



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 hope you all had a lovely half-term. It has been a blustery start back to our Autumn 2 Term however the children have been fully immersed in their new learning topics. Thank you all for attending parents' evenings. The teachers are so grateful for your wonderful, positive comments about the children's learning and achievements to date. We look forward to welcoming more parents into school next week as we begin our series of maths cafes, more information further below.

Below you will find some fabulous information regarding our Cross Country event this week, we are so proud of all of our children for taking part and doing so well! We came 2nd in KS1 and 6th in KS2, well done!

This week's newsletter is full of exciting dates of upcoming events. Please do read on!

Have a lovely weekend!

Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery** **Esme** for her regular use of impressive vocabulary and her super story re-telling of 'The Gruffalo'!
- Antarctica Class (R)** **Elsie-Mae** for a fantastic week at school. Showing a fantastic attitude towards her learning, trying her best in everything! Elsie has made great choices this week.
- Oceania Class (yr 1)** **Dottie** for having a fantastic week at school, both in her classroom learning and in her achievements at the cross-country running event!
- Africa Class (yr 2)** **Corey** for making great choices in class. Corey has been super enthusiastic about learning and has engaged in our new topics really well.
- Europe Class (yr 3)** **Martha** for her fantastic attitude towards her learning this week, particularly in maths demonstrating great understanding of addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers.
- S America Class (yr 4)** **Kira** for her fantastic attitude and application of knowledge on our school trip. Kira was asking well-thought out questions and presented her understanding of Roman history well.
- Asia Class (yr 5)** **Bailey** for the effort that he puts into his maths every day and the perseverance he shows when attempting tricky questions.
- North America (yr 6)** **Isaac** is our shining light for his positive approach to his work this week. He has been independent and taken control of his learning.

This week's overall attendance – 97.3% Asia Class (yr 5) 98.5%



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WOW MOMENTS!

Violet (yr 1) received a Blue Peter badge for crafting and drawing she sent to them in the Summer holiday.
Theo (yr 2) was awarded Player of the Tournament in his group at a Wymondham Rugby Tournament.

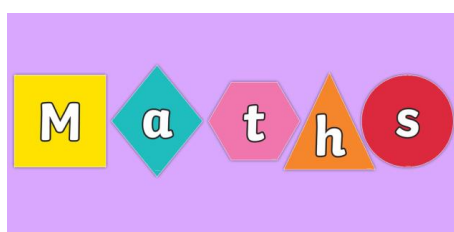


Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school

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OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	What different types of toys are there?
2	What was London like in 1666?
3	How do artefacts inform us about prehistory in Britain?
4	What are the states of matter?
5	Who were the Vikings?
6	How does the climate of a place influence how its land is used?



Maths Café for Reception and Nursery Monday 6th November at 2.30pm

Reception and Nursery classes are welcoming parents into their classrooms for a Maths café this coming Monday. This is an opportunity for parents to engage in some Maths learning and fun activities with your child! Due to limited space, we are asking for one adult only to attend for your child and unfortunately no siblings.

Harvest Thank you ...

Thank you for all your donations of items for the Mid Norfolk Foodbank, over 100kg of food was donated, enough for 4 families in crisis for 3 days.

Reminders...

Please return all outstanding Emergency Contact Details Forms and Home School Agreements. Thank you.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will take place from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November with Odd Socks Day on the Monday! All you need to do is wear odd socks. It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

The theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Make a Noise About Bullying'. We will kick off the week with an introduction, before each class takes part in themed activities, promoting kindness and ensuring children know how they can ask for help.

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year, BBC Children in Need will be taking place on Friday 17th November 2023. This year's theme encourages you to be SPOTacular with lots of fun ways to raise money and take part in the appeal. We ask that children bring in a donation for Children in Need and dress themselves in yellow, Pudsey-related or spotty clothing. Thomas Bullock's Children in Need fundraising activities will soon be revealed!



Friends of Shipdham School – Diary Dates Added

Friday 1st December – Non uniform day, donations please for the FOSS raffle. Please note Year 3 are on a school trip this day and will be required to come in school uniform.

Friday 15th and Monday 18th December – FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shops – an opportunity for the children to choose small Christmas gifts items priced 10p - £1.

Africa Class (year 2)

This week the children were super excited to show their half term homework about the Fire of London and were super engaged and ready for our new topics!



South America Class (year 4)

The children had the most fantastic time on their school trip to Norwich Castle on Monday, what a great first day back! We spent time with a Roman soldier learning how to fight in battle with shields and swords and the equipment they needed to be successful. We looked at artefacts which were over 2,000 years old and handled them with care, discussing what they were used for. We also had the opportunity to spend time with a member of the Iceni tribe who enlightened us about the life they used to live.

The children came back over half term with some amazing work! They have produced some fantastic shields to go alongside our study of Roman History. They have thought carefully about the size and colour and how they should be used in battle. Great job, Year 4!



Antarctica Class (Reception)

To finish our Literacy learning on the story of The Little Red Hen, Antarctica Class enjoyed making their own bread rolls this week in class... and of course eating them. Following this they worked to use their recently learnt sounds to add labels to the photos to show the steps they used.



CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS

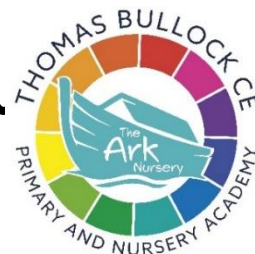
The school took part in two Cross Country Competitions held at Langley Taverham Hall School over two days organised by the Schools Sports Partnership this week. In the KS1 competition there were 10 schools taking part and Team TB came 2nd overall. Well done to Dottie in Yr 1 who came 3rd, Reggie in Yr 2 who came 2nd in their races and Dylan who was awarded the competition value certificate for honesty.



In the KS2 competition there were 18 schools taking part and Team TB came 6th overall. Well done to Esme who came 2nd and Cole in who came 10th both in Yr 5 and have got through to County finals later this month. Scarlett in Yr 3 was awarded the competition value certificate for honesty.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

In Maths this week, we have learnt all about the number 'one' and represented it in different ways. We were eventually introduced to our new focus story of 'The Gruffalo' after finding clues that he had been in our classroom! We discussed the characters, read the story, sang the song and re-told the story with puppets / toys.

We talked about celebrations in the form Bonfire Night. With Bonfire Night approaching this weekend, we discussed the importance of keeping safe and how we can do so. The children noticed that it was getting darker in the evenings and has felt much cooler these past few days. We used a torch to look at Miss Bell-Tye's high visibility jacket and we talked about how we can wear them to be seen in the dark. This means we definitely need warm clothes and coats now! We created firework art with paint and paint water in pipettes. As well as this, we have done lots of creative mark making too!



Next Week

We will continue exploring instrumental sounds and body percussion. We will continue our learning surrounding the story book of 'The Gruffalo', creating a class story map and retelling the story with actions! In Maths, we will concentrate on developing fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising'). Our rhyme of the week will be: 1, 2 buckle my shoe.

Learning links at home

- Paint or draw a firework picture. You could use crayons, pens, paint or even glitter and glue!
- Talk about fire and firework safety rules and why they are important.
- Practise getting dressed for a Bonfire Night event. Can you practise zipping up your coat and putting on your hats and gloves?
- Make a model rocket using cardboard tubes and boxes. Talk about the colours you used.



DIARY DATES

November

- 6th Maths Café for Nursery and Reception parents 2.30pm
- 7th Yr 6 Norwich Cathedral 'A Day to Remember'
- 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

Please also be reminded that parking within the School Grounds is not permitted without prior authorisation.