



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 we must pay tribute to the children in Year 6, we are incredibly proud of you all, you have shown great spirit, perseverance and positivity throughout the whole week of SATs testing continuing to smile throughout. Well done! Thank you too to our amazing team who all jumped in to support them in one way or another, stepping out of class offering wise and calming words of support to the children. A huge thank you to our dedicated year 6 team, Mrs Fowler, Ms McMurray, Mrs Heavens and Mrs Carter who have gone above and beyond to prepare our children for these assessments, both academically and emotionally. Last, but no means least we are grateful to all the parent/carer families. Positive learning stems from positive discussions about learning at home, support with reading and interest in our children's schooling.

Thank you too to our great kitchen team for preparing breakfast each morning for year 6 this week. A variety of cereal, pain au chocolat, toast, fresh fruit and bacon rolls were enthusiastically received! Also, to the fabulous FOSS for providing a Pizza lunch specially delivered to the class today!

Across the school, in Reception, our pupils went to a fairy tales day at Gressenhall – more about this further on in the newsletter. Year 5s learned about tie-dyeing, making some super patterns and Year 4 have been learning to play the violin and a number of year groups have enjoyed having cricket lessons led by Brett from Bradenham Cricket Club.

Finally, just a reminder about the sun – please continue to wear sun hats, apply sunscreen and bring a water bottle each day to school.

Have a lovely weekend!



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Shining Lights of the Week

- Ark Nursery **Harry** for his impressive progress in phonics. Harry knows all single-letter sounds taught in class and is now learning special friends too.
- Antarctica Class (R) **Ellis** is our shining light of the week for his positive efforts and determination in phonics this week.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Edward** for his fantastic, innovated version of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. He used super story language and some amazing adjectives.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Arthur** for his positive attitude towards learning. Arthur has been extremely motivated and has worked very hard in class.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **George Hi** for his excellent problem solving in our computing lessons. Sorting through a chain of code to see why it wouldn't work, correcting it and sharing his solution.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Theo** for his enthusiasm and determination towards his learning specifically in English. Theo has been making sure he has been successful by checking his WILF and asking questions to make sure he is able to include the features required.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Cyril** for the resilience he has shown typing up and publishing his newspaper report despite several technical problems!
- North America (yr 6) **All of year 6** for fantastic effort, perseverance and resilience in SATs week!

This week's overall attendance 94.7% Asia Class (yr 5) 99.6%

WOW MOMENTS!

Halli (yr 4) has completed the 14 mile Pier to Pier walk last weekend. Although glorious sunshine, which certainly made it a tougher challenge, she fought through the pain and was amazing. She raised over £350 in memory of her Grandad and was the only child under 12 to complete the full Pier to Pier challenge and back! In fact she clocked up over 16 miles that day which is just amazing.

Martha (yr 1) has had her first piano lessons and is already making great progress!

Elsa (yr 5) has received her Silver level Medal after just 4 weeks of training with her Cheerleading Club.



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 England famous for?
2	How does Malala Yousafzai fight for girls' rights?
3	What challenges do humans face living in each biome?
4	How do we know that the Ancient Maya could read, write and do complex maths?
5	Why were iron and coal important to the Industrial Revolution?

Africa Class (yr 2)

The class would like to say a massive thank you to FOSS who kindly donated us some money to put towards our plants. We have been writing and following instructions on how to plant a seed. Year 2 are super excited to watch their sunflowers grow. In Art this week, the children have been printing using leaves.



Antarctica Class (yr R)

The class had a fantastic trip to Gressenhall this week for a traditional tales workshop. They were met off the bus by one of Cinderella's sisters who took them for a fun and immersive story where they learnt that museum objects were missing and had been hidden by the Wicked Witch! The day consisted of lots of storytelling with different characters and lots of fun activities, including potion make, sliding down Jack's beanstalk and helping Cinderella clean the farmhouse. They found all the missing objects and using their magic from the magic tree were able to bring them back to where they were supposed to be. Luckily, by finding the objects, the Wicked Witch was turned into a museum exhibit herself so she was no longer able to play any nasty tricks on people or hide things she shouldn't! All the children were a real credit to the school and there were lots of smiles and giggles throughout the day!

The class have also been filling in their bean diaries as they observe and notice changes in their bean plants!



Spelling Bee – update

The spellathon money has been tallied up and across the Federation an amazing £1427.80 was received in sponsorship. Way to go spellers! Mrs O’Sullivan looks forward to meeting with the children and planning on how to spend the money raised.

Wraparound Care

If you have not yet completed the wraparound care survey, please can we ask that you do? We have a small number of responses (only 2) and are looking to gather information that may support how we develop our timings and offer for the club. Please find the link here:

<https://forms.gle/svYmdfFwPZsFkDR56>

The link for booking onto next half term’s club is open, please click here to book :

<https://forms.gle/ri2xsSm5rQvcZ7Gs9>

DIARY DATES

MAY

20th – 24th Year 2 SATs week

Half term 27th – 31st May

JUNE

13th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers’ Day shop

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15th FOSS Yard Sale

19th Yr 6 Rev Laura – Moving to High School

24th Yr 2 Trip to Banham Zoo

27th Norfolk Show year 3, 4 and 5

JULY

1st Sports Day

3rd to 5th Year 6 Residential

8th Reserve Sports Day

10th Yr 6 Performance at 5.45pm

11th Yr 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach

12th Leavers Service and End of Year Awards (afternoon)

12th Yr 6 BBQ @ 4.15pm and Production at 5.45pm

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

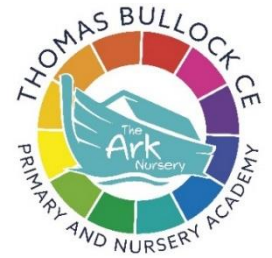
18th Last day of term

19th INSET Day School Closed

*New Addition

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



In RWI Phonics this week, we have been introduced to special friends 'sh' and 'th'. We started our learning surrounding our new focus book 'Oliver's Fruit Salad'. We have tasted a range of fruit, in the form of a fruit salad, voting for our personal favourites. During our maths sessions, we recapped our 2D shapes – the children have incredible knowledge of these (even a pentagon!) – and also started to learn about 3D shapes too. Linked to World Bee Day on Monday, we explored the life cycle of a honey bee, talked about why bees are important and what they do! We've completed lots of craft activities and spent lots of time outside (even in the rain!) and caring for all of our growing plants.

We think our butterflies are going to emerge next week and we are very excited!

We've also arranged our very own nursery sports day event – 24th June – please see email sent to parents for further information.



Next week

We will continue learning special friends (sh, th and ch) in our RWI phonics sessions, applying this new knowledge while segmenting and blending to read green words. We will look further at 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' and consolidate our learning from the half term in Maths. Monday is World Bee Day and we will continue to learn lots about the importance of bees. We are really looking forward to a special visitor coming in to talk to us on Monday too – we've gathered some questions to learn more! We will also look at healthy eating, as well as fruits and how they grow and we will discuss adjectives to describe a range of them.

Learning links at home

- Do some planting (we have lots of seeds you can take home with you!) and talk through the different stages of planting a seed. How do we look after a plant?
- Spot 3D shapes around your home. Can you remember their names? How many faces do they have?
- Can you try a new piece of fruit at the weekend?





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