



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

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

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NEWSLETTER 21 April 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

It has been a wonderful return to school following the Easter break and a super start to the Summer term. I am sure you will join us in welcoming a number of new pupils' and families who have joined our Nursery and Primary this term. Our value for this half-term is **Thankfulness**.

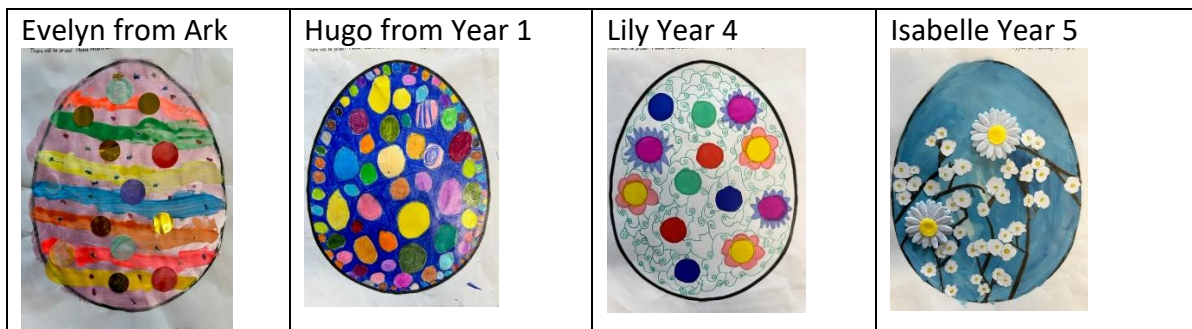
This week, our children have been busy brining in their home learning projects which have adorned the walls and spaces across school. They really are wonderful and are shared later in the newsletter. We know how hard all families work on these with the children, and are truly grateful for your involvement in our pupils' learning. Please do use the Key Learning Questions within the newsletter as conversation starters about the children's learning.

Just a quick reminder about being in school on-time and in the correct uniform. Whilst we run an open gate from 8:40 to 8:50, to follow DFE legal guidelines, children should be in class ready for learning no later than 8:50am. We are grateful this is supported as our first lessons do begin promptly. Please also see a link to the uniform section herewith. <http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/parents-hub/uniform/> We will start the summer uniform in a few weeks when the sunshine hits and the weather warms up.

Student Council News (From the desk of Nial and Evie Y6 Chairs)

We were delighted to see how many children took part in the 'Design an Easter Egg' competition. We received many amazing drawings, paintings and collage designs.

The four winners we chose were:



Eco-Warrior News:

The Eco-Warriors Toy Sale has moved from today to Tuesday 25 April at 3pm due to the in climate weather and to ensure that any further donations can be received. Please do continue to bring in any unwanted toys and books before this date.

Nursery OPEN DAY!

Please join us for our Nursery Open Afternoon Wednesday 26th April 1-2pm and then feel free to remain in school for Stay and Play from 2-3pm. Please take this opportunity to look around our Reception class too.



Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery **Lillie-Anne** for her consistent politeness and good manners
- Antarctica (yr R) **Lexie** for a fantastic attitude towards her learning and showing gratitude towards her peers for their support on occasions this week.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Caiden** for always being thankful for the opportunities and experiences he gets in school.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Jensen** for showing great courage starting a new school. Africa Class are super thankful for our new friend!
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Reece** for coming back to school with a positive attitude and showing he is thankful for any support he has had in class by being polite and saying thank you at all times.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Cyril** for radiating a positive attitude and work ethic on return to school. Cyril has worked hard in all areas of learning and shared some fantastic ideas in class discussions.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Isaac** for the positive attitude he has shown to his work this week. Isaac has returned to school enthusiastically and has been working particularly hard during maths lessons.
- N America Class (yr 6) **Lily-May** has worked really hard this week, particularly showing our value of perseverance and is making great progress in her revision work.

WOW MOMENTS!

Caiden passed his stage 2 in swimming and this means he is now in the bigger pool!

Tom and Martha climbed Knocknarea in NW Ireland. It was a really steep hike and they both did really well!

Sonny completed a level 1 swimming award after a 4-day leisure centre course.

Mason has just been promoted to vice captain for his football team Shipdham under 10s Hornets.



Cole stayed for 4 days on a residential football tour with Norwich City FC to Bournemouth, Brighton & Southampton. He played matches against those teams, had stadium tours & lots of fun!



Before the Easter holidays Rosie moved up to Stage 3 and Theo was awarded a certificate for 5m distance backstroke swim

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

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

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Year 5/6 Netball Competition



On 20th April Yr 5/6 took part in a WNDSSP netball competition at Neatherd High school. There were 10 schools taking part and Team Thomas Bullock came 3rd. We had a great competition. winning our group and getting through to the semi-finals, we scored 16 goals in total and only lost one of our 5 games. The competition value was Teamwork which was awarded to Robin in Year 6 for his encouragement throughout to the rest of the team. Well done Team TB.



OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What is the United Kingdom?
2	What makes someone significant?
3	Does everywhere in the world have the same climate?
4	When and where did the Ancient Maya live?
5	How was Baghdad unit?
6	What can maps tell us?

DIARY DATES

April

26th Nursery Open Afternoon 1-2pm*

May

1st Bank Holiday

5th

8th Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

8th – 12th Year 6 SATS week

15th – 19th – Year 2 SATS week

23rd Year 5 Trip to Gressenhall*

Half term Monday 29th May – Friday June 2nd

5th INSET Day

6th School reopens

June

19th Nursery Open Afternoon 1-2pm*

28th and 29th Royal Norfolk Show (Choir to perform)*

July

5th – 7th Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale

20th Move-up Day*

21st Last day of term

* New addition

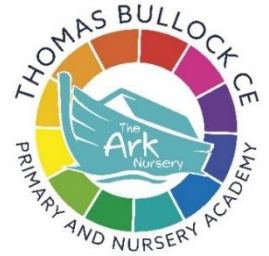
E Safety

Online and Internet safety is an important part of our school's curriculum. To support you, to support your children and be aware of the potential dangers of the online world and prevent your child being exposed to them, we have included a link below that gives advice related to all things E-safety.

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

After settling back in and having lots of discussions surrounding our Easter breaks, we explored the new areas in our classrooms. We explored our outdoor environment, looking for signs of Spring, we spotted more blossom than we saw before Easter, lots of green leaves and a field full of daisies and dandelions!

To consolidate our RE learning surrounding Easter, we talked about the different ways Easter is celebrated. We then measured out ingredients for, mixed and kneaded dough to make a giant hot cross bun. With Mrs Taylor, we played a super fun game of 'baby guess who' where we had to match our class members to the baby photos.



Next week

We will continue with our literacy sessions focused around the book 'Errol's Garden'. Our phonics sounds will be 'v' and 'y'. We will look at positional language during our maths sessions. In the afternoons, we will continue exploring plants and life cycles, comparing baby to adult and begin our learning surrounding religious hats.

Learning links at home

- Try growing some plants or flowers at home. You could try planting some seeds in a pot and putting it on a sunny window sill. Remember to give your seeds some water! Cress seeds grow quite quickly or you could try planting some flowers. We have lots of seeds at school, just let us know if you'd like some to plant at home!
- Go for a walk with a grown-up around a garden or park. Look carefully to see what plants and flowers you can see growing. You could take some photos or draw some pictures of the things you see.