



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 The Nightingale Federation,

We received a number of fantastic designs for the logo for the Federation, which we intend to share with Governors at our Local Governing Body meeting in two weeks' time. If you would like to still like to complete a design, please do!

Thank you for quickly registering for our free enrichment clubs. This term we are delighted to be offering an opportunity for our teachers to share their interests with your children alongside offering a non-chargeable extended provision with our qualified teachers.

Vacancies: We are recruiting a Federation, qualified HLTA:

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/higher-level-teaching-assistant-257/?fromSearchPage=true> and will be adding an advert for a temporary (in the first instance) midday supervisor at Lyng Primary School, 6.65 hours per week 11:40am to 13:00pm Monday to Friday. Please contact the office for more details and we encourage these to be shared with friends and family that may be interested in either of these posts.

Reception Starters September 2024 Please do find the link herewith for applying for a Reception 2024 school place at our Primary School by the closing deadline of January 15th if you have not already done so:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery	Norah for settling so well into our class. Norah comes into school confidently, explores the classroom and joins in with role play with her new friends!
Antarctica Class (R)	Arlo for his fantastic efforts with his phonics and writing.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	Lexie for making excellent choices, completing all of her work and really impressing us with her independent writing about elephants on her fact file.
Africa Class (yr 2)	Dexter for coming back to school with a positive attitude to learning. Dexter has been keen to participate in class discussions and has worked really hard in English.
Europe Class (yr 3)	Quinn for his perseverance and focus in reading.
S America Class (yr 4)	Archie for being patient, polite and hardworking; he is a pleasure to have in our classroom. He lets his light shine in line with our school values and is the perfect role model.
Asia Class (yr 5)	Tom for his hard work in Geography this week. He carried out some interesting research into landmarks and countries which he then shared with the class.
North America (yr 6)	Tigga is our shining light this week for being kind to others and working really hard!

This week's overall attendance 96% Asia Class (yr 2) 99%



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WOW MOMENTS!

Jessica (yr 3) made her promise for Shipdham Spitfire Scouts.

Betsy (yr 5) took her Grade 1 Modern Dance Exam in December and passed with a Distinction!

Austin (yr 5) has pledged to walk 100 miles in 100 days to raise money for the Epilepsy Society. His Aunty has struggled with epilepsy for most of her life, so this is a charity close to his heart. He is aiming to raise £100.

Bobbie (Yr 2) achieved his Level 1 swimming badge just before Christmas.

George How (Y3), Reuben P (Y3), Harrison (Y3), Hadley (Y3) and Theo (Y2) all play for The Shipdham Wasps and played a thrilling match against the Shipdham Hornets in the Quarterfinals of the Under 8's 4 Sports Trophy last weekend. The Hornets are an excellent team and Shipdham Wasps, having been 5-1 down, came back finishing 7-7 at full time. Extra time ended 1-1 and it went to penalties. Unfortunately, they just lost out on penalties but all played amazingly well and most importantly showed many of our school values including perseverance, resilience and courage. They also showed respect and kindness to the other team and were gracious in defeat. They all deserve a huge well done!



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpjjcUMV7>

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	How do we travel around today?
2	What are the seven continents that makeup planet Earth?
3	Which countries make up Europe?
4	What are the key physical features of South America?
5	What are the key physical features of Asia?
6	How did the First World War begin and why did Britain fight?

North America Class (yr 6)

Here is a photo of year 6 enjoying making a physical timeline outside this afternoon as part of their history lesson. We looked at the different events and time periods of British history and put them into our timeline so that the children could see where World War One and Two fit into history.



Africa Class (yr 2)

The children have enjoyed exploring maps and globes as part of our new 'Planet Earth' topic this week. They have been looking to identify the seven continents.



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5th-11th February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.



