



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

The week got off to a great start on Monday when we held Sports Day. The children competed in flat and obstacle races in their year groups and the year 6 lead the house teams round for clockwork sports. It was an exciting morning and a big well done to all the children for taking part and trying their best. It was extremely well supported by family and friends who enthusiastically cheered on the children and competed very competitively in the Mums' and Dads' races! The weather was kind and families and friends were then able to stay for a picnic lunch outside.



The results were as follows:

1st Water

2nd Earth

3rd Air

4th Fire

North America Class Residential

Year 6 have returned from their amazing 3 day residential to Eaton Vale. Praised for their behaviour and willingness to conquer fears on many challenges, they were a credit to us all. Lots of fun, laughs and giggles were shared by adults and children alike. An excellent variety of activities were crammed in over the time, including kayaking, air rifles, low ropes, climbing challenge and team building activities to name but a few, giving everyone the opportunity to test themselves. In the evenings, after some wholesome meals, we always came together for the often ludicrous but always hilarious whole group challenges which required good team skills. It was a wonderful way to celebrate this year's group's achievements and hopefully lots of fun and happy memories were made. Thank you to Mr Wade, Mrs Fowler and Mrs Heavens who accompanied the children and who, we hear, had just as much fun! Well done year 6, now go and get some rest this weekend!



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WOW MOMENTS!

Rosie (year 4) competed in a colour fun run, she ran around the course with paint and water thrown over her!

Jacob (yr 1) has worked really hard in his lessons and has now moved to stage 2 swimming!

Georgia (yr R) rode her bike this week without stabilisers for the first time. She was really determined to do this which meant she picked it up in next to no time!

April (yr 5) won silver medal in Heroes and Villains team slalom ski race in Ipswich last Sunday. She had fantastic day skiing and is really proud of her medal!

Bobbie (yr 1) got a bike without stabilisers for his 6th birthday and he managed to ride it straight away.



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) 97.7%

Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery **Kora** is our shining light of the week for her super story retelling. Kora could be heard shouting 'FEE FI FO FUM', whilst doing actions for our story!
- Antarctica (yr R) **Harrison** for amazing efforts and progress in his phonics, reading & writing. He has tried super hard and is gaining great confidence.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Amelia** for her amazing creation in DT. She has made a fantastic moving plant picture on a sliding mechanism.
- 6Africa Class (yr 2) **George Hi** for being a wonderful member of our classroom community. George is very polite, kind and caring towards peers and adults in school.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Rosie** for her fantastic Ancient Greek non-chronological report.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Harry-James** for working extremely hard in his English. He has put super effort and dedication into his writing this week and showed perseverance with new vocabulary.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Khloe** for working really hard all week, especially with her English.

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	How have seaside holidays changed over time?
2	What is it like in urban Kenya?
3	Who was Alexander the Great?
4	How does California compare to other states?
5	How did Baghdad compare to London 1000AD?



New Menu from September

A new menu will be coming into effect from the beginning of September and is attached separately to this emailed newsletter. Aspens, our caterers, have also provided a family information pack giving further details on their role in providing meals to schools and how they sustainably source and prepare school lunches.

Wraparound Care from September

Hopefully you will all have read the recent letter regarding the new breakfast and afterschool club arrangements from September. To summarise, we will be offering the following:

- Breakfast Club provision will run from 7:15am to 8:45am equivalent to £4.00 per session booked half-termly in advance
- After School Club provision will run from 3:15 to 4:15pm equivalent to £3.00 per hour booked half-termly in advance
- After School Club provision will run from 4:15 to 5:15pm equivalent to £3.50 per hour booked half-termly in advance
- We will include breakfast and an evening snack
- There will be a further whole-week discount on these prices

The Google Booking form will be available from 12th July 2023 and will be left open until 31st August, 2023. To avoid any possible disappointment, please do book at your earliest convenience. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

Vacancies

We are currently advertising for two new positions, a part time teacher KS2 teacher and a qualified Teaching Assistant with lunchtime MSA. Full details can be found on the school website or by using the following link: <https://www.dneat.org/working-for-a-dneat-academy/vacancies/>

Breckland Household Support Fund

The next round of the Household Support Fund for the new quarter has now opened. As before there is a set amount of funding for each quarter so it will close as soon as the available funds have been allocated.

