



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

Thank you to all of our parents who have completed both the 'WOW' form and Parent Survey. Please continue to share out of school 'WOW' moments using this link <https://forms.gle/Hw7jXRSTgdF8xTr8> The full Parent Survey will be shared next week along with how we will address any next steps, but it is pleasing to note that despite the challenges we have all faced this year that our school and its' community links are as strong as ever in which 100% of the parents surveyed would recommend our school to other parents.

We are delighted that there are several trips planned for this half term, all of which are at no cost to families due to the generous support of The Thomas Bullock Trust.

Yr R – Dinosaur Park £12.27 per pupil
Yr 1 – Banham Zoo - £10.50 per pupil
Yr 2 – Sheringham Museum and Beach - £8,50 per pupil
Yr 3 – Pensthorpe - £12 per pupil
Yr 4 – Pensthorpe - £12 per pupil
Yr 5 - Orienteering & Map Skills Day and virtual visit to The Time & Tide Museum £6.50 per pupil
Yr 6 – Eaton Vale Activity Centre - £55 per pupil

Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Class	Ethan for trying hard in all of his learning this week. He has excelled during NELI speech and language and has developed a good positive attitude in class.
Oceania Class	Halle F for working so hard in her writing this week. Great use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Well done Halle!
Asia Class	Max and Millie for researching and creating an amazing Google slides presentation all about the seaside showing brilliant teamwork. Well done !
Africa Class	Esme for trying really hard to improve her handwriting this week - well done!
South America	Tilly for showing excellent behaviours for learning this week! Great work!
SEurope Class	Erin for her wonderful creative writing this week - great word choices and use of figurative language - well done!
North America	Emily and Tristan for really impressing with their drama skills.

Headteacher's Award

Ewan (yr 5) for showing excellent acts of kindness
Todd (yr 5) for welcoming children well into games

The week's overall attendance - 98.3%



WOW Moments!

We invited children to share how they are 'letting their light shine' out of school and we were so pleased to receive so many WOW moments. These were shared in more detail in today's Celebration Assembly.

Reception – George Hi, Arthur and Ellsie

Year 1 – Theo

Year 2 – Tom, Harry, Austin and Cole

Year 5 – Edward and Ewan

Yr 6 – Tristan

At home, Ewan in year 5 created a beautiful watercolour which we have shared below.



Ewan tells us more about the painter his watercolour is based on – 'Jospeh Mallord William Turner was a romantic painter, printmaker and water colourist known for his expressive colourist imaginative landscape and turbulent marine paintings.'

School Council News...

The School Council met briefly this week to discuss our plans for Healthy Eating Week next week. During next week the children will be watching various videos in our Assemblies to raise awareness of this topic.

The children have also come up with a lovely idea to raise funds for the school:

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Please send us your family's favourite healthy recipe.

We will be making our very own COOKBOOK to raise some funds.

***Any photos or drawings of your recipe would be amazing
– don't forget the ingredients!!***

Recipes can be handed into the School Office or emailed to office@thomasbullock.dneat.org

GEOGRAPHY

Please see the article featured in the Diocesan Footprints publication.



Shannon O'Sullivan

Headteacher

Deborah Wall

Humanities and KS2 Phase Leader

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Our Geography 'Subject on a Page' quotes Jimmy Buffett: 'without geography you're nowhere.' Curiosity and a lived experiential opportunity is the key to excellence in geography at Thomas Bullock. True cultural capital is derived from offering excellent life experiences to all pupils and geography acts as a driver for this at our school. We start with the common offer that all children receive at least three experiences, or class trips, each year, in every year group.

We demonstrate our outstanding geography provision by encouraging pupils to develop their knowledge and

understanding of the local area, the British Isles and the wider world. We use big questions, provocations and artefacts: aiming to inspire in children a fascination about the world and its people as well as developing an interest in natural and human environments and key physical and human processes. This is not only in EYFS but all the way through to Year 6 and beyond.

We link our curriculum to geographical locations. Each of our classes is named after continents, which provides many rich and varied opportunities to explore. We are fortunate to have extensive grounds, which include a large field, a wildlife area, a woodland area, farm and polytunnel. Our forest school and pond provide real hands-on experiential learning opportunities for our young geographers. This enhanced provision

enables us to provide practical, hands-on experiences for the children.

Universally, geography is taught well in EYFS. The Reggio Emilia approach, whereby provocations stimulate thought, curiosity, and exploration through knowledge and understanding of the world is prevalent. But a day in the life of a Thomas Bullock pupil in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 will see them applying graphicacy in fieldwork and mapping skills, whilst using embedded geographical vocabulary in forest school or even orienteering sessions run by specialists where they apply their knowledge and skills.

Beware! KS2 pupils have been known to be caught in volcanoes and earthquakes and are tasked with engineering seismography warning systems and using data and graphing accurately.

Friends of Shipdham School

Great news! The FOSS Shop in the High Street has reopened every Wednesday between 9 and 12. Please make a visit if you are able - all items 50p unless otherwise stated.

FOSS are always looking for parents to join their team and would welcome any extra help no matter how little. Please get in touch if you are interested.

As you know the FOSS team have worked tirelessly over the years fundraising for the benefit of the children of our school and your support is very much appreciated with this too. It is great to know that they are beginning to plan ahead as restrictions lift. They have asked us to remind families about the School Lottery and more information is provided as an additional attachment to this newsletter.



Update from our Extended Schools Provider

We have been pleased with how the numbers have been increasing recently with the before and after school club. We are already looking ahead to the autumn term 2021 and the new academic year where we are excited to confirm that bookings are open for the new school year enabling families to book early and secure their child's spot.

A Newsletter and further information about the club and how to book are attached as separate attachments to the Newsletter from the School.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a Teaching Assistant and a Cleaner. For more information please visit the school website www.thomasbullock.dneat.org or telephone the school office.



