

# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

9th July 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

Finishing our week, and year of blended learning, in Shipdham Church, with a service from Reverend Doreen and the children of Shipdham school singing and receiving awards was a true highlight of the time Mr Wade and I have spent at Thomas Bullock. For our Year 6 pupils leaving us today, we were able to celebrate their successes whether they have attended for the last 7 years, or just the last 7 weeks, we are very fortunate to have been able to have a memorable farewell.

We wish our Year 6 the very best of luck in the future and know they will always be role-models of our community and school and continue to 'Let their light shine' now and in the years to come.

Alongside of the church service, we also had an end of year awards ceremony for all pupils today in advance of next week. Yearly, the Thomas Bullock Trust provides book vouchers for our wonderful children's achievements the awards list is below. Well done to our pupils who received an award alongside all children who made great strides and progress this year, both academically and socially. It has been a challenging year and we are proud of the resilience and perseverance you have all shone. We are truly proud of your successes!

Year 6 also performed to the whole school by Zoom their production of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' this afternoon. They will be performing to their families on Tuesday evening next week.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Significant Progress Across the Curriculum</b>	<b>Showing the Academy's Six Christian Values</b>
Ark Class	George Hi	Nellie
Oceania Class	Harriet	Florence
Asia Class	Esme	Arthur
Africa Class	Lacey	James
South America Class	Lily-May	Jacob
Europe Class	Ella	Finley
North America Class	Izzy	Sienna
	<b>Music</b>	<b>PE</b>
North America Class	Dominic	Summer Lucas

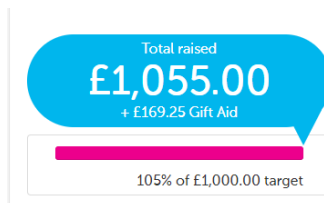


## **Race for Life**

If you have not had a chance to read the wonderful donation comments, please do. Our families are hugely supportive of our pupils' achievements and the donation comments are incredible. To date, we have raised £1,055.00 + £169.25 in additional funds- totally smashing our £1,000 target.

Cancer Research is a charity that is extremely close to the hearts of most in Thomas Bullock. Many, like me have lost a parent, family member and/or close friend to Cancer or have or are suffering from Cancer ourselves. With 1 in 2 people in the UK now diagnosed with Cancer in the UK, this charity leads life-saving research. Well-done Thomas Bullock for your philanthropy and support. We intend for this to become an annual event in the Thomas Bullock calendar.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/thomas-bullock-ce-primary-academy>



Thank you Mrs Greenland and Miss Crane. This week you have ran and organised both Sports Day and Race for Life. We are truly lucky and grateful to have you both in our Thomas Bullock.

## **Reports and transitions**

Great thought and planning goes into the next year teaching teams and classes with lengthy transition discussion taking place between current class teachers, next year's teachers, and the Senior Leadership team. In last week's newsletter we shared a welcome from the new teachers. If you have not watched these with your children, please do.

Equally, our team spend time completing individualised reports for your children. Pupils' reports will indicate very clear targets for your child's future development. It would be greatly appreciated if, at some point before the children return in September, you could find the time to explore where their focus should be. Reinforcement from home, and an understanding from the pupil's perspective of the need to commit to working towards these targets, will be of real benefit.

Please also be reminded these reports reflect a point in time, following a second year of blended learning. If you would like to discuss anything in the reports, we will ensure we help to schedule a meeting with your class teacher virtually or by phone next week.

## **Sports Day Years 4,5,6**

On Thursday, Mr Wade began our morning with Year 6 Sports Day, with Year 4 and 5 in the afternoon. Getting to stand on the finish line and watch the competitive spirit of our pupils was great! Wow our children are fast! Northgate beware we have some track and field stars in the making!

It was incredibly promising for our future out of lock-down and exciting to have sports day races in school which included refreshments from FOSS and of course our wonderful parents supporting and cheering the children on. We thank you for supporting us by being prepared and following the RA guidance. I appreciate several schools could not have these with parents, and it is because of our wonderful school community that we could.

