



# 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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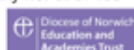
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

What an amazing experience our children had at the Norfolk Show this week. On Wednesday the school choir, (years 2 to 6) sang in the Grand Ring along with other schools across the County lead by Gareth Malone. A specially selected programme was put together by the Norfolk Music Hub including an extra special version of 'Flourish Song – We are Norfolk'.

On Thursday all the children from years 3, 4 and 5 attended the show for the day. The choir performed on the School's Stage singing five songs they have been practising during choir club. They sung beautifully and received some lovely comments from the audience, well done Miss Crane for doing such an amazing job. We all came together again in the Grand Ring to take part in 'Bucket Beats XL' where, along with other schools, created a new World Record as the largest percussion ensemble using recyclable materials – it was great fun! The children showed all our values beautifully throughout the whole day. We arrived back at school at 5pm feeling tired but excited to share our day and I would like to also thank the many staff who gave up extra time to accompany the children. From the photos below you can see they had a great time visiting the many activities throughout the day.



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# WOW MOMENTS!

**Luca (yr 1)** has recently moved to stage 2 in swimming, he has worked so hard and his confidence has grown in and around water. He has already managed to achieve 20% in this stage.

**Edward Mh (yr 3), Oscar (yr 6) and Jacob (yr 3)** all completed swim to survive in their swimming class for Drowning Prevention Week.



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school:  
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijUMV7>

***This week's overall attendance – 95.1% Oceania Class (yr 1) 99.1%***

## Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery **Harry A** for the impressive vocabulary he brings to our learning sessions and his constant positive attitude and smiley face!
- Antarctica (yr R) **William** for an amazing few weeks. He has shown wonderful efforts across the board and is a helpful and important member of our class community.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Tegan** for her fabulous acting skills whilst learning and retelling the story of, 'Lost and Found'. She was also a great member of the audience whilst watching the other children's performances.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Kai** for his positive attitude towards learning this week. Kai has been extremely motivated and has worked especially hard in English.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Amelia-** For being proactive and caring towards our school environment.
- S America Class (yr 4) **The Whole Class** for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm during our visit to The Royal Norfolk Show.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **The Whole Class** for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm during our visit to The Royal Norfolk Show.
- N America Class (yr 6) **Robin** has shown great commitment to our rehearsals, putting lots of effort into singing and acting.

# OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What were seaside holidays like in the past?
2	What is it like to live in rural Kenya?
3	How did Athens and Sparta become important city states?
4	What are some of the most significant man-made landmarks in the USA?
5	Who made great advancements in science, mathematics and medicine?
6	How have people protested for gender justice?

## Maths Challenge at Northgate High School

Earlier in the week four children from years 5 and 6 took part in a maths quiz at Northgate High School. Eight schools completed in two logic rounds and a relay round. Going into the final round Thomas Bullock were only two points ahead. The children did incredibly well answering very challenging 3-4 step questions and after a nail biting finish Thomas Bullock finished in FIRST place with 102 points. They proudly showed off their trophy in collective worship. A huge well done to Taylor, Niall, Logan B and James.



## Maths Café

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Maths Cafe in years 3 and 5 this week. In year 5 they shared a story and then plotted routes around the world rounding numbers, calculating distances and working out cost. There was a fantastic turnout in year 3 too. The children and parents had a great time finding out "How many legs?" were written into the story by Kes Gray. They then had a go at some extra challenges on their table demonstrating the strategies they use to multiply and add in our school using written methods and manipulatives. We can't wait to invite you along to more Maths Cafes next year!



## Farewell

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Mulligan who has done a great job supporting in year 1 and 3 this year. We wish her well in her new administration role in a High School.

## RSHE

The Government requires schools to teach Relationships, Sex and Health Education to all children from the academic year 2020 – 2021.

This half term, year groups will be covering the appropriate sex and relationships education part of the study for their age group.

If you require further information on the program and what will be covered in each year group, please see the presentation and slides on our school website.

<http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/pshe-rse/>

## Finally...



**Mr Weston 'King of the Stickers' at the Norfolk Show still smiling at the end of the day!**

# The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We began our whole class writing in phonics this week, in readiness for September. Instead of smaller groups, we sat and listened amazingly as Miss Bell-Tye told us a sound, we then found the sound on our sound mat, repeated the handwriting rhyme as we wrote the letter in the air, before putting pencil to paper!

We've also had lots of storytelling this week - the children are loving Little Red Riding Hood. We've been practising for Sports Day, getting messy with shaving foam, picking and pressing flowers (and discussing the importance of only picking a few and leaving lots and lots of flowers for the bees!) and exploring clay modelling too.



Next week

Monday is Sports Day!

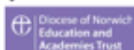
We move onto our literacy learning surrounding the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this too! During maths, we will look at recapping number composition. As well as lots of other activities that you'll see on Tapestry, we will also be preparing for our Nursery graduation for our older children and talking lots about transitions!

Learning links at home

- Mark make outside using chalk or water!
- Practise ball skills on your own or with an adult. Can you throw the ball? Can you catch the ball? Can you kick the ball?



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## DIARY DATES

### 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
- 19<sup>th</sup> School Disco\*
- 20<sup>th</sup> Move up Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> 3pm Nursery Class Graduation\*
- 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