



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

We are amazed it is already the 21st October and our first half term of school has been reached. It was a delight to see and welcome families into school on Wednesday and see families virtually on Thursday for parents' evenings. We hope you managed to try some of our delicious food provided by our kitchen for tasting too. We are so pleased that our school community take the time to speak with us about their child's learning journey. We are looking forward to continuing some of these after half term.

We wish you all a lovely break and look forward to welcoming you alongside some new families on October 31st.

PE Timetable

There have been some slight changes to the PE timetable which will come into effect from the beginning of next half term. Please note the days as follows:

Class	Days	Class	Days
Reception	Wednesday and Friday	Year 3	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday and Friday	Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday	Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
		Year 6	Monday and Friday

Student Lead Committees

Our student lead committees are fully up and running this term, School Council, Ethos Team, Eco Warriors and Digital Leaders all meeting to discuss goals for the year.

The School Council, from Reception Class through to Year 6, all contributed with some great ideas and discussion points. Topics covered included improving the Peace Garden with more seating, how to reduce waste, ways to help and support others. They have taken the discussion points back to their classes for ways to move forward.

The Ethos Team is getting involved with our school values and ethos. Some members have already written their own prayers linked to our value of kindness and even read them out in front of the whole school during assemblies. They have taken photos of children 'Letting their Light Shine' which are displayed in the school hall. They also did a great job helping Rev. Laura during our Harvest festival with some showing incredible courage to read passages to the whole congregation.

The Eco Warriors have introduced a fantastic initiative that recycles crisp packets into survival items for homeless charities as well as some energy saving tips. This initiative was shared in last week's newsletter and has already resulted in great participation. The team have produced a bulletin which is attached along with this newsletter.



The Digital Leaders will be doing an e-safety assembly and the children also are advocates for e-safety around the school, supporting staff and students to set up technology in the classroom. Later in the school year, they will be learning to produce and film a Newsround to share online to our community.

Nursery – Stay and Play Sessions

Our free Nursery Stay and play sessions have changed to Friday mornings 9am – 10.30. These will include workshops with our Musician in residence from Norfolk Music Hub and our Forest School with our qualified forest school teacher. Following this, our Nursery team will welcome you in to our classrooms and learning spaces. These are aimed at children from 2 years + however younger siblings of rising 2's are welcome to accompany siblings.

Shining Lights of the Half Term!

Ark Nursery	Lillie-Anne is our Shining Light of the Half Term for showing our value of kindness. Lillie is always offering help to her friends and looking after them if they are upset.
Antarctica Class (yr R)	Alfie & Violet is our Shining Light of the Half Term for showing kindness and being a good friend to his peers.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	Daisy for always being happy and cheerful and willing to help around the classroom. She shows kindness to the class and to others around the school. Frederick for the kindness he shows to others in the class, cheering up those who need it. He is always polite and considerate and helps to keep the classroom a tidy space.
Africa Class (yr 2)	Ellsie is our Shining Light of the Half Term for her constant positivity and kindness in school. She is always looking for ways to help her peers and adults in school.
Europe Class (yr 3)	Rory for always being a respectful and kind member of the class. He is consistently helpful and thoughtful to others. Halle for always showing compassion and kindness to class members, teachers and other peers within the school.
S. America Class (yr 4)	Elsa for her constant kindness and helpfulness towards others. Elsa always going the extra mile to show support and care for others. Arthur for his thoughtfulness and care towards making things easier for other children. Every morning, Arthur helps to make sure our classroom is ready for learning. He shows kindness in everything he does.
Asia Class (yr 5)	Erin and Reuben for being consistently kind and thoughtful this half term. Well done!
N. America Class (yr 6)	Riley and Lois for their continuous hard work, positive attitudes to learning and the kindness they show to all

WOW MOMENTS!

Ernie (yr R) has learnt to ride his bike without stabilisers.

*Please remember to continue to send in you **WOW** moments for achievements out of school:*

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQQpjjcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance – 97.3%
North America Class (yr 6) – 99.6%



Special Menu

Thursday 3rd November

WHIZZ, BANG, SPARKLE

Order on the day in the usual way.

Coolmilk

We are pleased to inform that we have signed up to a free milk scheme with Coolmilk for children in the Reception and Nursery classes.

After half term, each day we will be offering the children milk during the morning.



OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE HALF TERM

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the Half Term
1	What is like to live in my local area?
2	Had the Hanoverians and Windsors share power with the Government? Who are the three most powerful monarchs since 1066 and why did you select them?
3	What is the land like in the UK and how do we use it?
4	Why did the Romans invade Britain and how successful were they?
5	What are the Anglo Saxons remembered for?
6	What made the Ancient Egyptians one of the most successful civilisations?

South America Class (yr 4)

Year 4 has been busy continuing to look into our Science unit of teeth and digestion. This week, we explored further our digestive system by creating our own. We talked through each step our food goes through and how different parts of our digestive system work to break down what we eat.



North America Class (yr 6)

This half term the children have been learning about Ancient Egypt and part of their homework was to make Pyramid models in various ways – cake, Lego, modelling – as you can see they exceeded the challenge!

