

Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

1st October 2021

 Diocese of Norwich
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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

We were pleased on Monday to welcome two School Governors into School for the first time in a very long while. The focus of their visit was to look at the learning environment and to observe the children engaging in their learning. They commented on clear continuity of learning, excellent behaviour, calm learning environments and happy children!

On Tuesday, we had a visit from Mr Dunning, the Diocesan Director of Education. During the morning, Mr Dunning had a tour of the school and visited all the classrooms, where he commented on how clear the progression was throughout the school. He remarked on the consistent approaches he saw which clearly benefits the children's learning. Mr Dunning enjoyed a socially distanced lunch and chatted with the children in the hall. He remarked on how much he enjoyed his stay, the evident improvements made and the engaged learning across the school since his last visit

We also recently had a visit from the Head of RE for the Diocese. Mr Allen is working with all of our staff to re-create and develop a purposeful and meaningful RE curriculum fit for our pupils, community and our school. We have a year long programme of training scheduled with our staff to ensure it shares our school's vision and values.

We are delighted to introduce our free Nursery Stay and Play Sessions for rising three's and up (2 ½ +). These start next Friday 8th October 9.20am – 10.25am with several more dates through November and December. Please see separate flyer attached.

Shining Lights of the Week!

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| Antarctica Class (yr R) | Dylan for showing great courage in persevering with his learning and forming some great letters in Read Write Inc. |
| Oceania Class (yr 1) | Scarlett for using amazing adjectives to describe her character and setting in her writing. |
| Africa Class (yr 2) | Freddie M for fantastic explanations and reasoning in Maths. |
| Europe Class (yr 3) | Lily B for showing great courage this week by being resilient in her work and never giving up. S. America Class (yr 4) Max P - for changing his attitude towards learning by listening carefully and involving himself in class discussions. |
| Asia Class (yr 5) | Alexis for always being ready to learn. She listens carefully, shares her ideas clearly, presents her work neatly and is well organised. |
| N. America Class (yr 6) | Jameson for being really focused during lessons, contributing to discussions and trying his best. |



WOW Moments!

Arthur (yr 3) recently played his first league football match. The team won 10-2, Arthur scored 4 of the goals and won Man of the Match!

Grace (yr 5) played her first league football match on Saturday with her team, scoring 2 goals. She plays up a year for the Under 11's and the girls won 10-0!

Josh (in yr 6) took part in the last Motocross race of the season at Hockham this weekend . Despite very tough competition he finished 4th overall with his friend Ryan there to cheer him along. Josh has been asked to represent two clubs, who choose from the top 5 riders, for a 2 day event in October, As he can only ride for one Josh chose Norfolk and Suffolk. Josh has some very proud parents and we wish him luck for the next event.

Neve, Erin and Megan (in yr 6) have all been selected for a place in the Norwich City PDC (Player Development Centre) after being successful in their recent trial!

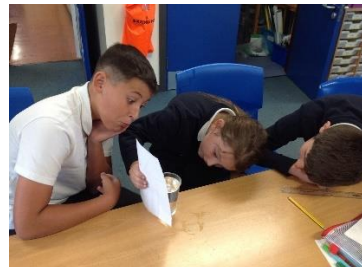


Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school <https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance - 94.6% we are hopeful to see an improvement on this next week as it is below 97%

North America Class

North America class investigating refraction in Science. They drew arrows on pieces of paper and held them behind glasses of water which made the arrows appear to change direction. They then investigated other illusions by drawing pictures and writing words.



For more 'What's been happening in School this week' click on the following link <https://vimeo.com/619839333>

Student Teachers

From next Thursday, we are delighted to have been asked to mentor two new student teachers, Miss Collier and Miss Greenfield, from the UEA who will be based in EYFS and Year 2. We know you will make them feel welcome and the children will thoroughly enjoy the additional fun and attention they receive! A quick health and safety reminder, our UEA students do not attend on campus events and are vaccinated.

REMINDERS...

Special Educational Needs

As a small school our SENDCo, Mrs Carter, is only in on a Thursday weekly and has a number of children to support. She will respond as quickly as possible, but at a time when she is in school.

BugClub

Please be reminded your children have access to several books and fun games and quizzes on BugClub. They can access this anywhere, anytime and on any device. Please continue to use this to read at home. From next week we will begin awarding our weekly BugClub reading stars in Celebration Assembly. Insight into their comprehension skills will be shared at parents' evening from this system as well.

