



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

This week we have had a number of visitors into school. We had our Governor's meeting on Monday and visits from Governors and our Academy Group Executive Principle on Wednesday. It is always a delight to show professionals supporting our school around to see our wonderful children's learning, excellent calm and purposeful learning environments and also identify actions to make our school even better.

We are pleased to share details of new staff and students who joined our school this week. Firstly, we welcomed two UEA PGCE student Teachers to our team, Miss Gibbs who will be working with Mrs Marjoram and the Reception children and Mr Bray who will be with Mr Johnson in Year 1. Both have experience in schools prior to taking their post graduate certificate in education. We also have two new cleaning members of staff Ms Jarvis and Ms Fox who have settled nicely into their new roles this week. Lastly, we are absolutely delighted to announce the successful appointment of a new Federation SENCO, Mrs Smith who will be based at Lyng School. Mrs Smith comes to us as an excellent qualified SENCO and Senior Leader. Previously, she has held posts as a Deputy Headteacher and SENCO in a larger school and SENCO in a school similarly sized to Lyng before recently moving to Norfolk. I am sure you will welcome them all with open arms.

Thank you to those of you who joined Mr Johnson, Mrs Marjoram and I at the phonics parent workshop on Thursday evening. We recognise that a number of our families were unable to attend, so we will put on a further session in November.

We are very much looking forward to opening up our school to our community in the coming weeks for open events, as well as seeing many of you at the Harvest Festival. We will begin collections for the food bank for our Harvest Festival next week. Please do begin to see if there are any items you could bring in for this. Canned goods, dry foods and toiletries are very well-received.

Reminders ...

OPEN AFTERNOON THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER at 2pm

An invitation to all prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2024 and any parents wishing to join our school-based Nursery to join us for an information session and school tour.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT - These were sent home at the end of last week, if not already done so please can these be returned as soon as possible.

FOSS AGM THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER at The Golden Dog 7.30pm - An open invitation to everyone. Please come along and support as they make their plans for the year ahead. If you are able to spare some time (no matter how little) to help throughout the year they would love to hear from you.

BAG2SCHOOL - Bags to fill with unwanted clothing were recently sent home. Please return all bags on 7th November ready for collection.



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School House and Vice Captains

Following excellent applications, the following year 6 children were successful in becoming House and Vice Captains for their teams, they were awarded their badges in Celebration Assembly today.

Esme in year 6 was also awarded a special badge as Leader of the Student Council.

	Earth	Fire	Air	Water
House Captain	Adelaide	Dolcie	James	April
Vice Captain	Caleb	Isabelle S	Noah H	Logan H

Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery

Grace for her impressive mark making. Grace often chooses to sit down at our mark making table and write her 'letters'. She has got a brilliant pencil grip!

Antarctica Class (R)

Louis for always showing respect towards others. He is always making positive choices and helping his peers through being kind and caring.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Alfie for showing a great deal of respect for himself. He has shown a lot of self-belief in his work and his smiley face coming in to school in the mornings is brightening up our day!

Africa Class (yr 2)

Emma for always believing in herself, trying her very best and encouraging others to do the same.

Europe Class (yr 3)

Lillie- May - for settling into Thomas Bullock as a new member this half term and consistently showing respect this week by always being on task and showing fantastic learning behaviours.

S America Class (yr 4)

Harry for his fantastic enthusiasm and approach to all of his learning this week. He has a hard-working attitude and work ethic and encourages others to do the same.

Asia Class (yr 5)

The Whole Class for their enthusiasm, thoughtful questioning and careful observations whilst at the Anglo-Saxon village.

North America Class (yr 6)

April for her enthusiastic approach to learning and always being keen to contribute her ideas. She has such a positive approach to her work and is also a fantastic learning partner!

This week's overall attendance – 95% Oceania Class (yr 1) 99.3%



WOW MOMENTS!

Logan H (yr 6) was given the Player of The Month trophy. He has played exceptionally well for his football team and the award is well deserved!

Leon (yr 1) was given Man of the Match at football this week.

Reggie (yr 2) has completed stage 1 of swimming, gained his 10m certificate and is moving up to the next group.



We are also super proud of **Sophia (yr 5)** for her recent successes at National and Norfolk levels in Gymnastics where she won a total of 8 medals in 2 competitions!

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

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OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What is special about our local area?
2	Who was Charles I and what was the English Civil War?
3	What are the countries of the UK?
4	Who was Boudicca and how did she challenge Roman rule in Britain?
5	How did the Anglo-Saxons converting to Christianity change England?
6	Why did the ancient Egyptians build the pyramids?

Asia Class (yr 5)

The class spent a day exploring the Anglo-Saxon museum and village at West Stow. They began with an artefact handling session where they looked closely at real and replica objects discovering where they had been found, what they were made of and what they were used for. They then explored the museum where they enjoyed dressing up in Anglo-Saxon clothing! In the afternoon they went out into the village and looked at the different styles of houses. They ended with a session during which they got to hear more about the site and ask an expert their questions.

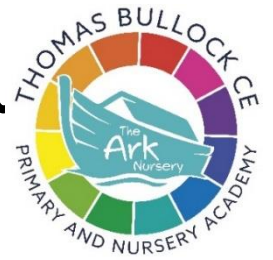


Africa Class (yr 2)

Year 2 has a fabulous outdoor learning session with Miss Bell-Tye this week. In RE we have been looking at Christian symbols of light. We looked at our 'big frieze' panels in the corridor and looked at how this shows Jesus as the light of the world.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

Most of us learnt the sign for 'good morning' this week... Watch this link to practice at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBf_kV8PL4mM! We have been talking lots about Autumn and Harvest and watched a video about farmers harvesting their crop. We enjoyed seeing the combine harvester and discussed the process of wheat becoming flour, which we use to make bread and cakes. In Maths, alongside our continued focus on matching, we have explored number shapes. We noticed their shape and colour and counted the holes in numicon pieces 1-5. We've been super creative this week with both our mark making and our painting / printing skills.



Next week

As well as going on listening walks in different areas of the school grounds, we will be listening to a range of nature sounds, moving like the wind, rain and a storm! We will continue to learn about Harvest, being introduced to The Creation Story. In Literacy, we have a new focus book called 'Rosie's Walk'. We will follow the Talk 4 Writing approach – making up actions for re-telling the story and beginning to story map it together as a class. We will then make our own marks on our own story maps. In Maths, we will be sorting: by colour, size and shape!

Learning links at home

- Go on an autumn walk with a grown-up and collect some autumn leaves. Use these to make some nature art – you could lay them out to make a picture, collage them on paper, use them for printing or make rubbings with them on paper!
- In autumn, many people celebrate Harvest with a Harvest Festival. What foods do you think farmers grow on their land? Maybe you could spot them if you visit a supermarket.
- Sing number songs to practice counting: Five Little Ducks, Five Little Speckled Frogs, Ten Green Bottles.



DIARY DATES

October

- 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 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
- 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