



# 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 a very long Newsletter for you this week! It has been Anti Bullying Week this week and Miss Bell-Tye put a programme together across the whole school and below is a report on each classes' activities.

### Nursery

We wore odd socks on Monday and talked all about how each of us are unique in our likes/dislikes, appearances and personalities. Later in the week, we read a story together of 'Kindness Makes us Stronger' by Sophie Beer, discussing how we can be kind to each other in class. We talked further about the importance of using our kind hands, printing these onto a large piece of paper to display in our classroom as a reminder!



### Reception

This week we have shared the story of 'Be Kind' by Axel Scheffler and explored the ways in which we can be kind to each other. We discussed and made a mindmap of ideas about what it means to be a kind friend. After this, we created a heart of hearts; we painted the hearts with kindness and added them to our kindness tree. As well as this, we conducted a social experiment using two apples - one we treated kindly and one we didn't! When we cut them open at the end, the kindness apple looked good inside and the apple which didn't have kindness, was bruise and badly damaged! This showed us that our kindness is really



needed to make people feel happy and healthy.

### Year 1

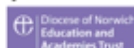
Year one have had lots of fun making a noise about bullying and learning all about Antibullying week. We kicked the week off with our Odd Socks Day, celebrating everyone being unique and designing a pair of our own odd socks. On Tuesday we talked about what bullying is and how there are different types of bullying - none of



which are okay! On Wednesday we took part in some role play and put ourselves in the shoes of people in different scenarios where someone was being unkind. We explained how we might feel if that really happened and how we could help that person - Make A Noise (tell a trusted adult). On Thursday we had a class discussion about how to be a good friend and today is Children in Need! We took part in some Pudsey Bear colouring and dressed in yellow or spots! Loads of fun!



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## Year 2

Year 2 loved showing off their odd socks on Monday. We have spent lots of time discussing 'making a noise about bullying' and what to do if we spot or experience bullying. We have done some mindfulness colouring to reflect on using our kind words and being a friend to others.



## Year 3

This week in Year 3 to raise awareness for anti-bullying week, the children learnt what bullying means and how to prevent it from happening. The children wore odd socks on Monday and watched the odd socks song online, On Tuesday and Wednesday we looked more closely at how we can help others and created posters all about anti-bullying. On Thursday we used our knowledge to complete some anti-bullying activities on purple mash.

## Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have focused a lot of our learning around anti bullying and the importance of being kind! I'm reading stars, we unpicked lots of vocabulary to understand the different types of bullying and the ways it can affect people's lives for a long period of time. In PSHE, we looked further into how simple it is to be kind and caring and that sometimes we do say things we don't mean but to recognise and reflect on those. We spent time making a good hand wreath we're the children wrote qualities on each finger for how to be a good friend.

## Year 5

Year 5 talked about what it meant to be bullied and also the difference between this and unkindness, banter and teasing. They looked at the effects of bullying and the children wrote anti-bullying pledges. The children also choose our Shining Light by voting for a child they felt always showed kind, thoughtful behaviour.

## Year 6

Year 6 completed some brilliant kindness wordles.



## ***Shining Lights of the Week!***

- Ark Nursery **Daisy** for showing consistent kindness towards her peers in class. Daisy has also shared some brilliant ideas during Anti-Bullying Week this week too.
- Antarctica Class (R) **Bertie** for being a kind friends to his friends always and making great progress in Maths this week.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Eva** for working incredibly hard on her perseverance skills especially with her reading and handwriting. We're very proud of you!
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Bobbie** for always being a kind and caring member of our class. Bobbie is always extremely thoughtful and is consistently compassionate towards his peers.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Hadley** for showing great understanding in maths this week. He has worked hard to show his working out using the formal written method and has explained his reasoning clearly.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Amelia** for working incredibly hard in her maths this week. Amelia has absolutely shone with her times table work, thinking carefully about calculations and working methodically. Well done!
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Sophie and Autumn C** for consistently behaving in a kind, thoughtful and considerate way. Well done!
- North America (yr 6) **Reuben** is our shining light for the positive approach he has shown to his learning this week. He has worked hard in all lessons, especially in our topic, Global Challenges.

