



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

This week the children in years 4, 5 and 6 had a visit from a police officer to discuss safe internet use and the importance of being kind and respectful online. They talked about age appropriate content and the reason for certain sites and games to be age limited. The pros and cons of Youtube were explained and the importance of being safe when posting and watching videos online. The children were encouraged to talk to a trusted adult if they saw anything they found worrying or upsetting online and the ability to block or remove contacts was explained. They were also told to be prepared to have their devices checked to ensure they were using them appropriately and staying safe. It was a very useful and informative session.

Student Council Cake Stall

The Student Council did an amazing job selling all the wonderful donations of cakes and biscuit at breaktime and after school on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who supported their initiative and to make it such a success. £123 was raised towards their outdoor project.

Have a wonderful half term holiday!

Notices and Reminders

Administering Medicines in School

Please be reminded that if you wish us to administer any form of medicine to your child during the school day, a form needs to be completed. These are held in the school office and breakfast club and can be completed at the time of handing over medicine. We cannot administer medicine unless the form has been completed.

Medical Appointments

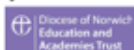
For medical appointments during the school day, please provide evidence. Dentist, GPs and Hospitals do send confirmation of appointment by text, email or letters, please forward to the school office to enable us to authorise the absence. Children missing whole morning or afternoon sessions will be marked unauthorised unless evidence is received.

New Menu

There will be a new menu when we return after half term and a copy is attached as a separate attachment to this newsletter.



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Shining Lights of the Half Term!

Ark Nursery	Brady and Daisy for showing creativity throughout the half term. Brady and Daisy are quick to access the creative activities but will also use open-ended resources to make their own creative pieces too.
Antarctica Class (R)	Aiden & Elena for showing and sharing their creativity this half term. They are inventive and put their imagination to good use. Their ideas during our story telling Mondays are brilliant also!
Oceania Class (yr 1)	William always arrives at school with marvellous creations made at breakfast club. He continues to be imaginative throughout his daily lessons. Georgia for always making wonderful, artistic and imaginative creations at breakfast club and is very kind and generous at sharing them out with her friends and teachers.
Africa Class (yr 2)	Hugo for using his wonderful, creative mind in our English writing. He has been extremely motivated and independent in class, demonstrating a brilliant attitude towards learning. Emma for using our value of creativity in every aspect of her learning. Emma always takes her time to think through her wonderful ideas and creates excellent work.
Europe Class (yr 3)	Kai for expressing fantastic creativity in our music lessons this half term. He is always enthusiastic, fully engaged and has demonstrated great perseverance. Imogen for showing fantastic creativity in maths. She has been creative in her problem solving and been able to express her thinking in many different concrete, pictorial and abstract forms.
S America Class (yr 4)	Eliza for consistently demonstrating this half terms value of creativity. Eliza has worked her 'socks off' this half term with a wonderful attitude, tackling any barriers she may face with creativity and perseverance. Alfie for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of creativity. Alfie has worked his 'socks off' this half term with enthusiasm and a positive outlook. He always gives 100% of effort and thinks of creative ways to solve any barriers he comes up against in his learning.
Asia Class (yr 5)	Ruby has a creative way of thinking and always has imaginative ideas when writing stories. She also works hard in art and design lessons thinking carefully about the effect she wants to create. Darcey has a creative way of thinking and always has imaginative ideas when writing stories. She also contributes to class discussions with original and interesting ideas and suggestions.
North America (yr 6)	Isaac for his wonderfully creative ideas in writing- his use of new vocabulary is always excellent! Sophie for showing creativity in maths. She solves problems in different ways and is able to explain her thinking carefully.

This week's overall attendance 97%

South America Class (yr 4) 97%



WOW MOMENTS!

Luca (yr 2) has moved up to Stage 3 in swimming.

William (yr 4) earned his yellow sash at Kung Fu last week!

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	How has road transport changed?
2	What Is the continent of Oceania like?
3	What is it like in the countries of Western Europe?
4	Do people live in the Amazon Rainforest?
5	What are tectonic plates?
6	How did Britain fight in the Second World War?

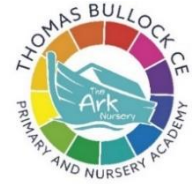
Antarctica Class (yr R)

Antarctica class have been learning about Shrove Tuesday which is also known as pancake day! They talked about why pancake day is an event in the Christian calendar, what their favourite toppings are, they made their own dough pancakes, reading and flipping and even had some to try for their snack... yum!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



We have had a busy week! We learnt our final sound of the half term: 'k'. During our literacy sessions, we read stories of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and 'Guess How Much I Love You', linked to our Pancake Day and Valentine's Day learning. During Maths, we learnt about the composition of 5. Lots of children were excitedly shouting "3 and 2 makes 5", "4 and 1 makes 5!" As well as this, we explored our outdoor environments and took part in lots of Valentine's and Pancake Day themed activities.



See our Spring 2 newsletter for what we will be up to next half term. Enjoy your half term!

Learning links at home

- Have a well-deserved rest!
- Go for a walk with a grown-up and look for any signs of spring popping up. Talk about what you can see. Can you spot any flowers growing? Did you see any animals? You could take a picture or draw one of what you see on your walk.
- Lots of daffodils are starting to pop up! Can you draw or paint a picture of your favourite flower?

DIARY DATES

February

Half term 19th – 23rd February inclusive

26th Thinking Day

March

4th Yr 2 Geography Visitor

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

7th World Book Day – Dress Up Day

8th FOSS Bingo in WI Hall - SAVE THE DATE, time tbc

14th Yr 4 Level 1 Cycling*

18th School Photographer (Class photos)

20th Yr 5 Asian Food Tasting*

20th Parent/Teacher Appointments

21st Parent/Teacher Appointments

27th Easter Service at Church 1.30pm

28th INSET Day School Closed

Easter holiday 29th March – 12th April inclusive

MAY

6th Bank holiday

7th & 8th Yr 5 Level 2 Cycling*

Half term 27th – 31st May

JULY

18th Last day of term

19th INSET Day School Closed

*New Addition