Details remain the same as before:

£300 available per household within a 6 month period.

Referral form:

<https://phoenix.ecdesk.org/forms/public/eyJpdil6InZWVzZoRVZoS3NPeWhIVVJ1R1R1E9PSIsInZhbHVlIjoITFpIMWFENHEzeGV5YW1TUEFmQjdidlVZRSt6STFyeDdaM2ltS3RIZWhTeW9TR3E1R2J6SHI3TVVaSFpQWIGQSIsm1hYyI6ImY3ZWYwMDJiYmNINjl3Y2ZjMjM3ZTkyMWRkOTY3MDE4ZmRIMWEwNGRIZDc1ZDBmYzc1NTZlZjQ5MmVlODM2YzUiLCJ0YWciOiIlifQ==/household-support-fund-referral>

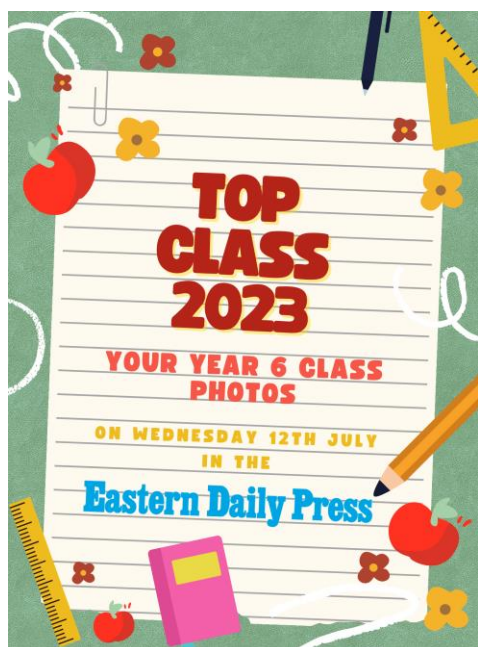
Payments will be processed weekly, so turnaround will vary depending on when you submitted.

Please advise residents that payments are not issued immediately and can take around 7-10 days depending on date of submission.



EDP TOP CLASS PHOTO

A photo of our year 6 pupils will be appearing in the EDP next week!



DIARY DATES

July

- 13th Year 3 Greek Day*
- 17th Yr 6 Production 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay' 3.30pm
- 18th Yr 6 BBQ 4.15pm
- 18th Yr 6 Production 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay' 5.45pm
- 19th Leavers Service at Church 2pm
- 19th School Disco
- 20th Move up Day
- 20th 3pm Nursery Class Graduation
- 21st Last day of term

September

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

October

Half term 23rd – 27th October inclusive

November

- 17th Flu vaccinations year R to 6

December

- 20th Last day of term

Christmas Holiday 21st December – 3rd January

January 2024

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th Children return to School

February

Half term 19th – 23rd February inclusive

March

- 18th School Photographer (Class photos)
 - 28th INSET Day School Closed
- Easter holiday 29th March – 12th April inclusive

MAY

- 6th Bank holiday
- Half term 27th – 31st May

JULY

- 18th Last day of term
- 19th INSET Day School Closed

*New Addition

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



Monday was Sports Day and we had so much fun! We have been immersed in our learning based around 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We came into school on Tuesday to find a letter that had been left for us from a boy called Jack. He asked us to keep an eye out for the magic beans that he had lost, and we found them! We then came in on Wednesday to find a huge beanstalk, Giant footprints and our beans were missing! We've had lots of discussions about what might have happened and the children have been so excited. We've retold the story of Jack and the Beanstalk many times with actions, remembering the key phrases. We've also been practising our whole class mark making and writing sessions, in readiness for September. As well as this, we've joined in with some lovely activities and had lots of talks about transition, as well as reading some story books about going to big school!



Next week

We will finish story mapping our story, making marks on our own story maps too. We will continue recapping sounds we have learnt so far in Phonics, as well as 'more than' and 'fewer than' in Maths. During our afternoons, we will continue preparing for our graduation and transitions, as well as joining in with some themed activities!

Learning links at home

- Retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk! Can you remember the key phrases? Can you remember our actions?
- Can you remember how big the Giant's footprint was in our classroom? Who has the biggest feet in your house?

