



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 have had another exceptionally busy and exciting week and even more trips! I am always impressed by our children's behaviour for learning in our school. Walking through learning environments, they are calm, purposeful and all teachers have high expectations of what children can achieve. It is always a pleasure to have others comment about our children too! Our experiential learning took Year 2 to Sandringham House and estate this week and we were delighted to have received the following comment:

"As one of the Educational visits team at Sandringham House, I had the pleasure of spending the day with your year 2 children and staff today. The children were curious, questioning, and thinking, with excellent listening and observational skills. I was particularly impressed with their cutting abilities!! Behaviour was impeccable. Their accompanying staff were excellent role models – courteous, kind and extremely polite. There is clearly an outstanding relationship between staff and children".

Next week we look forward to welcoming families to our Harvest Festival (details below) and our Open Afternoon events. The Open Afternoon is for prospective parents of children due to start school September 2024 and also for families looking to join our Nursery. The afternoon is on Tuesday 17th October at 2pm. If you cannot make the Open event, Mrs Marjoram, Mr Wade or I would be delighted to accommodate a visit. Please do request information from the office. Please do also join our stay and play sessions in our Nursery each Monday between 2pm and 3pm.

Harvest Festival

This year the Harvest Festival will be held at All Saints Church on Thursday 19th October at 2pm and parents are welcome to come along. The festival will include singing and readings by the children as well as a presentation of food items that will be donated to the Food Bank in Dereham. They would be happy to accept any donations of food such as:

**Baked Beans, soup, rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned meat and fish,
jars of pasta sauce, long life milk and fruit juice, long life sponge puddings.
Items for Christmas – Christmas Puddings (large and small), custard,
selection boxes, Christmas biscuits, Christmas savoury snacks/crackers/crisps.**

Donations can start coming into school on Wednesday 18th October. We look forward to seeing you, it is always lovely to see the local community joining us for the Harvest Festival and filling the church with singing and smiles.

PARKING

Once again, please could we remind all parents that parking on school grounds is **not permitted** without prior permission. We have seen an increasing number of cars driving into our car park which poses a high safety risk for our children. Also, be mindful of the local residents, please do not use their drives to drive into and turn around. *Thank you.*



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Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery	Brady is our shining light of the week for his consistent positive attitude, hard work and super storytelling!
Antarctica Class (R)	Daisy for showing respect towards others; being a kind, caring and helpful friend.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	Leon for always working well in a group or team – just like in R.E. this week. He takes onboard other people’s ideas and always values their opinions. Well done Leon!
Africa Class (yr 2)	The whole class for representing Thomas Bullock so well whilst on our trip to Sandringham. They showed great curiosity and used their super listening ears and observational skills as we walked round. You all made us very proud!
Europe Class (yr 3)	Amber F for being respectful this week in all her lessons. She has made some great contributions to class conversations. I am very proud of all her hard work this week!
S America Class (yr 4)	Pria for her enthusiasm and hard work in Maths this week, she has really shone in her application of column method and has been checking her calculations with accuracy.
Asia Class (yr 5)	Leila for the effort she puts into every single lesson. She is always ready to learn and regularly contributes answers and ideas. Leila presents her work neatly and checks through carefully.
North America Class (yr 6)	Olivia for being kind and helpful to others and for the effort she has put into her long division in maths this week! Keep up the hard work Olivia!

This week’s overall attendance – 98% Africa Class (yr 2) 100%

WOW MOMENTS!

Freya (yr 3) passed Level 2 in swimming and is now heading to the big pool!

Jacob (yr 2) rode his first 3 mile bike ride on Saturday at Blickling, without stabilisers!



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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>



OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	Where do people live and work in our local area?
2	What does the monarchy do today?
3	How is land used in the UK?
4	How did the Romans try to defend the land they took while taking more?
5	How do we know about the Anglo Saxons?
6	What did the Ancient Egyptians believe in?

Africa Class (year 2)

Year 2 had a super day at Sandringham Estate to support our learning of 'Kings and Queens'. We had a tour of the house and gardens. We then had a workshop where we compared our homes to the home of monarchs. We then created our own royal 'lift the flap' front door and drew what we would put inside our royal home.



Antarctica Class (Reception)

Antarctica class were very excited to have the fire crew visit them with their fire engine on Tuesday afternoon to support their learning on people who help us. The children showed great listening as they listened to lots of information about the fire engine and the job of the firefighters; they learned lots! The favourite thing we learnt was about the fire hydrants dotted all around where the firefighters can get their water from and we were surprised to see so many showing on the map around school. Of course, the children all had great fun having a go at using the fire hoses...they didn't need too much encouragement from the firefighters to try and hose down Mrs Marjoram! Thank you so much to the fire service for providing our children this amazing first-hand experience.



