



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

What a wonderful Spring Term we have had, ending with a service, including families, at All Saints Church this morning, led by Reverend Laura Purnell. We were treated to an Easter Bonnet Parade, singing from children in all year groups and our Ukulele ensemble performed.

At the end of the day, our children were treated to a visit from the Easter bunny, who hopped around school delivering treats and offering Easter Joy. It was an egg-citing time!

Earlier in the week, our children enjoyed an orchestra concert by the Norfolk Music Hub which included music from movies, tv and musicals which they were familiar with. It was a huge success.

This term, our key learning has been perseverance which we have seen by all children in a number of ways throughout Spring. Our children once again have excelled themselves in their music, learning, assessments and sports. All of our classes have had exciting trips and experiences which have developed their learning and knowledge of their local area. Most recently, coming in as the third school, overall, in the recent Cross Country this week! Please do note, within the newsletter, the Key Learning Theme questions for you to ask your child about their learning this term.

Thank you to our Fabulous FOSS! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our excellent Disco on Thursday night. We are so fortunate to have an Amazing Friends of Shipdham Schools who offer their time to ensure that our children have these fantastic experiences. We are truly grateful to everyone who devotes their time everything from supporting school with wider events to reading daily with your child matters!

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you at 8.40am on Tuesday 18th April



Digital Leaders

The Digital Leaders have created a news roundup of what has been going on in school during this term. Please click on the link to hear all about it <https://vimeo.com/813527153/873ea95108>

WELL DONE EVERYONE!



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Shining Lights of the Half Term!

- Ark Nursery **Oscar** for always showing enthusiasm and perseverance in his learning. Oscar is a kind friend, often showing care towards his peers and new members of our class. He has hugely gained in confidence within our classroom environment and this shows in his imaginative play.
- Antarctica (yr R) **Charlotte** for working incredibly hard in all areas of learning.
Eddie for working incredibly hard in all areas of learning especially with his phonics, reading and writing.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Fred** for consistently working hard when persevering with his writing. Fred reads his work back and always finds ways to improve it.
Arlo for working so hard in phonics which has really improved his reading.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Imogen** for constantly showing enthusiasm and a 'can do' attitude in class.
Reuben for being especially motivated to push himself this half term and working super hard.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Alfie-John** for showing fantastic perseverance in his writing this half term, growing in confidence with fantastic ideas and producing some lovely written work.
Lana for showing perseverance and having a great attitude toward her learning this half term. She has been working very hard!
- S America Class (yr 4) **Darcey** for showing fantastic perseverance in her writing this half term. The ideas she has and the vocabulary she is beginning to use has been superb. She has really understood purpose and audience and created some wonderful pieces.
Harry James for showing perseverance with his learning across all subjects and never giving up! He has been putting his hand up and sharing some lovely ideas and it is great to see his confidence growing. Well done.
- Asia Class (yr 5) Max P for persevering with his learning - in particular reading and handwriting.
Oscar for persevering with his learning - in particular maths and writing.
- N America Class (yr 6) **Taylor** has really persevered and shown great progress including some of his less favourite subjects!
Tilly for working really hard this half term, particularly when it comes to discussing understanding and improvements that can be made.

Special Lunch – Thursday 20th April

There will be a special lunch on the first Thursday back, no need to pre-order children can order on the day in the usual way. The menu is as follows:

Chicken Nuggets
Oven Baked Wedges
Baked Beans

Cheese & Tomato Quiche
Oven Baked Wedges
Peas

Easter Cupcakes



WOW MOMENTS!

Elizabeth (yr 3) has been trying to save the environment by litter picking near her house as she didn't want any wildlife to get hurt by it.

Albert (yr R) completed a four week "Learn to Ride" cycling course last weekend. He's gone from speedy balance bike rider to accomplished pedaller, and now his parents really can't keep up with him!

Harry P (yr 3) plays for Dereham Saints and last weekend assisted 3 goals and scored one and the team won the game 7-1 and Harry man of the match.

Reggie (yr R) rode his motocross bike at the weekend on a track exceptionally well.

Oscar (yr 5) over the past couple of weeks has had some big wow moments in his life. He competed in his first show jumping competition and came 5th out of 10 in both rounds. Then he was selected as mascot for a Vikings Rugby Game.