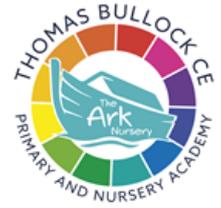


E-Safety

As it is the half term this coming week, please remember if you have any worries or concerns relating to e-safety with your child or another in our school to fill out the form on our website. This will keep us updated so we can support you, the children and the wrest of the community to stay safe online.

<http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/keeping-safe-online/>

The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have continued following the Talk 4 Writing approach with our focus book 'Rosie's Walk'. Rosie the Hen even left us a letter on Monday, giving us instructions to find treasure around the school grounds! Please visit our school Facebook Page for a video of some of us re-telling the story – I am super proud! We've also been making marks and giving meanings to these marks on our own story maps, having first completed a shared one together as a class. We've also continued sorting in Maths, explored pumpkins with all of our senses and used watercolour paint to paint over our wax marks. The children told Mrs Taylor it was magic!



After Half Term

In Phonics, our focus is instrumental sounds. We will also take part in lots of activities to promote name recognition. We will continue sharing lots of books, whilst encouraging talk and discussion. In Maths, we will look at subitising, counting and numerals.

We are very excited to welcome new friends into our classroom after half term! Now our confidence has blossomed, we will be encouraging independence with things like putting on our own coats, clothes, shoes and having a go with buttons and zips.

Over half term, please continue to upload photos to Tapestry of the things you get up to at home. It is a fantastic talking point and the children love sharing what they have been up to with their friends!

Alongside other celebrations, Diwali falls during half term so in our first week back, we will explore the story of 'Rama and Sita'. Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Having made connections between features of our own and other people's families, we will begin noticing differences between people.

Learning links at home (themed for Diwali)

- This week, you were sent home with a brown bag and some instructions. Collect Autumn treasures (coloured leaves, acorns, conkers) and glue them to a cardboard frame. Use your frame as a view-finder and take some Autumnal scenic pictures. Don't forget to upload photos to Tapestry!
- Ask a grown up to help you use a torch or lamp to make shadows on the wall with your hands. Can you make your hands look like different animals? Take turns to hold the torch or lamp and guess what each other's shadows are.
- Draw a circle onto a piece of paper. Then use lots of different colours and shapes to design a Rangoli pattern.
- Draw around your hand onto a piece of paper and then design a Mehndi pattern on it.



DIARY DATES

Half term week Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

November

- 3rd Yr 6 trip to Gressenhall
- 18th Open Afternoon 4pm Reception 2023 Parents
- 18th Children in Need*
- 21st Open Morning 9.15am Reception 2023 Parents
- 22nd Yr 3 trip to Time and Tide Museum
- 30th Yr4 trip to Time and Tide Museum

December

- 13th Yr 1 Trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Event
- 14th Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th Carol Service 2.30pm at All Saints Church
- 16th Christingle Service 9.30am at All Saints Church
- 16th Last day of term

Christmas holiday Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

January

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th School reopens

Half term week Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

March

- 16th & 17th Year 5 one night residential to The Horstead Centre
- 20th School Photographer – whole class photos
- 31st Last day of term

April

Easter holiday Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

- 17th INSET Day
- 18th School reopens

May

- 1st Bank Holiday
- 8th – 12th Year 6 SATS week
- 15th – 19th – Year 2 SATS week

Half term Monday 29th May – Friday June 2nd

- 5th INSET Day
- 6th School reopens

July

- 5th – 7th Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale
- 21st Last day of term

* New addition



Eco warrior's bulletin – October

The new Eco Warriors have made a fantastic start this half term. They have brought some amazing ideas for us to start working towards this school year.



Breckland Council are holding an Environment Month in November. A part of this is an environmental poster competition. They want each student to create a poster that encapsulates what students want the Environment to look like in the future.

Copies of the winning poster will be distributed throughout the district; to encourage the public to be more environmentally conscious and mindful. Please can it be on one side of A4-sized paper. Any materials (e.g., pens, pencil crayons, wax crayons, felt tips etc) can be used. The winning school will receive an invite to a Community Tree Plant; with members of senior management at Breckland Council in attendance. The class itself will receive a goody bag, with environment-themed prizes within.

Please bring posters to school by Monday 7th November!

Soon, we will be receiving some trees through the woodland trust, we can't wait for the children to help, plant these in our school grounds. These trees are so important in our continuing goal of reducing our carbon footprint at school.



Please continue to bring in your used batteries, ink cartridges, toners and crisp packets to school. We hope to expand our recycling schemes soon, if there are any you think we could be involved with, please do let us know.



Recipe book – We need your help!



We would absolutely love to make our own Thomas Bullock Family cookbook! You can help by sending in your favourite family recipes. These can be as simple or adventurous as you would like. We really hope to have enough recipes to make a cook book which would be available for families and our wider community to buy, for a small amount before Christmas. **Please send recipes to the office with photos if you have them.**

Gardening help needed

We are going to have a family gardening day at school on **Wednesday 26th during the holidays**. If anyone would be free to help with general garden jobs please come to school from 10am. Any help would be gratefully received.