Communication & Policies

Please be reminded that as per the Home/School Agreement that any communication regarding school should come through the school office.

Coats and Layers!

As the Autumn approaches and the fact that ventilation is important in the classrooms due to COVID, please ensure your children are appropriately dressed for the weather change and in full school uniform.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

The following children have been chosen to represent their House Team:

Fire Team

House Captain - Chloe

Vice Captain - Niall

Water Team

Willow

Grace

Air Team

House Captain - Noah

Vice Captain - Olivia

Earth Team

House Captain – Finley

Vice Captain - Robin

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be going to Church on Monday 11th October. Unfortunately, due to the increased COVID cases in the Breckland area, children and school staff only will be attending.

We will be celebrating harvest through song and readings from the children as well as a presentation of food items that will be donated to the Food Bank in Dereham.

Throughout next week we will be happy to accept any donations of food such as:

**Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar (500g), Fruit Juice (carton),
Pasta Sauces, Sponge Pudding (tinned), Tomatoes (tinned),
Rice Pudding (tinned), Potatoes (tinned or dried)
Tea Bags/Instant Coffee, Rice, Tinned Meat/Fish,
Tinned fruit, Baked Beans, Biscuits/Snack Bars, Baby Milk,
Toiletries such as toothpaste, shampoo**

Boxes will be out the front and drop off each morning to collect donations
Thank you for your support

UPCOMING EVENTS

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) – Thursday 7th October

Following our lockdown on January 7th and the cancellation of the planned TTRS launch day – 10 months later we are going to try again. The children can come to school dressed as a Rock Star – full dress up or just crazy hair!

Menu switch around – Thursday 7th October & Friday 8th October

Next Thursday is School Census Day. There will be a change of menu on this day to encourage as many children in EYFS and KS1 to have a school lunch. This is because the information collected on census day, for meals taken, forms and important part of our school funding from the Government.

Therefore, the menu on Thursday will be the Friday choice of Fish Fingers and Chocolate Muffin and the Fajitas will be on the Friday

Book Look and New Menu Taster Sessions

We will be inviting parents to join us in the hall from 2.45pm – 3pm for the opportunity to look at the children's books and a chat with the teacher. No appointment will be necessary. Parents are invited in as follows:

Wednesday 20th October – Reception, Years 1 and 2

Thursday 21st October – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

We would respectively remind you to wear a mask when entering the school site, use the hand sanitiser on entry and scan the track and trace app.

Our Kitchen staff will also be on hand preparing food for you to sample from the new menu which comes into effect after the half term break.

We would also like to congratulate our kitchen staff, who today had an inspection visit from Breckland Environmental Health which resulted in the top 5 star rating being awarded.



DIARY DATES

October

6th Reception Class Police visit

8th Rising 3's (2 ½ approx +) Nursery Stay & Play Session 9.45 – 10.45 (more info to follow)

11th Harvest Festival

13th EYFS & KS1 (yrs R-2) Phonics & Reading Parent Workshop

13th Year 5 West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Visit

13th FOSS AGM 7pm – 8pm at The Golden Dog

14th Open Afternoon for parents of children due to start school September 2022

20th EYFS & KS1 Book Look and new menu taster session

21st KS2 Book Look and new menu taster session

22nd FOSS Children's Disco

October half term – 25th – 29th October inclusive

November

INSET DAY – 1st November – School Closed

2nd November School re-opens for Autumn Term 2

2nd and 3rd online parent consultations

3rd Year 4 Time and Tide Museum Romans Event (date may change)

8th Flu Immunisation all year groups

29th Year 1 London Transport Museum online workshop 'The Mystery Bus'

December

13th & 14th Lunchtime FOSS Christmas Shop

17th Children's Party afternoon

Christmas Holiday – 20th December – 5th January inclusive

6th January School re-opens for Spring Term 1**

February half term – 14th – 18th February inclusive

21st February School re-opens for Spring Term 2

March

24th & 25th Lunchtime FOSS Mothers' Day Shop

Easter Holiday – 4th April – 19th April inclusive

20th April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

May 2nd – School Closed – Bank Holiday

May half term – 30th May – 3rd June

6th May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

June

11th FOSS Yard Sale

16th & 17th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

July

9th FOSS Summer Fete

15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

22nd 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.**