



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,

Children's Mental Health Week 2023

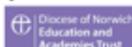
We kicked off the week with a Children's Mental Health themed assembly where we reflected on our own mental health and the connections we have with others. With this year's theme of 'Let's Connect', we have enjoyed connecting with others in various activities throughout the week. We had dancing in the hall on Monday, a wellbeing walk around the field on Tuesday, a calm lunch on Wednesday, mindfulness colouring for EYFS and KS1 on Thursday and the same with KS2 today! Each class, as well as completing daily reflective / mindful moments, also completed an activity based around an inclusive story book. Today was also a non uniform day where the theme was 'Dress to Express'. A variety of fun and colourfully dressed children were seen in every classroom!



***Have a wonderful, restful, and enjoyable half-term.
We look forward to the children's return on 20 February.***



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Shining Lights of the Half Term!

- Ark Nursery **Isabella** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of curiosity. Isabella always shows curiosity towards our new learning and takes this knowledge into her provision, encouraging others to be curious too!
- Antarctica (yr R) **Kayden** for consistently demonstrating this half terms value of curiosity. Kayden is an enthusiastic learner who asks lots of questions in his quest to know more!
Dottie for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of curiosity. Dottie is an inquisitive and curious learner; asking lots of questions and showing lots of excitement to 'find out more'!
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Fred** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of curiosity. Fred has actively asked many questions during our 'Transport and Travel' History topic and 'Amazing Animals' Science topic.
Tegan for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of curiosity. Tegan always wants to know more information about things going on around her and will always share her knowledge to help others with their curiosity.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Ellsie** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of curiosity. Ellsie has engaged in all our topics, showing great enthusiasm and asking lots of questions.
Hadley for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of curiosity. Hadley has shown great engagement in our learning and has encouraged others to do the same.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Sienna** for consistently demonstrating this half terms value of curiosity she has been fully engaged in all topic lessons and although quiet in her learning has produced some amazing work demonstrating her understanding of the key questions in each lesson.
Dexter for consistently demonstrating this half terms value of curiosity he has asked questions confidently and has been keen to find out the answers to our key questions within our topic lessons. He has shown greater engagement in these lessons and it's been lovely to see his confidence to get involved in lessons grow.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Leila** for consistently demonstrating this half term's values of curiosity. Leila always aims to extend her understanding with thoughtful questions and shows a level of critical thinking and a growth mindset.
James for consistently demonstrating this half term's values of curiosity. James has asked very well thought out and high-level questions in our Geography and Science topics to extend his understanding. James is always active in wanting to find out more and shows great interests in these subjects.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **April and Noah E** both consistently show the value of curiosity by asking thoughtful questions. They are also always keen to research topics to find out more and then share the information with the class.
- N America Class (yr 6) **Grace and Robin** both always work really hard and do the best that they can. This half term they have consistently shown curiosity with their learning to research and find out more about topics.

Following the success of Number Day last Friday, we have put together a short Vimeo for you to enjoy <https://vimeo.com/796958854>



WOW MOMENTS!

Christopher (yr R) made his pledge at Shipdham Spitfire Beavers he achieved his first 4 badges.

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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>



The week's overall attendance – 94% South America Class (yr 4) – 99.6%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	How have bicycles changed since they were first invented?
2	What is the continent of Oceania like?
3	What is it like in the countries of Western Europe?
4	Do people live in the Amazon Rainforest?
5	How are volcanoes formed?
6	Who was Hitler and how did the Second World War begin?

Norwich Science Festival

If you've not had your fill of curiosity this half term in school then 'The Norwich Science Festival' might be for you (and your family!) The festival runs from the 11th - 18th February - so it's perfect for a fun filled half term day out - especially on Valentine's Day if you LOVE Science! Check out the website to see what exhibitions and events are on and which days they are running - most are free, some have a small fee. If anyone attends any of these events we'd love to know what it was like and see any photos you took so please email them to us / Mr Johnson (Science Lead) at school! <https://norwichsciencefestival.co.uk/whats-on>



Thinking Day

Over the last few years it has become traditional for members of Girlguiding - Rainbows, Brownies, Guides to wear their uniform to school on Wednesday 22nd February known as Thinking Day. This is the joint birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden Powell, who started the Scouting and Guide Movements over 100 years ago. The day is celebrated by over 10 million girls in over 150 countries worldwide in many different ways.

