



# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

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

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## NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

The children and Mr Wade have been having a great time today in Forest Schools. They have been looking at the science behind bubbles and experimenting with different sizes and shapes. Mrs Garrod got drenched in the process!



### Maths Café

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm years 3 and 5 will be opening their doors to parents to come along to a Maths Café. We will share a story through maths and have some fun engaging activities for you to get involved in with your children. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to come along and see the learning that takes place in class and share a fun engaging experience with your child. We look forward to seeing you then!

**Miss Newcombe and Mrs Cross**

### Reminders...

#### Spelling Bee

Sponsorship money has been coming in this week and so far, the children have raised £293.00 please send all money into school by the end of next week.

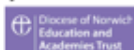
#### Norfolk Show

There are still some permission slips outstanding for children in years 3,4 and 5 to attend the Norfolk Show on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please return as soon as possible, or request another letter from the School Office.

*Thank you!*



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# WOW MOMENTS!

**Isaac** (year 5) competed for his first time at a Cross Country Event on last weekend. Isaac and Pickles came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Hunter Trail (Cross Country) and 3<sup>rd</sup> in an Eventer Trail (Show Jumping and Cross Country) against strong competition.

**Daisy** (year 6) has joined the local community choir and is learning a song in African amongst other songs, she also helped Shipdham Spitfires to clean the war memorial at All Saints Church on Sunday.

**Evie-Mae** (year 2) did her Brownie promise this week to enrol in her group 2nd Toftwood Brownies.

**Robin** (year 6) was selected to play in the Inter-County Basketball Tournament for the Norfolk under 11's B team and they were Runners Up for the East Region!

**Albert** (Reception) took part in a cycling event in Norwich. He competed in the Under 8s category in three different events (sprint, endurance, and skills). He showed incredible perseverance over the course of a very hot and long afternoon.

**Ada** (year 6) has moved up to swimming group 9! She had to swim 400m using one stroke, then complete a timed 400m swim. Her street dance crew have also been selected to perform at Norwich Playhouse theatre next month!



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

**This week's overall attendance – 92% Oceania Class (yr 1) 98%**





## **Shining Lights of the Week!**

- Ark Nursery **Ivor** is our shining light of the week for settling into Ark Class so quickly and well. Ivor has made lots of friends already and is learning our rules and routines.
- Antarctica (yr R) **Hugo** - for being a helpful and caring member of our classroom community. He also worked really hard and made amazing progress in phonics so far this half term.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Jacob** - for being a fantastic member of our class community this week - well done Jacob, keep it up!
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Lewis C** - for showing our value of community. Lewis is always keen to help his friends and adults. He shows great kindness and care towards others.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Elizabeth**- for showing fantastic learning behaviours this week and perseverance in her assessments.
- S America Class (yr 4) **All of Year 4** for completing their multiplication tables check! In the lead up to this, they have all worked so hard and practised in a variety of ways to help them remember and increase their speed!
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Mason** for the perseverance he showed in this week's assessments and the excellent progress he has made.
- N America Class (yr 6) **Oscar** has shown real commitment and effort in his preparation for the Year 6 show.

## OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What are the features of the seaside?
2	What is the climate like in Kenya?
3	How was Ancient Greece organised?
4	What are the states of the USA and how do their populations vary?
5	What was the Golden Age of Islam?
6	How have people protested to protect the environment?

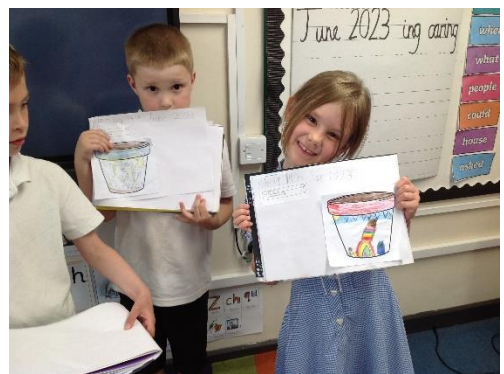
### **Oceania Class (yr 1)**

Year One's Science topic is all about 'Plants'. After last week's outdoor hunt for different types of plant, this week, we dissected a beautiful petunia in the name of Science. We reassembled it on some card and labelled the basic parts of the plant whilst finding out each of their special jobs.



## Africa Class (yr 2)

In Science we have been investigating "What is inside a seed?" We dissected both dry and wet seeds to examine the seed coat and seed leaves.



## Europe Class (yr 3)

In Science this week the class set up their bean investigation, to understand the importance of the different things that plants need to grow. In History the children have been exploring Ancient Greek artefacts.



## Tennis Competition

Some of the children in years 3 and 4 took part in a Tennis competition at Easton Tennis Centre. Team TB played well and won several of our games. We have just heard that for the second year in a row our year 4 team have got through to the County Finals! The competition value was teamwork and this was awarded to Harry in Yr 3 and Betsy in Yr 4.



# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

It has been a hot one! We've managed to keep cool with lots of learning in the shade, water play and even the odd ice lolly! We've continued practising our word building skills during phonics. We've consolidated our learning surrounding our focus book 'Come on, Daisy'. The children have particularly loved this book and learning about the moral of the story! They made actions for the story, helped to make a giant story map and used this to orally re-tell the story – lots of the children could re-tell the story almost word for word! We were introduced to number lines in maths and have completed various activities practising 'What comes after?' too. During our afternoons, we did some RE learning, explored insects further, explored our outdoor areas, completed a range of art activities and made an obstacle course around our outdoor area!



Next week

Next week is World Insect Week!

We will continue recapping our RWI sounds, building words, reading words and learning red words. We will begin our literacy learning about 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will look at 'What comes before?' in maths.

We will extend our doctors role play further, explore looking after insects and animals, continue our RE learning, learn more about sun safety and look at where a range of insects live! Our art will focus around drawing and painting animals from our focus stories.

## Learning links at home

- When you spot numbers in the environment around you, for instance door numbers on the way to school, identify them! What comes after that number?
- Sing counting rhymes that recite the numbers in order, e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive or One, Two Buckle My Shoe. Pause – what number comes next?





## DIARY DATES

### June

- 19<sup>th</sup> Nursery Open Afternoon 1-2pm followed by stay and play
- 21<sup>st</sup> New Reception September 2023 Family information session 5.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 and Yr 5 parents – Maths Café at 2.30pm\*
- 28<sup>th</sup> Choir to perform at Royal Norfolk Show
- 29<sup>th</sup> Years 3,4 and 5 to attend Royal Norfolk Show (choir performing)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Non-School Uniform Day- Please bring in your Tombola Prize for fete

### July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sports Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale
- 8<sup>th</sup> 12 – 3pm Summer Fete
- 11<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Production 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay' 3.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 BBQ 4.15pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Production 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay' 5.45pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Leavers Service at Church 2pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Move up Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> INSET days
- 21<sup>st</sup> School Photographer (individual and sibling photos)
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Children return to School**

### October

**Half term 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October inclusive**

### November

- 17<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations year R to 6

### December

- 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term
- Christmas Holiday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### January 2024

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Children return to School**

### February

**Half term 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February inclusive**

### March

- 18<sup>th</sup> School Photographer (Class photos)
- 28<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed

**Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**

### MAY

- 6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday
- Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

### JULY

- 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term
  - 19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed
- \* New Addition