania, Asia Classes (yrs R, 1 & 2) Sports Day - Afternoon

**Note – Summer Fete will not be going ahead in July, but FOSS are hopeful for events to re commence in the Autumn Term.**

## Visitors

We have been fortunate to have our very first Chair of Governors visit in over a year this week. Having finally had guidance changed, that means they can view from afar, and only go to one school a week, after a negative LFT, she was able to see our school in person finally! We are hopeful that this means we can begin to have further visits in future.

Walking the halls on Wednesday, it was amazing to see the hard work on display-new transport and UP the movie! Stories in Year 1 alongside a Van-Gogh Display, Year 2 have Dragon and Tunnel Stories; Year 3 included brilliant Plant Explanation Texts; Year 5 have typed amazing Titanic News reports and in every classroom-excellent behaviour for and attitudes to learning in the classrooms.



We started in Year 2 who were busy finishing off their Reading Stars (make sure to ask your children what this is!) Day 3- Inference Questions; Year 1 were busy using maths cubes and counters to answer a series of addition and subtraction problems; Reception were writing sentences on their whiteboards and sharing with their writing detective partners; Year 4 were busy working on time with an array of clocks to use; Year 3 were using manipulatives (counters) to answer a series of maths multiplication and division word problems; Year 5 were accurately drawing, using shape vocabulary, nets and 3D shapes; Year 6 were conscientiously working on their Chromebooks- and solving maths word problems - following Mr Ward's exclamation - 'The Best Arithmetic lesson and quiz scores of the year'!

I am so excited to share a few things that have happened this week and that are happening in Summer 2. Firstly, I would like to thank you for our entries (over 100) for the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition and our Walk to School initiatives. We are sure with the amazing care and detail added, the Royal Mail and Queen will be delighted by our schools' efforts.

Our School winners are:

**Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design**  
 Jack (yr R) Cole (yr 2) Eva (yr 3)  
 Willow (yr 5) Ella (yr 6)

**Walk to School Week**  
 Scarlett (yr R) Elliott (yr 5)



### Oceania Class (yr 1)

This week the class released the butterflies, into the school grounds, they had been nurturing from caterpillars over the last couple of weeks. They also have been busy building a bug hotel!



## **South America (yr 4) & Europe (yr 5) Classes**

Matt Mann from the West Norwich and Dereham School Sports Partnership and Lewis Denmark from Norfolk Cricket Board came out to do a cricket afternoon with Yrs 4 and 5.



**For more 'What's been happening in School this week'**

**click on the following link**  
<https://vimeo.com/556145254>

## ***Shining Lights of the Week!***

### **Ark Class**

**Jessica and Lewis C** for always following the school rules and being responsible for their own kind actions and ensuring their friends are always happy too!

### **Oceania Class**

**Harriet and Dexter** for always following the school rules and taking responsibility for their learning by listening to feedback from adults at all times.

### **Asia Class**

**Esme and Bailey** for always taking responsibility to support others in class and always lending a helping hand to adults. Also for having a great attitude towards their learning. They have both had a brilliant half term well done

### **Africa Class**

**Lacey and Kai** for taking responsibility of their learning and working so hard this term! Well done.

### **South America**

**Rayne, Reggie and Henry** for taking responsibility of their learning and being extremely positive this half term!

### **Europe Class**

**Finley and Neve** for taking responsibility for their learning and behaviour this term working hard and being positive role models for others. Well done!

### **North America**

**Molly** for always working hard and striving for success and **Marcus** for really taking responsibility for his effort, showing a real positive attitude to his learning.

## **The week's overall attendance - 94.3%**

### **Spellathon**

Being passionate about writing means that our learners and teachers have been focusing on Spelling this half-term. This is culminating in a Spellathon and Spelling Bee. Today, we are sending home a spelling list for your child's year group, an information sheet and sponsorship form. All children from Reception to Year 6 will take part. The Spellathon will take place in school the week commencing 28 June, and a EYFS/KS1 Spelling Bee taking place on 1 July and KS2 2 July, including, Bee dress-up days and spelling activities! All proceeds from the Spellathon will go to finance our next projects with FOSS, taken from the recent pupil voice and student council meetings.

## **Next half term and half term homework**

In the Summer 2 Term, we will be completing our PiXL assessments, which will show our progress this year and next steps for the following year. In advance of this, we remind all families that our online homework is always accessible. Please continue to use BugClub- Reading stories and reading comprehension activities specifically set for your child, as well as Times Tables Rockstars. If you haven't previously, please access these over the Half-Term with your child. Alongside of this, your child's next half-term curriculum newsletter will arrive week commencing 7 June. The teachers will be sending out Half-Term creative homework today in-line with their next exciting topics too!

## **Values**

As we complete the value of responsibility, we ask that you support the school by using this term and asking children to be responsible. This may include simple setting of the table before dinner, making of their beds, putting away their toys, sharing and being kind to siblings. Next half-term we will be working on the value of compassion.

## **Parent Voice**

We have written a short Parent Voice following your parent/teacher meetings and the first half of the summer term, and shared it herewith, please could you take some time to answer the questions over half-term and we will publish results in June upon our return. <https://forms.gle/HiLuYYfGBWmwQhMs9>

## **Spring Term Goodbyes and Summer Term Welcomes**

This half-term, we said goodbye to Miss Greaves, Year 1 TA, we wish her all the best for her future endeavours. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Tuck into Year 4 as an additional TA to support, she comes with a wide range of experience, including previously as a Health Specialist from Neatherd High School. After half term we will be welcoming Mr Paul Smith, our new Caretaker. Mr Smith comes to us with over 20 years' experience as the Caretaker from two other DNEAT schools, and is delighted to be joining our team.

## **Finally...**

**Africa Class (yr 3) have just returned from a walk around the village to help with their map work.**





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