



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 has been another excellent and busy week for our pupils across school. Year 5 in particular this week have had a visit and been on a trip to Gressenhall.

Next week sees another Federation event. Pupils from across the Federation will take part in a 'school values' based sports activity day. We are very excited to welcome pupils to our school.

Nursery has been an incredibly busy place this week as we continue to welcome new two year olds! The sunshine for most of the week has allowed our pupils to spend much of their time outside. As we go into the bank holiday weekend, upon return please can we remind parents and carers to bring water bottles (with water) sun hats should be in school, and children should come into school with sun screen applied.

We are incredibly proud of the efforts the children made with last week's Spelling Bee and are pleased to report that, to date, and amazing **£464.30** has been received in sponsorship.

Have a wonderful long weekend. We look forward to greeting you back in school on
Tuesday May 7th at 8:40am.

Federation Sports Event for Years 3, 4 and 5

On Wednesday 8th May all children in years 3, 4 and 5 will be taking part in a Sports morning alongside children from our federated school, Lyng Primary. This is being run by the West Norfolk Schools Sports Partnership

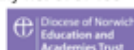
Children should come to school in their PE kit, please do not forget water bottles and hat.

Cricket Equipment

Brett Gates NCB Community Coach presented the Yr 6 House Captains with some new cricket equipment. This was given by Friends of Norfolk Youth Cricket through Norfolk Cricket Board. We would like to thank them for giving us this equipment which will be used in PE.



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Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Nursery	Edward R for his huge increase in confidence recently. Edward has been confidently retelling stories, joining in with repeated phrases in rhymes and discussing life cycles with his peers and adults.
Antarctica Class (R)	Margot for fantastic efforts in her phonics, reading & writing - showing great resilience when things are tricky!
Oceania Class (yr 1)	Jayden for always showing high levels of concentration and focus on his work – particularly in maths when counting in twos, fives and tens.
Africa Class (yr 2)	Phoenix for his enthusiasm in our learning this week. Phoenix has been really engaged and keen to share his thoughtful ideas with the class.
Europe Class (yr 3)	Jessica has been working hard for a long time and you can really see the progress she has made. The quality of her sentences is great and her calculations in maths go to prove that working hard always leads to improvement.
S America Class (yr 4)	Eva for her hard work with her explanation text this week. Eva has worked carefully to make sure her work is neat and her ideas and thoughts are presented clearly.
Asia Class (yr 5)	The whole class for the wonderful costumes and enthusiasm shown during their trip to Gressenhall.
North America (yr 6)	Isabelle S for her sensible approach to our revision sessions this week. She has worked really hard in all areas.

This week's overall attendance 96.4% Asia Class (yr 5) 97.3%

WOW MOMENTS!

James, Adelaide, April (yr 6), Reuben (yr 3) We are immensely proud of our Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy ski team! Our team of children came in Silver (second place) in the Schools Ski Race at the weekend, racing against schools from across the country. Way to go TB Ski Team!

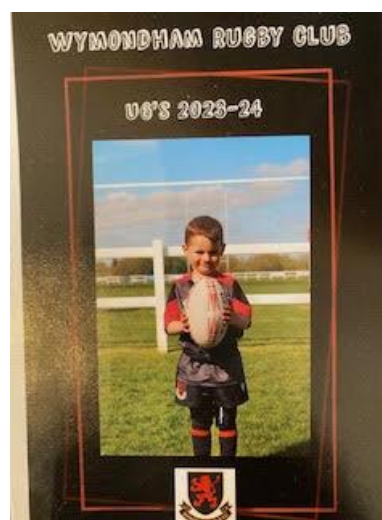
Theo (yr 2) was awarded Player of the Month for Shipdham Wasps and was proud to show his trophy in class.

William (YR 4) has worked hard and earned his green sash at Kung Fu this week.

Joseph (yr R) was awarded a medal & certificate for Achievement at Wymondham Rugby Club

Jacob (yr 3) has been persevering with his swimming and moved up to the next level.