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, we will hold Years R to 3 Sports Day. Please be reminded that the government has not changed the rules for schools finishing after the 19<sup>th</sup>, please see attached letter from Mr Oliver Burwood. Therefore, the RA and rules in place remain on this day.

Please do bring some change for FOSS refreshments and your running shoes. Parents there will be a race for you to join too!

### **Construction and Buildings Work**

Continuously looking to improve, it is with great excitement that I can announce that behind the scenes the DNEAT team have been supporting our proposals for development and refurbishment of the internal structures of the school. Over the summer our first stage of a several stage programme of buildings work will commence in the Year 1 and KS1 classrooms. From 19 July, children in Year 1 will be using the 'Wonder Room' for teaching and learning as expansion works commence!

### **Important - Next Week**

Next week we have 'Monday Move-up Day', Tuesday is Years R, 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day and Class parties in years 3 and 4 and Wednesday is End of Year parties in Years R,1,2 and 5, with children in Years 3 and 4 off on a class trip to Pensthorpe.

Please can we ask that all children continue to wear school uniform on **Monday** and arrive on-time to meet their new teacher. We have 7 new families joining us on Move-Up day! We are grateful at how welcoming you are to our new families. Children in Years R-3 should wear a PE kit on **Tuesday** with all other children wearing their school uniforms.

On **Wednesday** children in Years 3 and 4 are expected to wear a PE kit and sensible trainers for their trip to Pensthorpe and children in Years R,1,2 and 5 are invited to wear 'home-party clothes' with sensible close-toed shoes. I will also be bringing back the 'Kitchen Disco' Wednesday afternoon!

School finishes at normal times on Wednesday afternoon and will return on Monday 6 September. Please be reminded the sun is shining so please wear hats and sunscreen. Slap! Wrap! Hat!



## **Forest School**

This week has been the end of year celebration and the children had toasted marshmallows in year 1 and marshmallow s'mores in year 3.

The staff from each class also got to join us and learn what the children have been doing in our groups. All groups have been encouraged to do outdoor things over the summer.

During the end of year celebrations the following children were awarded with certificates for their enthusiastic participation each week during Forest School sessions.

**Year 1 – Rocco, Theo and Woody**

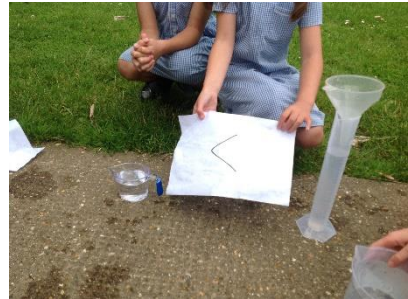
**Year 3 – Caleb, Esme and Noah E**

From September all classes will have Forest Schools.



## **Asia Class**

In year 2 we have been exploring capacity volume and capacity. We compared how much water different containers can hold.



## DIARY DATES

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 N America Class (Yr 6) performance and meal  
20<sup>th</sup> July Africa, Asia, Oceania & Ark Classes (Yrs 3,2, 1 & R) Sports Day  
21<sup>st</sup> July Africa Class (Yr 3) & S. America Class (Yr 4) Pensthorpe Nature Reserve

6<sup>th</sup> September School re-opens for Autumn Term 1

**October half term – 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October inclusive**

**INSET DAY – 1<sup>st</sup> November – School Closed**

2<sup>nd</sup> November School re-opens for Autumn Term 2

**Christmas Holiday – 20<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January inclusive**

6<sup>th</sup> January School re-opens for Spring Term 1\*\*

**February half term – 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February inclusive**

21<sup>st</sup> February School re-opens for Spring Term 2

**Easter Holiday – 4<sup>th</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**

20<sup>th</sup> April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Closed – Bank Holiday**

**May half term – 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

6<sup>th</sup> May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of term.

**\*\* Please note change of date for return to school. This additional day has been set in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday in June which falls in half term.**