



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

Our annual Spelling Bee took place today, please can all sponsorship be returned next week. The children did exceptionally well across all year group, we are very proud of all the hard work all children and families have put into learning their spellings. The winners were: Apphia (yr R), Will (yr 1), Caiden (yr 2), Lewis G (yr 3), Harry (yr 4), Leila (yr 5), Sophie (yr 6).



There were some great bee costumes too!



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Shining Lights of the Week

- Ark Nursery **Joseph** for a brilliant start in Ark Class. Joseph confidently re-tells stories, sings rhymes, role plays with his peers and takes responsibility for our classroom and resources too.
- Antarctica Class (R) **Johan** for an incredible week of learning! He has shown great determination and a real 'can-do' attitude.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Avery** for demonstrating our value of resilience in his learning and bouncing back when faced with little stumbling blocks.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Dylan** for showing great resilience in his learning. Dylan has been working extremely hard in Maths and his confidence is shining!
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Sienna** for showing great resilience in her maths, working hard with Mr Weston and applying her ever improving skills in the maths lessons.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Aaliyah** for showing our value of resilience in her maths work this week. Aaliyah has been working really hard using tools around her and talking through the processes to get to the answers.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Cole** for working hard in English this week. He thought hard about his word choices and structure to produce an effective piece of writing.
- North America (yr 6) **April** for always doing the right thing, being a responsible member of year 6 and an excellent role model for our school

This week's overall attendance 97.2% South America Class (yr 4) 99.3%

WOW MOMENTS!

Austin (yr 5) and **Daisy** (yr 2) both completed Challenge 100 - walking over 100 miles each in 100 days, to raise money for the Epilepsy Society!

Autumn B (yr 5) helped her Mum and Dad organise a huge celebrity fundraising event last weekend. She was a mascot with Danny Dyer with her friend Millie and helped raise £17000 for Amber's Army charity. Autumn made sweet cones to sell as well as help collect raffle items, laminate posters, organise gift bags and on the day helped organise the numerous celebrities. She is already looking forward to choosing and supporting another charity in October.

Halli (yr 4) has been training along with her father each weekend to take part in a 15mile walk to raise money for a Hospice. It's a huge challenge and we look forward to hearing how she gets on – keep going Halli!

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	What is it like to live in Scotland?
2	What are human rights?
3	What are the different biomes of the world?
4	What do we know about Ancient Maya cities?
5	How important were the British Empire and trade during the Industrial Revolution?



EARTH DAY

During Collective Worship on Earth Day this week the children watched a video about Earth Day and how we can look after our planet. Following discussion the children reflected on the meaning of a range of quotes, a couple of examples are below:

“To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people’s trash.” —*Bill Nye*

“It looks big, Earth. But there are lots of us on here (7,523,458,567 and counting) so be kind.” —*Oliver Jeffers*



Bee Netball Competition

Yr 6 took part in a Bee Netball Competition held at Neatherd High School. There were 16 schools taking part and Team TB did well winning their group and going on to play for places 1 – 4 and coming 3rd overall. All the girls played well and showed great teamwork. The competition value was Teamwork and this was awarded to Tigga.



Africa Class (yr 2)

The Class have enjoyed exploring capacity and volume in Maths this week. In art they investigated the artist Esther Mahlangu and produced small versions of artwork.



Year 5 and Year 6

Following a cluster wide project with the high schools, where the staff there have shared expectations for pupils for year 7 to all primary schools, we have been working with year 6 to help prepare them. These are the things we are working on with the children:

- Following the school rules, including wearing the correct uniform, school shoes, PE kit and changing their shoes to go on the field at break and lunch times
- Respecting all staff and demonstrating a positive attitude to learning
- Being responsible: Having a water bottle in school and completing their homework each week
- Being safe: playing games, including football, safely
- Going to the toilet at break and lunch so they don't need to ask to go in lesson time

Thank you for your support.

Reminders...

Parking

A reminder that parking in the school car park is not permitted at the beginning and end of the school day unless by prior permission. The safety of our children is paramount during these busy times.

Staff on the Gate

Teaching staff are on the gate at drop off and pick up to support your children to have a safe entry into school and to receive brief messages related to the day. We are seeing an increase in parents and carers wanting to have full meetings at these times and in front of other families within our school community. Moving forward, please can you book a meeting through the office if you require a conversation with the class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Keeping us up to date

Please remember to keep us updated with contact information, telephone numbers, change of address etc. Also, please do not forget to inform the school office or teacher if anybody other than the regular collectors are to pick up or whether your child is permitted to walk home by themselves.

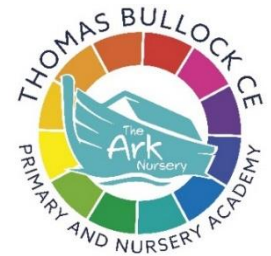
Free School Meals

We recognise that so many circumstances have changed with the current cost of living challenges - it could be that families have had a change in income. As a result, we want to make you aware that at any time we can apply to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals. As well as a 'free meal' each day it also supports the children throughout their time in school (pupil premium), regardless of whether your circumstances then change. If you feel you may be eligible, please speak to the School Office on how to apply. Alternatively, you can visit the link below:

[Free School Meal Application](#)



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have been busy this week, completing some hands-on learning based around 'Errol's Garden'. We also welcomed in some caterpillars to the classroom! We can't wait to watch these grow, alongside our tadpoles, froglets and frogs. We have also learnt new sounds 'w' and 'z'. In maths, we have been superstar learners – the children picked up positional language vocabulary so quickly! We compared babies and children, noticing their differences. We looked at our own baby photos, talking about how each of us has changed. We also had lots of fun measuring ourselves against baby clothes!



Next week

Our RWI phonics sounds will be 'x'. We will begin our literacy learning based around the fun story book 'The Runaway Pea', whilst reading and talking all about 'The Hungry Caterpillar' too – linked to the real-life experience of having caterpillars to observe in our classroom. This will also be a focus during some of our afternoons too. In maths, we will look at 'more than' and 'fewer'. We are also continuing to look at growth of babies – all the way through to adults this week. As well as this, we will explore lifecycles, and much much more!

Learning links at home

- Play 'I spy' – instead of using initial sounds, use positional vocabulary. For example, say "I spy something that is **under** the bed" or "I spy something that is **behind** the chair".
- Play 'Hide and Seek' with a selection of toys. Hide the toys around the house. Your child can ask you questions to help them find the toys. Use positional words to describe where you have hidden the toys. For example, "It is underneath..." or "It is next to..."
- Go on a listening walk outside. Close your eyes and see what you can hear. Can you talk about the different sounds that you can hear? Are they quiet or loud sounds? What do you think they might be?



DIARY DATES

APRIL

29th & 30th – Year 5 Cycling Training (group 1)

MAY

1st Yr 5 Trip to Gressenhall – Victorian Day

6th Bank holiday

7th Year 5 Cycling (group 2)

8th Federation Sports Event

9th Year 5 Cycling (group 2)

13th – 17th Year 6 SATs week

20th – 24th Year 2 SATs week

Half term 27th – 31st May

JUNE

13th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day shop*

14th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day shop*

24th Yr 2 Trip to Banham Zoo

27th Norfolk Show year 3, 4 and 5*

JULY

1st Sport Day*

8th Reserve Sports Day*

11th Yr 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach

17th, 18th, 19th Year 6 transition days (Northgate & Neatherd)*

18th Last day of term

19th INSET Day School Closed

*New Addition