



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

Our children showed their values of respect, responsibility and compassion in our Remembrance Services at both schools today.

Following this, we reflected about why we remember and the children at Thomas Bullock laid their handmade wreaths by our cross in the Peace Garden accompanied by two members of the Thomas Bullock Trust, Rev Paul Cubitt and Jo Dewing. We know there are many services taking place across our parishes this weekend and hope that our children are able to attend one of these. We were also pleased to see so many children in uniform representing the Scout and Girlguiding movements.

On a further note next week across the Federation we will be acknowledging and learning about anti-bullying and children in need. There are two key dates to read up on for next week- Anti-Bullying Week begins with 'Odd Socks' day on Monday, so please dress in your odd socks and Friday is Children in Need Day, get ready to dress yellow and spotty, further details below.

Furthermore, we have asked our children, families, community and staff for Federation names and ideas. Thank you for the many submissions and ideas. Many of them linked to our mutual links to wartime heroes and helping children to 'Let their shine' Matthew 5:16. We have therefore chosen 'The Nightingale Federation'. Florence Nightingale, a leader of nurses during the Crimean War spent many hours in the wards treating patients. During her night rounds giving personal care to the wounded she established her image as the "Lady with the Lamp" whose light shone brightly for her many patients. We feel this name reflects both a key historical figure who was an advocate for mental health education. There is also a connection between Lyng and Florence Nightingale. A young soldier who had fought in the Battle of Balaclava and had been nursed by her lived in Balaclava Cottage in Lyng. Here's is a link if you haven't seen it: <http://www.house-historian.co.uk/tag/florence-nightingale> We will be working on logo's, a website and Federation official opening in the coming weeks.



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Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery **Henry** has settled well into Ark Class and is growing in confidence daily, talking to his friends and role playing regularly.
- Antarctica Class (R) **Elodie** for always showing kindness to those around her. Elodie enjoys helping others and showing honesty at all times.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Harry** for making fantastic choices and being a good role model. He has also shown our value of honesty and integrity.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Theo** for his fantastic attitude towards learning. Theo has been working incredibly hard in all areas of our learning and has been extremely motivated to practice his super handwriting joins!
- Europe Class (yr 3) **George Hi** For a fantastic week showing respect and listening well in class. He has been focussed on his learning and shown brilliant learning behaviours.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Ben** for his phenomenal English work. Ben has approached his work with such Enthusiasm. He has also shown kindness and encouragement towards others with their work.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Austin** for the amazing effort he put into his Gold Write. He thought carefully about what he wanted to say and then worked really hard on structure and punctuation.
- North America (yr 6) **Adelaide** for her enthusiasm in English this week. She has written a fantastic balanced argument and poem linked to our book, Floodland.

This week's overall attendance – 97.5% Oceania Class (yr 1) 99.3%

WOW MOMENTS!

Freya (yr 3) Well done to Freya who is officially a brownie after doing her promise on Monday.



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	Can I describe my favourite toy?
2	What were the main events of the Great Fire of London?
3	How did life change during the Stone Age in Britain?
4	Who were the Romans and why did Julius Caesar want to invade Britain?
5	How do historians know about how the Vikings traded?
6	What is climate change?



Anti-Bullying Week 13th - 17th November



Monday 13th November is Odd Socks Day. Children are invited to come into school wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences and uniqueness! The week will kick off with a themed assembly, talking about why we are wearing odd socks, reminding children about bullying and ensuring they know who they are able to talk to around school. Throughout the week, children will then take part in a range of Anti-Bullying themed activities in class, following this year's theme of 'Make a Noise About Bullying'.

Children in Need Friday 17th November

Children are invited to wear anything yellow / Pudsey-related or spotty on Friday 17th for a suggested donation of £1.

If you have any spare change lying around at home, please bring it in so we can fill a Pudsey outline. This was super successful last year and raised lots for a brilliant cause!

As well as this, we will be running a bake sale during play time on Friday.

Therefore, if you are able to, we would be really appreciative of any baked donations for our school council team to sell! Again, this is something that has raised lots of money in the past for charities.

Don't forget to bring change for the bake sale too - each item will be a 50p donation!



Oceania Class (yr 1)

Police Constable Colin Dàfuz popped into the class on Monday with terrible news from the manager at Norwich Toy Museum. The man was pictured in a CCTV image stealing toys and the police needed the children's help to create wanted posters to find him.

On Tuesday the following breaking news came across:

After the children created some amazing WANTED posters yesterday, the police have received a number of calls from the public and believe they now know who they're looking for: Burglar Bill - you might have heard of him? The children wrote a list of questions for the officer to take away to use in the interview when or if they catch him. We'll keep you updated should there be any developments in this story.