Hugo (yr 2) has been awarded swimmer of the month.



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 special about Wales?
2	Why is Nelson Mandela remembered?
3	How have the flora and fauna of difference biomes adapted to life there?
4	What did the Ancient Maya believe and how did they worship?
5	How did the textile industry change?

Asia Class (yr 4)

The class had a great time at Gressenhall Rural Life Museum this week discovering what life would have been like as a Victorian child. They began the day down at the farmhouse finding out how to cook on a range and the long process of keeping clothes clean. Next, they had a look at the heavy horses before going out into the fields to stone pick. After lunch, it was time for a lesson in the school house chanting rhymes, using an abacus and practising writing on a slate. Finally, they went into the workhouse to learn about the conditions people lived in and the jobs they would have had to have done such as picking oakum.

Throughout this time the children had to listen out carefully for clues in order to solve the mystery of who stole the candlesticks – I think it is fair to say that at the end of the day they were all a little surprised to find out who the culprit was!



South America Class (yr 4)

In History this week, the class have been learning about the Maya civilization and their sacred buildings. Some of the children made one of their temples and discovered that the Mayans painted their temples red to represent blood as they viewed them as a living thing.

In Science, they have been looking at sound and how we hear. They discussed how it is really important to look after and protect our hearing by muffling loud sounds. They worked in teams to make ear defenders to test against sounds.

In English, they made the most of the sunshine by editing their explanation texts together, using lots of strategies to support their editing skills to ensure their work meets success criteria.

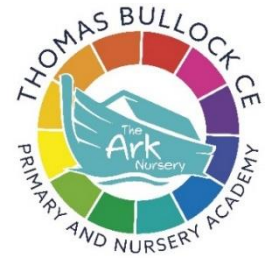


Asia Class (yr 5)

Linked to their science learning surrounding life cycles, Harry in Year 5's dad kindly brought in their partridge chicks that have recently hatched. The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to hold the chicks, as well as learning all about them and how to know which are boys and which are girls. We are looking forward to seeing photos of them growing and hearing all about them from Harry!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

Look how much our caterpillars have grown! The children are VERY excited to see them grow even bigger before they form chrysalis'. We've learnt all about the lifecycle of butterflies, making our own craft for this too. We have been caring for our plants too, inside the classroom on the window sills and outside in our greenhouse. It won't be long before we can plant these out! We are super excited to see some of our sunflowers germinating and are looking forward to measuring these as they grow. During our phonics sessions this week, we have learnt the sound 'x', as well as consolidating sounds we have already learnt. We began story mapping 'The Runaway Pea' in literacy. In maths we have looked at 'more than' and 'fewer than' and will consolidate this in following weeks. We have also been talking more about the human life cycle – looking at the different stages: baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult, elderly. We enjoyed the sunshine on Wednesday and Thursday with lots of outdoor learning – we've planted some beans to watch grow in bags on the windows.



Next week

Next week in our phonics sessions, we will continue to consolidate all phonemes learnt so far, before we move onto special friends! We will continue our learning surrounding our story book 'The Runaway Pea', finishing off story mapping and making marks of our own. In maths, we will look at 2D shapes. Having talked lots about plants and their life cycles, we will move onto a focus on animal life cycles. We will continue to care for our growing plants and make observations of this growth.

Learning links at home

- Go on a bug hunt. What did you find? Can you draw a picture of the different insects you found?
- Make the most of the spring sunshine and get outside to do some mark making. You could use a tub of water and a paintbrush, chalks or even a broom and water.
- Help your grown up to hang the washing on the line in the spring sunshine and help to develop your motor skills at the same time, squeezing the pegs together is a great workout for your fingers!



DIARY DATES

MAY

- 6th Bank holiday
- 7th Year 5 Cycling (group 2)
- 8th Federation Sports Event yrs 3, 4 and 5
- 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
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- 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 Sport 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