



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 Thursday we had a visit by the school's Academy Group Executive Principle (AGEP), who is also an Ofsted Inspector. The purpose was to complete a deep dive, looking closely at the children's learning in our school specifically in Maths. During the visit the learning across school was calm and purposeful, the environment was strong and supportive. The children spoke eloquently using correct mathematical vocabulary about their enjoyment of maths and what they knew. We are pleased to share with you that the visit was extremely positive and in her view the teaching and learning, SEND provision, behaviour and outcomes is Outstanding.

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Johnson, experienced Year 1 teacher at Thomas Bullock and the Science Leader has been appointed to the role of Interim Phase Leader for KS1 following a successful application and interview. This role will officially begin when Miss Newcombe leaves for Maternity Leave at end of this half term. Mr Long, will be taking over her role as Maths Leader and supporting schools in the Mastery Maths programme. Miss Newcombe will be spending time with both teachers over the coming weeks.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Baby News

We are delighted to announce that Miss Turner has given birth to a beautiful baby girl. She was born last week and is now 11 days old. We have spoken to Miss Turner this week and both are well; we hope to see them visiting us very soon.

Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We have a temporary vacancy until the end of the summer term for an MSA. Job advert and job description are attached separately to this emailed newsletter. Please call the school office if you are interested or have any questions.

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Vacancy

Just a reminder that the HLTA vacancy is still open more information here:

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/higher-level-teaching-assistant-257/>

Parking

Once again, we have had complaints from the community around careful and considerate parking around the school. Please do not park on pavements/verges or too close to other cars so as to make it difficult for children and pushchairs to keep on the pavements safely.

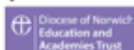
Wraparound Care

The booking form for next half term's wraparound care is now open for booking. Please book on as soon as possible and before we break up so we can update the register – booking link here:

<https://forms.gle/pmUxBccffEfG4wEe7>



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Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery	Henry for his increased independence this week. We are looking forward to seeing this continue and are so proud!
Antarctica Class (R)	Esther for having a super positive week in school! She has made great choices with her learning and has been a kind, caring friend to others.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	Flynn for demonstrating our value of creativity on a number of occasions. Not only has he invented some imaginative characters and a setting in his English work but he has also created some marvellous models at Lego club.
Africa Class (yr 2)	Arthur for his enthusiasm in our class learning. Arthur is always keen to share his thoughtful and creative ideas with the class.
Europe Class (yr 3)	Lewis G for always working hard and being a fantastic role model in class. He has been particularly supportive of his learning partner.
S America Class (yr 4)	Rocco for having such positivity towards all of his learning. Rocco has thrown himself into his work and tried his best in all of his lessons, concentrating and listening carefully.
Asia Class (yr 5)	Lily for always working hard, trying her best and being a great role model.
North America (yr 6)	Esme is our shining light this week for her growing confidence in maths. She has made great progress!

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

WOW MOMENTS!

Jake (yr 5) Every week, Jake puts aside some of his pocket money for charity and has, so far, donated £15 to the NSPCC!

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 were the first trains different from trains of today?
2	What is the continent of North America like?
3	What is it like in the countries of Northern Europe?
4	What is it like inside a tropical rainforest?
5	What happens when a volcano erupts?
6	What did the First World War end and what followed?



Number Day

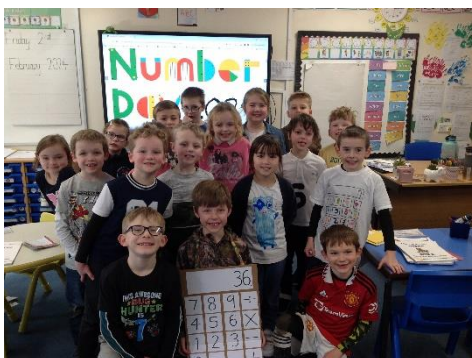
Mr Johnson's dress up for Number Day, as you can see, was quite unique – wearing a table with two clocks attached and three questions written underneath for his year 1 class:

- Q1. How many clocks?
- Q2. What do clocks tell?
- Q3. What are the clocks attached to?

Answer 'Two Times Table' 😊

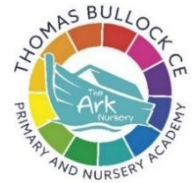


Thank you for all of your donations towards the NSPCC for Number Day. Across the school the children have enjoyed various different maths activities and problem solving. At lunch time children were given the opportunity to play some maths games on the chromebooks. The children looked great and had a fantastic number filled day!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



Our sounds of the week this week were 'p' and 'g'. When writing 'p', we say "down the plait and over the pirate's face". When writing 'g', we say "around the girl's face, down her hair and give her a curl". We are doing such a super job of blending sounds to make words too! In Literacy, we did lots of talking about ocean scenes, sounds and visuals of sea creatures, before being introduced to our focus book of 'Hooray for Fish!' In Maths, we learnt all about the number 5 and were introduced to the pentagon, making our own using lolly sticks. During our afternoons, we learnt all about the ocean and creatures within it, we looked at the different oceans on the globe and made our own sea creature fossils. We also planted out some primroses kindly donated by Daisy's mum – a lovely pop of colour to the outdoors! Finally, we enjoyed dressing up for Number Day on Friday and completing lots of maths themed activities.



Next week

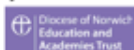
Our focus sounds will be 'o' and 'c'. Our literacy sessions will continue to be based upon our book 'Hooray for fish'. In Maths, we will continue to focus on the number 5, looking at composition. During our afternoons, we will learn about Lunar New Year, as well as continuing to talk about oceans and sea creatures too. We will do our usual outdoor learning, planting out more seeds and looking after our current seeds and plants too.

Learning links at home

- Spot the number 5 whilst on walks, on car number plates or door numbers. You could also point out the number 5 in your house, on the clock, a watch or the oven.
- Build a tower of 5 building blocks.
- Research fish, using the internet or books, and draw your favourite one! What colour is it? Does it have a pattern? How big is it?



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DIARY DATES

February

- 6th Yr 6 Trip to Duxford (8.30 – 4.30)
- 6th e-safety Day parents session at 3pm
- 7th Yr1 and Yr4 Mini Monsters Creepy Crawly Roadshow
- 9th Non uniform – dress in your favourite clothes for Mental Health Week*
- 14th School Council Cake Sale
- 14th Yr 3 Parent/Teacher Appointments
- 15th Yr 3 Parent/Teacher Appointments

Half term 19th – 23rd February inclusive

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*
- 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