During Children's Mental Health Week, and always, we want all children to be able to say - and believe - "My Voice Matters." **Throughout the week in school, we will take part in themed assemblies, PSHE activities and will be spending some extra time talking about what it means to express ourselves, the importance of looking after our mental health and what makes each of us unique!**

Miss Bell-Tye will also be holding some themed lunch time fun from 12:30 onwards:

Monday 5th 12:30 - Nursery and Reception - Yoga

Tuesday 6th 12:30 - Year 1 and 2 - Mindfulness colouring and yoga on the carpet

Wednesday 7th 12:30 - Year 3 and 4 - Mindfulness colouring and a chat

Thursday 8th 12:30 - Year 5 and 6 - Mindfulness colouring and discussion about how we can look after our mental health

Friday 9th 12:30 - all years - Mental Health Walk and Talk

On Friday 11th February, we invite children to express themselves through their choice of clothing. Come to school dressed in your favourite clothes, a costume or anything that helps you to express your uniqueness! Please wear sensible shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather.

Eco Warriors

The Eco warriors have been busy thinking about ways to promote healthy living as part of our Eco schools work. We think they are doing a brilliant job and produced this short Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/901217714?share=copy>



Maths Café

We would like to invite Year 1, 2 and 3 parents, carers, or grandparents to join their child's class for a Maths Cafe on Wednesday 17th January from 2.15 to 3pm. We will share a Maths story and invite you to work with your child to complete Maths challenges related to the book. The children look forward to showing you the strategies that they have learnt in their lessons.



Friends of Shipdham School (FOSS) Check out the new music equipment in our KS1 area!

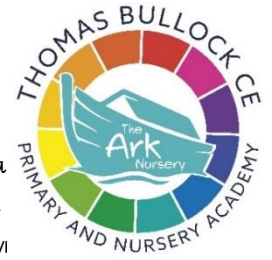


We would like to extend a huge thank you to FOSS for purchasing this equipment for our school. The children love it! FOSS work really hard to raise funds in order to provide such equipment and create new experiences and opportunities for our children. We also recognise the input our families and wider community provide in supporting FOSS to raise these funds. Thank you! Also, a big thank you to Mrs Taylor and her husband for coming and putting this up for us at the weekend.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This Week



We have settled back in wonderfully after the Christmas holidays, welcoming new friends into our class. We started our RWI phonics with our 3-4-year olds by learning the sound 'm' last week. This week's sounds have been 's'. Children enjoyed searching for 's' in the sand, as well as writing the letter 'a' on apples! We've been writing 'a' on apples too. We have been exploring the book of 'Owl Babies' in Literacy. We story mapped and re-told the story together and towards the end of the week, starts to make missing posters for the missing Mummy Owl. In Maths, we have learnt all about the number 3 - counting to 3, recognising the number 3 numeral, the composition of 3 and subitising, as well as playing lots of games! During our afternoons together, we have learnt all about owls, painted our own owl pictures, explored ice (freezing and melting) and we've done lots of role playing and playing social games to build confidence and make new friends! We also had our first PE games sessions with Mrs Greenland – these were super fun!



Next week

Our focus sounds in RWI phonics will be 'd' and 't'. We will continue with our Owl Babies learning for two days, before moving onto exploring our new Literacy focus book of 'Star in the Jar'. Don't forget to bring in your jars, ready for making our own stars in jars! In Maths, we will be looking at the number 4. During our afternoons, we will look at other countries in the world, with a focus on comparing our country to colder countries. We will then begin comparing the animals that live in our country and arctic animals in future weeks.

Learning links at home

- Place teddies into piles of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Can you look at the pile and know how many there are (subitising), without needing to count?
- Talk to the people at home about what has wheels – or spot things whilst out on a walk!
- What can you think of that begins with 's'? Go on a hunt around your house!



DIARY DATES

January

17th Maths Café for years 1, 2 and 3*

February

6th Yr 6 Trip to Duxford (8.30 – 4.30)*

11th Non uniform – dress in your favourite clothes for Mental Health Week*

14th Yr 3 Parent/Teacher Appointments*

15th Yr 3 Parent/Teacher Appointments*

Half term 19th – 23rd February inclusive

March

4th to 5th Yr 5 residential to The Horstead Centre

18th School Photographer (Class photos)

20th Parent/Teacher Appointments*

21st Parent/Teacher Appointments*

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