Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

NEWSLETTER

14th January 2022

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

Welcome back and Happy New Year. Now having completed our first full week back it is absolutely delightful to see our school grow from seven classes to eight with the addition of our Nursery classroom taught by Miss Bell Tye. Within this newsletter you will find a new Nursery newsletter which will be included weekly.

This term our value is respect. This week we highlighted respecting people's differences. It has been wonderful to see our children show great pride in our school by welcoming our Nursery children and those who have joined us in KS2. This week it has been fantastic to show round two new families who will also be joining us later in the year.

We also welcome two new members of staff to our team. Mrs Foster, who is an experienced Teaching Assistant, will be supporting across the school and Mrs Butler who has joined our Premises Team.

Shining Lights of the Term!

Antarctica Class (yr R)	**Mylo** for showing great respect for the school expectations in all aspects of school life. Well done, Mylo. We're super proud of you :)
Oceania Class (yr 1)	**Amber G** for coming into school with a big smile on her face in the morning. Well done Amber :)
Africa Class (yr 2)	**Freddie B**- for having a fantastic week and showing a positive attitude to learning. Working hard in every lesson and in completing his work. Well done Freddie!
Europe Class (yr 3)	**Autumn B** for working very hard in English this week! She has been showing fantastic listening and focus in her lessons, especially when practicing using inverted commas to punctuate speech. Well done!
S. America Class (yr 4)	**Erin L** for settling into South America class and beginning to become involved in discussion. She has worked hard to make friends and learn all of our class rules and we are very lucky to have her in our class. Well done!
Asia Class (yr 5)	**Taylor** for settling into the class so well. He has made an excellent start working hard and joining in with activities and discussions. He has also been demonstrating his impressive mathematical ability.
N. America Class (yr 6)	**Ruby S** has shown consistently great effort and is a supportive and kind friend to others.

WOW Moments!

Isaac in year 4 attended a Christmas Horse Show during the holiday and won three 1st place rosettes!
Daisy in year 5 recently took her grading exam at martial arts and gained her blue belt.
Kai in year 6 took part in two clay shooting competitions wining both junior events.
Rosie (pictured) in year 2 had her first proper riding lesson at a riding school and was praised for her confidence and brilliant rising trot.

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

The week's overall attendance - 97.3%

North America Class (Year 6)

In English the children are using an animation linked to their WW2 topic called 'Germans in the Woods' to create their own mini-film versions. They filmed the scenes during the week and then they will edit them, adding text and music. They hope to share these with you when they are finished!

South America Class (Year 4)

In PSHE this week, the class have been looking at how we express feelings and how people do so differently.

They completed an activity about how they would say hello to someone if they had a certain feeling. They then went on to create posters about their feelings, and how they could explain what this feeling was, for example if it was a shape or a texture and where in the body you would feel it.

Oceania Class (Year 1) and Africa Class (Year 2) Zoo Visit

Year 2 had an exciting morning starting their Science topic about living things and their habitats. They were lucky to have Kimmy's Zoo come along and share a variety of different animals. The children were able to get up close to a giant centipede, armadillo, python, rabbit, tortoise, gecko and sugar gliders. Some children and even Miss Newcombe and Mrs Martin were super brave and held them.

Year 1 also joined in the fun, getting the opportunity to meet and hold 7 different animals, some more exotic than others! This is part of their Science topic 'Amazing Animals'. The snake was one of their favourites followed by Peter the Rabbit!

NOTICES and REMINDERS

Financial Assistance
We have been generously donated a large sum from Mr and Mrs John-Carey Bennet-Mills. Long-time supporters, previous chair of the Thomas Bullock Trust and governors of our school to share with families who may need assistance this winter. We appreciate many of our families are working extremely hard to pay for essentials this Christmas- alongside rising fuel costs, wraparound care, and rising bills. Please get in touch with the office and we will confidentially look to support.

Water Bottles
Please can we remind everyone that water, **not juice** should be in water bottles unless there is a medical reason otherwise. Please also make you are not sending in glass water bottles.

The Start of the School Day
Please be reminded that the children should arrive at school for 08:40 to start school promptly at 08:50.

Important P.E. update

For the next two Mondays 17th and 24th January classes will be receiving an **additional** PE Day as follows:

Monday 17th January – Reception, Years 1, 2 and 5
Monday 24th January - Years 1, 3, 4 and 6

Please make sure your child comes into school on these **additional** days in their full school PE uniform.

Please be reminded of our school PE uniform:

House PE Top, Navy Jumper/Navy Tracksuit bottoms

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

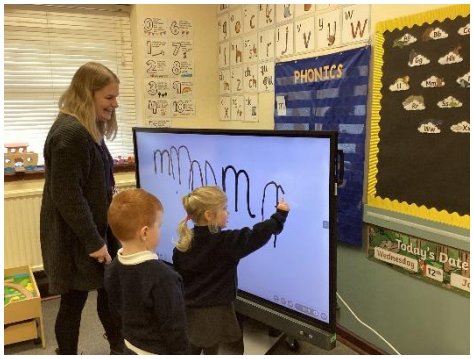
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of The Ark Nursery at Thomas Bullock,

We have been so excited to open our nursery class here at Thomas Bullock Primary. The children have settled fantastically into their nursery classroom and new routines.

This week

We have explored our school and all of our outdoor areas. We ran through the frosty grass and enjoyed investigating the thickness of the ice each day on a wheelbarrow full of water! Alongside singing many nursery rhymes and reading stories, we have focused on the story of Stick Man this week, hunting for sticks to make our very own stick people and remembering phrases from the book.

The children were introduced to Fred the Phonics Frog who only talks in Fred talk – he says things like 'Shall we get ready for l-u-n-ch?' and 'Can you j-o-g?'. The sound 'm' has been our focus this week.



Next week

Our learning will centre around the story of 'The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters'. We will look further at the numbers 1 and 2, representing them and exploring 1 and 2-sided shapes in the environment. As well as recapping 'm', our new sound of the week will be 'a'.

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.

DIARY DATES

20th FOSS Film Night 5pm - CANCELLED
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
9th School Nursing Team – Reception class -Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Screening and Year 6 Height and Weight Screening
11th FOSS Yard Sale
16th & 17th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop
29th June – 1st July – Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale
30th Norfolk Show – Years 3, 4 and 5.*
July
9th FOSS Summer Fete
15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco
22nd July – Last day of term.

***New addition to calendar**