



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

We are delighted, that following a Food Hygiene Health and Safety Inspection from Breckland Council this week our school kitchen has once again been awarded the top ranking of 5 stars. Well done Liz and Moira, we think you are amazing!

We are also delighted this week to welcome Miss Keeler to our team as an additional Teaching Assistant, Midday Supervisor and After School Club Assistant. Miss Keeler comes with first class knowledge in childhood and youth studies and will be working in year 5 whilst also supporting in other year groups.

Parking

Since returning to school we have noticed that parents are using the school car park to drop off and collect children, please be reminded that unless permission has been given parking is outside of the school grounds. As reminded in last week's Newsletter please take care when parking on the road outside of school. Several families are cycling to school and this can become quite dangerous especially as we have noticed that cars are being parked on the bend by the school, please park further up Pound Green Lane to avoid this. *Thankyou.*

REMINDER ... To all new and existing families, we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to some of our youngest children in school having severe allergies we became a 'Nut Free' school last year. So as a reminder here is some helpful information:

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

Staff in the school are trained to deal with these situations immediately. However, we cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

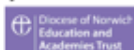
Peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate and hazelnut spreads, cereal bars, some granola bars, cakes that contain nuts, biscuits/cookies that contain nuts, peanut butter cakes, some Asian food, including satay, sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

As this is a life-threatening condition. We do have to insist we are a nut free school and appreciate your understanding and support with this.



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Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery

Rosa for always getting involved in activities, interacting well with her friends and being a cheerful member of the nursery class.

Antarctica Class (R)

Jude for being a happy and helpful member of our class.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Violet for showing the value of respect all of the time in the classroom and outside. Violet is always putting others first and being kind and helpful too.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Levi for his amazing efforts and enthusiasm towards learning. Levi has been extremely motivated in class and at home. Great work!

Europe Class (yr 3)

Freya for her fantastic attitude towards her learning, always showing respect to teachers and peers. As well as her perseverance in lessons to complete her work.

S America Class (yr 4)

Edward Mh for his amazing efforts and concentration towards all of his work. He is always offering a helping hand and has brought such positivity to our class this week. Great job!

Asia Class (yr 5)

Elsa for the perseverance she has shown in maths lessons this week. Her confidence is really growing and she is challenging herself to complete more questions each lesson.

North America Class (yr 6)

Logan B for having a really positive attitude to our assessments this week and putting his hand up lots more during class discussions.

This week's overall attendance – 94.6% - Oceania Class (yr 1) 99.3%

WOW MOMENTS!

Nothing to share this week.

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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijUMV7>

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	Where do we go to school and what is it like there?
2	Why is King John I known as 'Bad King John'?
3	Where are the rivers located in the UK?
4	Who were the Britons and why did Julius Caesar want to invade Britain?
5	How was Anglo-Saxon England ruled?
6	What was Ancient Egyptian society like?



North America Class (yr 6)

Year 6 spent some time working together in the woods to build dens, climb trees, balance on our human seesaw and explore the contents of the pond. Whilst climbing trees, the children talked each other through where the strong branches were and which way was best to get up! Well done Year 6!



Asia Class (yr 5)

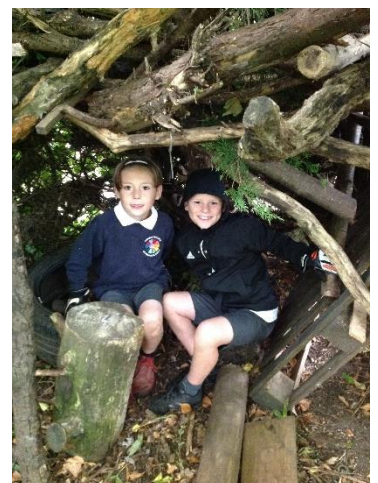
The class showed their science learning in our (rainy!) outdoor environment. They chalked the planets onto the playground, starting with the planet closest to the sun and finishing with the furthest away!



South America Class (yr 4)

The children are really getting stuck in their unit of teeth and digestion in Science. They enjoyed looking at the ways to keep our teeth healthy to prevent tooth decay and what the stages of tooth decay look like. To encourage the children to always look after their teeth, they had a little gift of a new toothbrush and toothpaste (photo) with a leaflet to help them with ways to look after their oral hygiene.

The children also loved the outdoor learning with Miss Bell-Tye earlier in the week.





THE ARK NURSERY

Stay & **PLAY**



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US:**

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FOR FUN, THEMED
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The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

We have had lots of practise with listening to animal sounds and matching them to the correct animal this week! In our final week of focusing on the book 'The Colour Monster', we used different art materials to decorate monsters, designed our own monsters and had lots of discussions about what we think monsters might eat, after listening to the story of 'Monsters Don't Eat Broccoli'. We have now looked at the colours: red, blue, yellow, green and purple.



Next week

Alongside our listening games, we will go on a listening walk to see what we can hear around school and further into the woods. We will also continue to look at environmental sounds during our phonics sessions in class. In Literacy, we will begin to look at the book 'You Choose', encouraging lots of discussions and choices, to develop oracy skills. We will talk about our families, make marks for our family members and look at our family photos! In Maths, we will explore matching! Our rhyme of the week is: Five Little Speckled Frogs.

Learning links at home

- Go on a walk with your grown up. On the way, can you find two leaves that are the same and two that are different?
- Use bricks to build a matching tower to someone at home – saying the colours you use aloud.
- Use household objects to create an ABAB pattern. Can you match it and make your own that is exactly the same?

Tapestry should now be up and running – please let Miss Bell-Tye know (at the gate or via emailing the office if you have any issues). Please upload / email a family photo to display in our role play home corner and a photo of your child with their favourite book for our reading corner to help with our discussions and activities during our 'All About Me' theme this term!

DIARY DATES

October

- 3rd Yr 5 West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
- 5th Phonics Workshop – Reception and Year 1 at 5pm
- 10th Yr 2 Sandringham
- 12th FOSS AGM at Golden Dog 7.30pm
- 17th Nursery and Reception (Sept 2024) Open afternoon 2pm
- 19th Harvest Festival at Church (TBC)

Half term 23rd – 27th October inclusive

November

- 1st Parents' Evening from 3pm
- 2nd Parents' Evening from 3pm
- 6th Maths Café for Nursery and Reception parents 2.30pm
- 9th Yr 3 Time & Tide Museum
- 17th Flu vaccinations year R to 6

December

- 12th Nativity (Reception Class) at 9.15am and 2pm
- 14th Yr 1 Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
- 19th Christmas Lunch Day
- 20th Christmas Concert & Christingle at Church (TBC)
- 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
- 13th-17th Year 6 SATs week*

Half term 27th – 31st May

JULY

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

*New Addition

