

Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

It has been a week of positivity whilst the sun shone just in time on Thomas Bullock for our first trip since Autumn 2019. This truly feels that we can begin to 'let our light shine' as we look forward to a summer term with more excursions out of Shipdham ahead. Herewith in the Newsletter you will find details of this week's trip and the exciting events in school. Please continue to look on our social media pages for pictures and our weekly video.

We are delighted with the results of our Summer Parent survey and grateful for the kind comments we have been able to share with our staff. The results and our next steps can be found on our website <http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/parents-hub/parent-surveys/>

We are all aware that the current COVID restrictions have been extended until 19th July, thank you for supporting us to keep our community safe. We are still hoping to have parents attend some of the end of year events both in Year 6 and for children in Years R to 5, diary dates have been updated further down in this Newsletter. We will inform you how this will look when we have had further information from the Local Authority and our Trust.

Next year's staffing has been updated below and there will be opportunities for you to meet the children's teachers in the week beginning 19th July as restrictions allow.

Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Class	Kai for great perseverance and improvement in his letter formation and name writing. Well done, Kai!
Oceania Class	Rory for his amazing writing in the past couple of weeks and working so hard to improve. It has paid off!
Asia Class	Sophia for showing massive progress in her reading comprehension.
Africa Class	April for her fantastic newspaper article in topic this week!
South America	Ryley for settling wonderfully into Year 4 and blowing us away with his bank of interesting facts!
Europe Class	Ruby C for her positive attitude. Ruby is always cheerful and enthusiastic both in and out of class!
North America	Izzy for her amazing climbing and even more amazing encouragement of others on our Activity Day.

WOW Moments!

Logan H (yr 3) received his 1005m (67 lengths) award at Swimming – Amazing!
Freya (yr R) for enjoying her ballet again and doing so well!

The week's overall attendance - 96%



Headteacher's Awards

Izzy in North America Class (yr 6)

The family were very impressed with the beautiful art work Izzy brought home. Her Granny posted it to Greyson Perry and currently has 1.7k likes. WOW!

<https://m/facebook.com/groups/GraysonsArtClub/permalink/829466620994356>



Josh in Europe Class (yr 5) – Josh raced last weekend at Hockham for Norfolk and Suffolk Motorcross Club. Despite the extremely hot weather. Josh led both races from start and finish with 10 seconds ahead of all the other riders. He came away with a first overall and a trophy.



Europe Class (Yr 5)

The class have been learning about poor Victorian children. Working in pairs, one played the role of a reporter going back in time and the other the poor Victorian child. The children used all the information they had learned to write an article about the horrific working conditions children had to work in during Victorian times.

To consolidate their learning a virtual trip to the Time and Tide Museum was arranged.. Stephanie, a Victorian Servant, joined us live from her Master's home and interviewed all the children for a job! The class were shown around servants' areas of the house and the type of work that they would be required to do. During the interview, the class learned about timings for the day and were shocked by the very early start of 5:00 am! They were introduced to work that took place in the kitchen and even had a go at rasping (making their own breadcrumbs from dried toast). The children visited the scullery and learned how to do the washing using a dolly, dolly tubs and a mangle. The class enjoyed pretending to use a dolly to wash clothes and were astonished that all the buttons had to be cut off clothes before going through the mangle and then sewn back on again so they did not break!



North America Class (Yr 6)

The children had a brilliant day at Eaton Vale Activity Centre on Wednesday.

After a short bus ride and a quick safety briefing, we were straight into the activities. Splitting the group in two we took part in lots of fun challenges on the water Kayaking, as well as transferring gaming skills into real life at the Air Rifle range. We certainly unearthed some hidden talents.

After exchanging stories and some time in the shade altogether, we re-energized with lunch and plenty of water and we were soon back out for our next activities. Fears of heights were tested to the max with the Climbing Challenge and there were plenty of heated debates during the Team Building Challenges - but everyone got there in the end!

Having worked up their appetites again, the evening BBQ provided welcome nourishment before we took part in our final mystery challenge. Eggberts Escapade did not disappoint, with the whole group back together for some hilarious team challenges to win items that could be used to protect an egg which would be dropped from a great height. Bottle flipping, dry cracker munching, hooking cheerios with a straw, there was no limit to the whacky tasks. Pleasingly, teams gelled far better than earlier in the day and amazingly one team's egg actually survived the drop, it truly was a wonderful end to our adventure day! We arrived back at school at 7.30pm tired but full of happy memories.



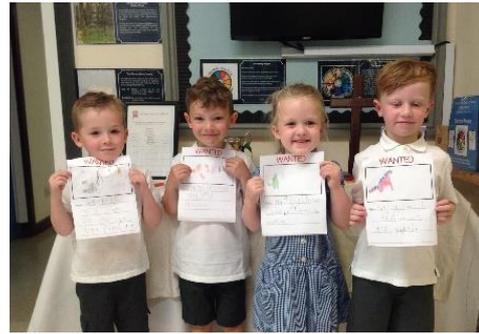
Asia Class (Yr 2)

With Mrs Greenland out at Eaton Vale, Mrs O'Sullivan was in charge of Year 2's Wednesday afternoon. She enjoyed taking a PE lesson in the sunshine involving throwing and catching skills, multiskills and a long run which prepared her for her half marathon at the weekend. In Music the children were learning to play the mini xylophone and follow a piece of music.