Oceania Class (yr 1)

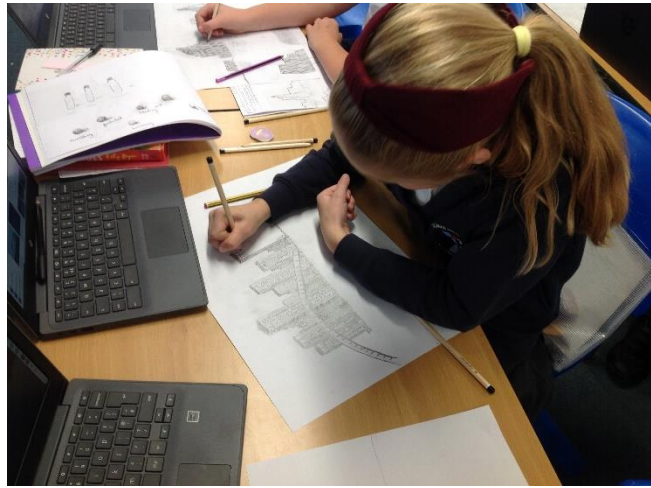
In forest school we collected the first signs of autumn and stuck them on a sun catcher in the shape of a leaf. They look beautiful on the classroom window when the sun shines through them!



North America Class (yr 6)

The class have been completing their cityscapes in the style of Stephen Wiltshire. They have enjoyed learning about different sketching techniques and seeing the amazing cityscapes that Stephen Wiltshire creates from memory!

To enhance our topic on the Egyptians, Dolcie and Jake brought in some objects their Grandma brought back from her visit to Egypt. She also let us borrow some books which we enjoyed looking through.



Europe Class (yr 3)

In Art we have been continuing with our mod roc figures. The children have been covering their wire figures with mod roc to create 3D human sculptures. During Music this week the children have been using boomwhackers in small groups to beat out three different rhythms. They then used this to help them beat alongside a piece of music and make a great sound.



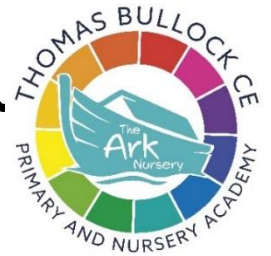
E SAFETY

It has come to our attention that some of the children have been accessing the popular app TicToc. We would just like to remind you that some material produced on there is inappropriate for primary age range. Please ensure you are monitoring children's usage and keep us informed of any e safety concerns you may have through our website link:

<http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/keeping-safe-online/>

Please be reminded that e safety concerns are recorded inline with our Safeguarding Policy

The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We began following the Talk 4 Writing approach with our focus book 'Rosie's Walk'. We've learnt lots of words from the story, made up actions, acted the story out and are in the process of making our own marks for parts of the story on our story maps!

We've spent lots of time outside this week – in the sunshine, cloud and rain too. We picked blackberries to make blackberry playdough and found more autumn treasures, bringing some back for natural threading and weaving in the classroom. As well as this, we've been using our fine motor skills to practise our pinchy fingers for various tasks, inside and outside.



Next week

We will continue to retell the story of 'Rosie's Walk'. Rosie has left us a letter in the classroom – we will explore this on Monday and follow her instructions to see what she has hidden in the school grounds!

Our rhyme of the week will be: Five Fat Sausages. We will also continue to look at sorting in Maths, with a focus on sorting objects – classroom resources and natural resources.

We will continue our RE learning based around Christians and churches. We even get to visit Shipdham church on Thursday afternoon for our Harvest celebration! We will take lots of photos to explore back in class, especially for those who aren't in school on a Thursday.

Learning links at home

- Make a pattern with natural resources. You could use: acorns, leaves, conkers, sticks.
- Can you spot the pumpkins in the supermarkets? Where do you think they grow?
- We have talked lots about farmers harvesting wheat and this going to a mill to make flour. Find a recipe that uses flour and make something edible. Remember to tell us all about it and post photos to Tapestry!



DIARY DATES

October

- 17th Nursery and Reception (Sept 2024) Open afternoon 2pm
- 19th Harvest Festival at Church 2pm
- 30th Yr 4 Norwich Castle

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
- 7th Yr 6 Norwich Cathedral 'A Day to Remember'*
- 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

Half term 27th – 31st May

JULY

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

*New Addition