Logan H (yr 5) has been nominated as Player of the Month in the Under 10s Wasps football team.

Caleb (yr 5) won a regional U10 green ball tennis tournament on Saturday at Easton Tennis Centre. He used his skill, speed and his brain to win points against his opponents. He is very proud of his gold medal!



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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

This week's overall attendance – 95%

North America Class (Yr 6) – 99%



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OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE HALF TERM

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	How has transport developed over time?
2	Can you describe the 7 continents and 5 oceans that make up the planet Earth?
3	What is significant about Europe? Where in the continent would you like to visit?
4	What is the Amazon, why is it significant and should it be protected?
5	What are natural disasters and how do they impact on people living in Asia?
6	How did the wars impact Britain and the world? What did we learn about conflict and resolution?

North America Class (Yr 6)

The children really enjoyed a VE celebration day this week. They looked amazing dressed up as children from the 1940s! They cracked a Morse code, made Union Jack flags and played games from the 1940s. They also enjoyed a session from Aspens where they learned about food rationing and tasted some food from World War Two.



Africa Class (yr 2)

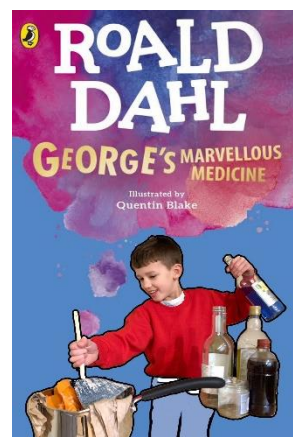
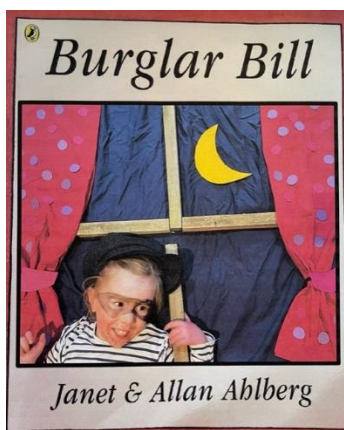
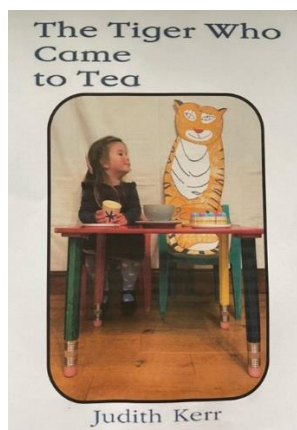
In Science this week we have been testing whether washing or not washing our hands affects the food we touch. Some of us washed our hands before touching the bread and some didn't. We have had our first bits of mould appear on our not washed slices!



Book Cover Competition

There were lots of lovely creative and imaginative entries for the competition, a selection are below. The following children have all received a certificate and book.

Daisy (Nursery) Apphia (Nursery) Eva (Reception) Edward (Reception) Albert (Reception)
Edward (Year 3) Archie (Year 4) Olivia (Year 5)



DIARY DATES

March

April

Easter holiday Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

17th INSET Day

18th School reopens

26th Nursery Open Afternoon from 1.30pm

May

1st Bank Holiday

8th Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

8th – 12th Year 6 SATS week

15th – 19th – Year 2 SATS week

17th Reception Class – Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing*

23rd Year 5 Trip to Gressenhall – 'Victorian Whodunnit'*

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



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

In phonics, we learnt sounds 'l' and 'h'. We continued re-telling our story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and compared it to 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt', while going on our own egg hunts around the classroom.

In our maths sessions, we looked at floating and sinking. The children loved exploring the classroom for objects to predict if they would float or sink! We've also been looking at the differences in our families and the activities that we do.



Please see our Summer 1 newsletter when we return to school for our plans for next term! It will focus around the question 'How do we grow?'

Learning links at home

- Can you tell your family all about the lifecycle of a plant? We've learnt lots about plants this term and grown our own, watching them grow from seeds to seedlings. We have talked lots about all of the things plants need to grow!
- People often celebrate Easter by eating hot cross buns, chocolate and cakes. Enjoy making some sweet treats to share with your family and friends. Don't forget to post your activities onto Tapestry!
- Most of all, have a fun and restful time with your loved ones!

I look forward to seeing you all, with some new friends joining us, when we return 😊





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