**This week's overall attendance 96.9%**  
**Antarctica (yr R) and Oceania Class (yr 1) 100%**

### ***WOW MOMENTS!***

**Hana** (Yr 4) received gold at a gymnastics in house competition at Easton Gymnastics Club last weekend.

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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpiicUMV7>

## OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
<b>1</b>	Which toys did our grown-ups play with?
<b>2</b>	How do we know so much about the Great Fire of London?
<b>3</b>	What was life like in Bronze Age Britain?
<b>4</b>	Who were the Britains and why did Claudius invade Britain in 43CE?
<b>5</b>	What were the Viking raids and why were they so successful?
<b>6</b>	What causes global warming?



## North America Class (yr 6)

During our outdoor learning sessions on Tuesday, we made 3 different types of bird feeder. Year 6 enjoyed making theirs using sticks, string, cored apples, lard and bird seeds. They then hung them in the trees for the birds to enjoy!



## Asia Class (yr 5)

On Monday Year 5 had a visit from a virtual Viking. He told us all about what family life would have been like and then showed us some of the weapons Vikings used. He explained how each one was used and what the advantages and disadvantages of the different sorts were. We ended the session by practising a Viking roar which would have been used as they charged into battle!



## CHILDREN IN NEED



With our fantastic dressing up and brilliant bake sale (ran by our school council), we raised a total of £295.66 – so far as we have the cake stall after school to count. Thank you so much for your contributions and to Miss Bell-Tye for coordinating – Brilliant job!

## PARKING

Once again, we must remind parents to park sensibly and considerately at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We have received complaints from nearby residents informing us that there is a general lack of respect with cars blocking entrances to drives, parking across the entrance to Field Fare Loke and the nursing home, also parking on the grass of properties. Below are Norfolk County Council's guidelines to parking around schools:

### Dos

- Let children out of the car on to the pavement not the road
- Park away from the school
- Set a good example to other drivers and your children; they will learn from you
- Help your children to learn road safety skills
- Encourage other drivers to make the roads around schools a safer place

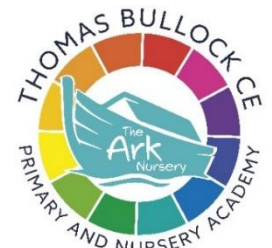
### DON'Ts

- Park your vehicle where it will endanger, inconvenience or obstruct other road users or pedestrians
- Block the school entrance or people's driveways
- Block the road – emergency vehicles may need access
- Park on yellow lines or zig zag markings
- Park on the pavement or across dropped kerbs
- Park opposite or within 10m of a junction.

**NO PARKING IN SCHOOL CAR PARK, UNLESS YOU HAVE PRIOR PERMISSION.**

# The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



We have had lots of discussions surrounding Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need this week, as well as learning all about the Hindu celebration of Diwali! We have been making marks on story maps for the end section of 'The Gruffalo'. In Maths sessions, we have continued learning about the number 2, subitising and representing the number, on 5-frames and with real life objects. We also enjoyed running around and splashing in puddles on the rainy days we saw this week!



Next week

Next week will be our final week of week of learning about 'The Gruffalo', but we will be focusing on 'The Gruffalo's Child'. We will be re-telling the story with actions, repeating phrases from the story and doing more mark making! In Maths, we will look at AB patterns (e.g. red cube, green cube, red cube, green cube). We will match actions to instrumental sounds and practise our listening skills. Very excitingly, we will also begin practising our singing ready for our Christmas Performance (further details will be sent out soon – our performance will be recorded for all to see!)

## Learning links at home

- Draw a Pudsey picture or make a Pudsey craft. There are some craft ideas / projects on the following link: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/pudsey-stay-at-home-activities/>
- Make some SPOTacular biscuits! <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/nursery-pre-school-2020/spotacular-biscuits-and-cakes/>



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## DIARY DATES

### December

- 1st Yr 3 Time & Tide Museum
- 1<sup>st</sup> Non Uniform day donation toward FOSS Raffle
- 5<sup>th</sup> Reception trip to High Lodge\*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nativity (Reception Class) at 9.15am and 2pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Holkham Hall Christmas Experience
- 15<sup>th</sup> FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- 18<sup>th</sup> FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert & Christingle at Church (TBC)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

**Christmas Holiday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### January 2024

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Children return to School**

### February

**Half term 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February inclusive**

### March

- 18<sup>th</sup> School Photographer (Class photos)
- 28<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed

**Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**

### MAY

- 6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday
- Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

### JULY

- 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term
- 19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed

\*New Addition