Guiding in Central Norfolk is very popular and we hope there are many enthusiastic girls who will love to show off their uniforms on the Wednesday. This is also open to the scouting movement and other wider uniformed organisations.

Eastern Daily Press - Learning with Lego® Education campaign

We have signed up to the above campaign run by the EDP. Tokens will start appearing in the EDP and Dereham Times from w/c 20th February. Please tell families and friends! By collecting daily and weekly tokens we will have the chance to win a voucher to spend on items of Lego®. Schools who collect the most tokens (tokens as a ratio to pupils) will receive £1,000. Second prize will be £500 and every other school that collects more than 1,000 tokens will receive £50 to spend.



North America Class (yr 6)

The class had a brilliant day at Duxford on Tuesday! The children made their own mini-documentaries in the Battle of Britain hangar (we will be sharing these with you soon) and practised their filming skills and presentation skills in producing these. They also got to learn about the role of Duxford in the Battle of Britain and see real aircraft from World War Two. The children really enjoyed seeing planes take off and land while we were there as well as being able to go inside some of the planes, such as Concorde.



Europe Class (Yr 3)

In year 3, the children went to Pizza Express to make their own individual pizzas. They linked this to their learning within the week around instructions and fractions, as well as a fun introduction to their Case Study next half term all about Italy and food preparation in DT.

They had an amazing time, the best part was eating them when they got back to school !



Thank you to the Thomas Bullock Trust who funded the total cost of both these trips!

E Safety

The digital Leaders worked hard to prepare and present a fantastic and informative E-safety assembly on safer internet day on Tuesday. They took full control of the assembly and got all of the children involved in talking about safety online.



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The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This Week



We have had a busy week! We started each day with phonics as usual and we've been practising some super segmenting and blending for word reading! In Literacy we have had our final week focusing on 'Hooray for Fish' where we drew our favourite fish, coloured it in according to the colours we recognised on the pictures and talked about why they were our favourite. During Maths, we learnt about the composition of 5. Lots of children were excitedly shouting "3 and 2 makes 5", "4 and 1 makes 5!" As well as this, we explored our outdoor environments, moved around our outdoor equipment to make a longer balancing beam and took part in lots of Valentine's themed activities.



See our Spring 2 newsletter for what we will be up to next half term. Enjoy your half term!

Learning links at home

- Have a well-deserved rest!
- Draw a large 5 frame outside. In what way can you fill the frame? 4 leaves and 1 stick? 3 stones and 2 flowers? Discuss how they have filled the 5 frame.
- Make a tower of 5 using 2 different blocks. Say what you have made, e.g. I have made 5 using 2 white cubes and 3 yellow cubes.
- We are learning about dinosaurs after half term. What do you already know about dinosaurs?
Can you name some?



DIARY DATES

February

22nd Thinking Day*

27th & 28th Yr 5 Bikeability Course (Group A)

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

March

1st & 3rd Yr 5 Bikeability Course (Group B)*

2nd World Book Day/Author visit

2nd Reception & Year 1 visit to Dereham Library*

15th Mothers' Day Lunchtime Shop*

16th Mothers' Day Lunchtime Shop*

17th Red Nose Day*

16th Yr 2 Map Skills and Mini Orienteering Session

16th & 17th Year 5 one night residential to The Horstead Centre

20th School Photographer – whole class photos

21st Parents Evening (in school)*

22nd Parents Evening (in school)*

23rd SEN Parents Evening*

30th Yr 6 VE Day to end WW2 Project*

30th School Disco*

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 Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

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