Ark Class (Reception)

Ark Class have been working really hard on our independent writing skills so far this half term and have been producing some fantastic pieces. This week we discovered in our story that Harry has lost his bucketful of dinosaurs! We worked to create wanted posters to be put up around the school to ask people to help us find them. All of the children worked incredibly hard on this. Four children showed astounding perseverance in their efforts and were given a Headteacher's award for their work. We are super proud of them and all the other children. Well done Authur, Lewis G, Nellie and Hadley!



For more 'What's been happening in School this week' click on the following link <https://vimeo.com/564575872>

STAFFING NEWS

Teaching Farewells

We are very proud of Kylie Amos in Year 4 and Becky Rayner in Year 1 who have successfully completed their NQT induction training year with our school. We are exceptionally proud of their accomplishments throughout such a trying year and with such long travel routes in. Having come to the end of their training contracts we wish them all the best in the future.

We also will be saying farewell to Miss Pointer who has been at the school for 3 years. Teaching in Year 1 and Year 3. Miss Pointer has been an asset in her time at Thomas Bullock, as Science Leader and Class teacher. We are sure you will join with us in wishing her all the best in her future endeavours.

Teaching Appointments

In the Spring term we advertised for permanent qualified teachers. At this time, we were extremely fortunate to appoint Mr Lawrence Johnson, who is relocating to Norfolk and has been teaching at an Infant School in Cambridgeshire for the last 12 years, teaching and leading across EYFS and KS1, as a permanent KS1 teacher; Miss Rebecca Stewart, currently a qualified teacher in Edgware, London, who as a permanent teacher, brings with her relocation a diverse teaching experience in KS1 and KS2, as well as a dance teaching specialism; Mrs Beth Fowler, a previous Head of School within DNEAT, KS2 Norfolk County Writing Moderator and exceptional Y6 teacher to join Mr Wade-as Mr Ward is retiring (but will stick with us as our supply!); Miss Olivia Crane, as a permanent KS2 teacher- who is also a qualified music teacher and singing coach; and lastly, Sophia Bell-Tye- as a permanent teacher for Thomas Bullock. Sophie is home-grown and was Thomas Bullock's very own outstanding EYFS UEA Student. Sophie has been appointed as an additional teacher to our Early Years Foundation Stage, to complement the needs of our expanding school.

Year Group	Teacher
Reception and EYFS	Mrs D Marjoram (EYFS Leader) Miss S Bell-Tye
1	Mr L Johnson
2	Miss L Newcombe (KS1 Leader)
3	Miss R Steward
4	Miss O Crane
5	Mrs D Wall (KS2 Leader) Mrs V Ingles
6	Mrs B Fowler Mr N Wade Deputy Head

We have been fortunate to appoint an additional Higher Level Teaching Assistant, who has exceptional experience teaching in KS1 and across her 4-form entry school and is relocating from Birmingham. You may note we currently have a position open for a Teaching Assistant. We are looking to recruit a permanent addition to complement our current team. We will also be advertising for an additional lunch-time supervisor and apprentice in the coming weeks alongside our current advert for a cleaner.

We are excited that they will all offer interesting and additional experiences from their current schools, which will continue our standards and development drive. Once we have secured the final Teaching Assistant, we will share the full staff structure, for next year, well in advance of move-up day on 19 July 2021.

We are having a tidying up...

We have a few wooden pallets that we need to get rid of, please contact the school office if you can help with this.

Does anyone know of ways to get rid of old tyres; if so please let us know!

Reminders...

Safety around our School

Please be reminded to take extra care when driving near the school at drop off and pick up times, we have noticed some cars driving a little too quickly. There are more children cycling and walking to school currently due to the lovely weather, so please be extra vigilant. Inside the school carpark, to make it safer for children walking though, we have year 6 pupils on duty at each crossing every day.

Please do continue to wear masks at pick up and drop off times.

Cookbook

A reminder from last week's Newsletter. The School Council would like to receive as many recipes as possible to include in their Healthy Eating Cookbook. Please send recipes to the school office, either by email or in writing.

Headlice

Please remember to check regularly for headlice. They can be tricky to get rid of, their natural life cycle is about 30 days and once detected it can take a while to get on top of the problem.

DIARY DATES

25 th June	Asia Class (Yr 2) trip to Sheringham Museum
2 nd July	Oceania Class (Yr 1) trip to Banham zoo National Tennis Association mini sessions – Years 2 – 6
1 st & 2 nd July	Spelling Bee
9 th July	Ark Class (Yr R) trip to Dinosaur Park
13th July	Race for Life *
15 th July	Europe & North America Classes (Yrs 5 & 6) Sports Day – morning*
16th July	North America Class (Yr 6) Dress Rehearsal End of Year Awards*
19 th July	Move up Day for years R to 5
19 th – 21 st July	Transition for Year 6 to High School
20th July	N America Class (Yr 6) performance, meal and fun awards*
20 th July	Africa & South America Classes (Yrs 3 & 4) Sports Day – Morning Ark, Oceania, Asia Classes (yrs R, 1 & 2) Sports Day – Afternoon
21 st July	Africa Class (Yr 3) & S. America Class (Yr 4) Pensthorpe Nature Reserve

***Dates in bold have either been changed or are a new addition**