On Thursday:

Burglar Bill has now been captured and due to the high volume of public interest in the story filmmakers have decided to turn the incident into a film. The Toy Museum has asked the children to create a storyboard and write their own script and they were happy to assist!



Maths Café

We were so excited to welcome so many families into our EYFS [nursery and reception] classes to join us for the start of our Maths cafes. We joined in with Maths stories and then completed some engaging Maths-based activities following this. Reception class were able to show off their counting and cardinality skills and the nursery children enjoyed exploring shapes, colours and numbers. Thank you to those who joined us and we look forward to welcoming you back in for future events.



Africa Class (yr 2)

As part of their outdoor learning the class enjoyed going on an autumn hunt this week.

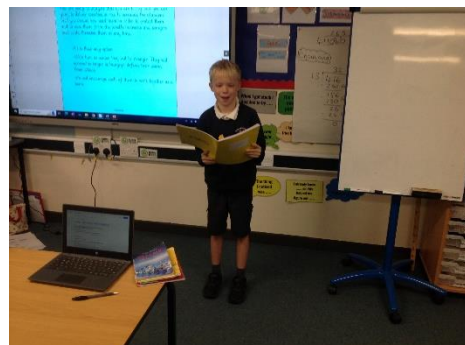


North America Class (yr 6)

The class visited the Cathedral in the week and really enjoyed the day learning about what Remembrance means and how we can remember people or events in different ways. We met Edith Cavell who told us her story about how she worked as a nurse during WW1 and made a difficult decision to break the rules for what she believed in. We took part in a session about heroes and what it means to be a hero and what the word 'sacrifice' means. We looked at the grave of Edith Cavell and then went to different areas in the Cathedral to look at signs of remembrance. We learnt about reconciliation and made models to show what this means. We also made crosses and poppies and then took part in an act of remembrance. At the end of the day, we lit a candle which was added to the peace globe in the Cathedral. Isabelle even got to read out a prayer for the whole Cathedral to hear!



Year 6 have also been reading out speeches they have written in role as a character from their book they are reading 'Floodland'. They enjoyed getting into role as Dooby, who is the leader of Eel Island.



South America Class (yr 4)

The class finished their catapults last week. What brilliant construction skills they have used with thoughtful measuring and joining.



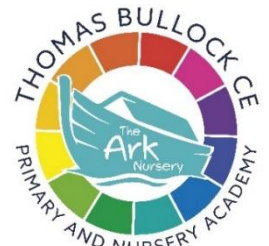
Key Stage 1 Tag Rugby Festival

Ten children from year 1 and 2 took part in a KS1 Tag Rugby Festival at Crusaders Rugby Club. They had a fun morning trying out lots of rugby skills. They had a go at Empty Nest, Snakes, Tadpoles and Rugby Tags. Well done to Millani in year 1 who was awarded the festival value certificate for passion.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



We have been exploring musical instruments, practising playing them in different ways: quickly, slowly, quietly and loudly. We have been retelling the story and making marks on story maps for the beginning section of 'The Gruffalo'. In Maths, we have been introduced to the number 2. Alongside lots of finger counting, rhymes and number recognition, we have also practised our subitising for numbers 1 and 2 now. We discussed Remembrance Day throughout the week, making our own poppy wreath from our handprints for the Remembrance Service on Friday.

We held our first Maths Café on Monday. We had so much fun! We read the story of 'Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons', singing the song as we went. The children giggled lots at this! We then took part in lots of maths related activities. Counting the buttons onto a gingerbread man was a firm favourite!



Next week

Monday marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week – we will be participating in lots of activities surrounding kindness. Don't forget to wear odd socks on Monday too, to celebrate what makes us unique! Friday is Children in Need and again, there will be themed activities as well as an opportunity to dress up! Further details are in the main newsletter.

We will pause for a week our Gruffalo learning, to focus on Diwali. In Maths, we will look at counting – saying one number for each item and looking at the numeral 2.

Learning links at home

- Discuss how we can be kind to the people around us: peers, family and adults we know.
- Draw a picture and gift it to someone you love!
- Draw a circle onto a piece of paper. Then use lots of different colours and shapes to design a Rangoli pattern.
- Draw around your hand onto a piece of paper and then design a Mehndi pattern on it.



DIARY DATES

November

- 13th Odd Socks Day
- 13th – 17th Anti Bullying Week
- 17th Children in Need
- 17th Flu vaccinations year R to 6

December

- 1st Yr 3 Time & Tide Museum
- 1st Non Uniform day donation toward FOSS Raffle
- 12th Nativity (Reception Class) at 9.15am and 2pm
- 14th Yr 1 Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
- 15th FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- 18th FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- 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