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"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16
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NEWSLETTER

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This week we have had meetings with our Student Committee members, to see what ideas and plans they have for our School this year!

Student Council

During the Spring Term, the Student Council shared some exciting plans during collective worship on Wednesday. We will be running Valentine's fundraising activities on Friday 13 February, including a bake sale, a £1 donation to wear red, pink or hearts, and a fun Red Run. A portion of the money raised will be donated to a children's hospital. We are also exploring Thomas Bullock merchandise such as hoodies, pencil cases and key rings, with a pupil design competition, and raising money for future playground equipment, including a KS1 in-ground trampoline and climbing equipment. Year 4 Pupils were reminded to enter Miss Crane's competition, with a chance to win £100 for the school. During the Spring Term, the Student Council will also be running a Spring Library Club at lunchtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, offering games, crafts and reading.

Digital Leaders

This half term, our Digital Leaders are getting ready for 'Safer Internet Day' in February. They are planning a fun and informative presentation for a whole school assembly to help everyone learn how to stay safe, kind and responsible when using the internet.

Eco Warriors

Happy New Year from the Thomas Bullock Eco-Council! We have started the year by completing a "Meet the Team" sheet, which has been added to the front of our school's Eco-Council floor book. On this sheet, the children explained why they wanted to be part of the Eco-Council and what they are looking forward to doing during meetings. Their responses included wanting to "help the environment to ensure animals don't get injured," "take care of animals," and "go litter picking to clean up our school environment."

We have also been working our way through the Eco-Schools Environmental Review, identifying areas where our school is performing well (such as biodiversity) and areas where we could improve (including transport and waste). Although our school grounds are already very tidy, the children are eager to take part in a litter pick. As soon as the weather improves, we will head outside during one of our upcoming meetings.

We look forward to reporting back on how much litter we find!

Reading Ambassadors

This week, our Reading Ambassadors have been busy in the library, ensuring everything is organised and in its proper place. They have also begun sorting and preparing book donations.

Book Donations Welcome!

If you have any books in good condition, they would be greatly appreciated. Please hand all donations in at the school office.

Next week, we hope to level and label the donated books before placing them on the shelves for children to enjoy.

Ethos Team

We have recently introduced reflection spaces in each classroom, providing pupils with a calm and purposeful area to pause, reflect, and develop their spiritual wellbeing as part of their daily school life. Alongside this, each class has contributed photographs for a whole-school display in the main hall themed *"Letting Our Light Shine,"* celebrating the individuality, achievements, and positive values of our pupils. Our next planned project is to create class prayer books, which will be developed collaboratively and used to support collective worship and prayer within each classroom.

Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Isla** for always making positive choices and being a fantastic role model to others in the class. She is a kind friend to all, and we are very proud of her!
Antarctica (Yr R)	**Woody** Well done for working so hard on your phonics and reading! You have shown amazing resilience and determination!
Arctic Class (Yr R)	**Felix** has shared his knowledge of space with the class and posed some really thought-provoking questions. Remember.. the truth is out there, and the truth is the moon is made of cheese!
Oceania Class (Yr 1)	**Daisy** for her fabulous fact file about frogs full of information and adjectives to describe them!
Africa Class (Yr 2)	**Betsy** for demonstrating our value of creativity. She has used her imagination to create a fantastic poem in English, thoughtfully applying everything she has learned.
Europe Class (Yr 3)	**Jacob** for his focus within the classroom recently, he has shown great confidence in answering questions. Jacob has worked hard to concentrate in the classroom all week which in turn has improved his quality of classwork. keep it up!
S America Class (Yr 4)	**Arthur** for his enthusiasm and curious outlook in our rainforest topic. Arthur has been recalling key facts well, using subject specific vocabulary and trying to extend his knowledge with a want to find out more about certain aspects of the rainforest. Well done for being a curious geographer and applying your rainforest learning across the curriculum.
Asia Class (Yr 5)	**George Hi** for his hard work and determination in maths this week. George has focussed hard in lesson and has shown great understanding of adding and subtracting fractions with conversions.
N America Class (yr 6)	**Halle F** is our shining light of the week for her success in working with fractions. She has really worked hard, thought deeply and listened to feedback and, as a result, her confidence has grown.

This week's overall attendance 96.9% Arctic Class (Yr R) 100%

WOW MOMENTS!

Isabella (Yr 2) and Bobbie (Yr 4) Bobbie and Isabella were part of the bridal party at their Aunties wedding last weekend. They were asked to read the story "Guess how much I love you" as part of the church service. They both read beautifully and they even added in actions too.

Eva (Yr 6) Eva passed stage 6 in swimming on Monday evening so is now in stage 7 which is the last stage of swimming. Well done

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 Questions
1	What transport did people use in the past?
2	What are the five oceans that make up planet Earth?
3	What are some of the key physical and human features of Europe?
4	What are the key human features of South America?
5	What are the key human features of Asia?
6	Who fought for Britain in the First World War?

Thomas Bullock Primary and Nursery Academy

invite Parents and Children from

age 2 to our

FREE SPRING STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Every Friday 2:00pm – 3:00pm

We will explore our fantastic new indoor/ outdoor areas through sensory stories, fine motor funky activities and lots more!

To register an interest to any of the above email office@thomasbullock.dneat.org
Funded places are available now, please contact the school office.

DIARY DATES

January
19th – Year 3 Reading Café 9am-9.30am
19th – Antarctica Maths Café 2.30-3pm
20th – Arctic Maths Café 2.30pm-3pm
21st & 22nd – Bikeabilty for Year 5
23rd – Bikeability for Year 4
28th & 29th – Bikeability for Year 5

February
10th – Safer Internet Day*
13th – Year 5 & 6 Reading Café 9am-9.30am
13th – Last day of Half Term
Half Term – 16th- 20th February 2026
23rd – Children return to School

March
5th – World Book Day
9th – British Science Week
16th – School Photographer – Class Photos
27th – Last Day of Term

April
30th March– 14th April - Easter Holiday
15th – Children return to School

*New Addition