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"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

Thank you so much to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week. It's always exciting to hear about the progress our children have made, and to see how they continue to let their light shine throughout the term. I'm also incredibly grateful for the kind comments about your children's learning and their time at school. Your support means a great deal to all of us.

As we move forward into the next part of the term, I look forward to seeing even more of our students shine brightly in everything they do.

Student Council Update

The Student Council has been busy over the past few weeks! Today, they hosted a successful bake sale for Red Nose Day, organised alongside Miss Bell-Tye and I. Our student councillors not only helped run the event but also created fantastic signs to promote the sale.

Following our RAAC reconstruction and recent return to the school hall, the Student Council discussed ways to develop lunchtimes. One way is the Student Council has started supporting Mr. Anderson with the lunchtime games and mindfulness club. Their enthusiasm and dedication are truly inspiring!

Celebrating Neurodiversity at Thomas Bullock CE Primary School

This week, we are proud to have participated in Neurodiversity Celebration Week, a global initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. At Thomas Bullock CE, we celebrate the unique talents and perspectives of all our students, and this week has provided a great opportunity to reflect on how we can further create an inclusive and supportive environment.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week encourages us to look beyond labels and recognise the skills and creativity neurodivergent individuals bring to our communities. We believe it is important for parents to talk with their children about how we value difference, helping them grow into empathetic and open-minded individuals. Thank you to our school community for supporting this meaningful week, and we look forward to continuing to celebrate everyone's unique abilities.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Wraparound Care – Booking for Summer Term

The Breakfast and After School Club booking form for the next half term is now available. Once again, please be reminded to clear any outstanding balances for this half term before making future bookings. The link is here:

https://forms.gle/qgmrFdYKfxhegrvG9

SATs Briefings for years 2 and 6

We have added to our calendar SATs briefings for parents of children in years 2 and 6. The dates are:

Year 6 - Thursday 3rd April 3.30pm

Year 2 - Thursday 24th April 3.30pm

Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Eli** for persevering even when he has been poorly. Eli has grown hugely in confidence. He confidently role plays with his friends and joins in during our carpet sessions too.
Antarctic Class (yr R)	**Martha** for showing great perseverance with her phonics and reading. She has worked so hard and is making fantastic progress - well done!
Oceania Class (yr 1)	**Esme** for persevering with her writing in English. She wrote a fantastic recount of the 'colour hunt' she completed, remembering her adverbials of time, adjectives and even all of her punctuation – wow!
Africa Class (yr 2)	**Sonny** for his growing confidence and super efforts in class. He has been keen to demonstrate his knowledge in our learning tasks.
Europe Class (yr 3)	**Arthur** for his admirable perseverance in class. He always adds great ideas for the class as well as working hard at his own work. Keep at it, Arthur.
S America Class (yr 4)	**Scarlett** for her perseverance in her editing during English this week. Scarlett has ensured precise vocabulary and fronted adverbials whilst adapting and moving around parts of her narrative for a cohesive piece. Well done.
Asia Class (yr 5)	**Amelia** is our shining light this week for her amazing attitude and resilience in English lessons in all her independent writing, she strives to use ambitious vocabulary and taught sentence structures. As a result, her writing is always engaging and a joy to read.
N America Class (yr 6)	**Lily-Grace** for persevering in all that she does. She works hard and tries to solve a problem rather than being defeated by it. A great attitude to school and life.

This week's overall attendance 96.5%. Asia Class (yr 5) 99%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Questions
1	How have humans travelled in space?
2	Why are some parts of Earth hot and other parts cold?
3	What is it like in Rome?
4	How are river used?
5	What is an earthquake?
6	What was the impact of the Second World War on Britain?

WOW MOMENTS!

Cleo (yr 3) played a solo and duet at the Assembly house in Norwich in front of a big audience with Jill Morton (famous pianist) Jill was the chief adjudicator and Cleo was awarded a 'highly commended performance' for her solo and 'commended + performance' for her duet!
Martha (yr 2) had her first gymnastics session - she did really well and is looking forward to next week!
Esther (yr 1) has completed stage 2 in swimming.

Please remember to continue to send in your ***WOW*** moments for achievements out of school
https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7

Asia Class (yr 5)

Twenty-four children took part in a Level 2 Bikeability course this week. They learnt how to:

- Start and stop with more confidence
- Pass stationary vehicles parked on a road
- Understand the road: signals signs and road markings
- Negotiate the road: including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts
- Share the road with other vehicles.

Africa Class (yr 3)

Mrs Crowdy kindly came in to talk to Africa Class about her experiences in Africa. Children had the chance to listen to stories, look at pictures and hold artefacts from another country. Children cut out their own African masks and drew pictures of the artefacts.

Asia Class (yr 5)

In Year 5, we have been learning about kitchen safety and food hygiene in DT. We practised using the 'claw ' and 'bridge' grip to prepare a range of seasonal vegetables ready for a curry. In our next lesson we will be adapting a basic naan bread recipe to produce a new appealing product.

Years 2/3 Active Maths Festival

Ten children from Yr 2/3 took part in the first ever WNDSSP Active Maths Festival at Dereham Leisure Centre. There were over 120 children and 11 schools taking part. This was a chance for Team TB to combine their maths skills with PE on the following stations Matching Times, Complete the Bond, Treasure Chest, Order! Order!, Run and Calculate and Odds and Evens. Well done to Sienna who was awarded the festival value certificate for honesty.

Healthcare Advice & Treatment - Pharmacy First for parents/carers

Did you know you can get healthcare advice and treatment for common illnesses without needing a GP appointment? Pharmacy First services allow you to visit your local pharmacy for expert help with a range of minor health concerns—so you can get the right treatment, faster. For more information click on the link below:
https://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/article/67869

RED NOSE DAY

We have raised an incredible £250.25 for Comic Relief today – WOW!

The children dressed up wonderfully in red, Comic Relief themed clothing and as superheroes. We listened to the importance of the Comic Relief charity in assembly and enjoyed telling jokes in class too!

After school, we held a very successful cake sale with queues down the road! Thank you again for your kind donations.

The Ark Nursery

This week and last week

It has been so lovely to see the spring sunshine this week! We have been practising saying and writing our new sounds: e, l, h and r. We have started our learning surrounding our story book 'The Train Ride', with our afternoon learning linked with transport learning. We have been looking at photos of and talking about our own experiences of transport / vehicles too. The children particularly enjoyed reading the book as a song. Here is a link, if you would like to listen at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHbE8kaBDKU. In maths, we talked about and explore mass. Linked to this, we also looked at floating and sinking. This week we have explored capacity, with lots of real-life practise in the water tray in the sunshine! After listening to Mr Johnson's British Science Week assembly last Monday, we were super excited to be scientists ourselves for the week. We explored all seasons, with a focus on the season we are heading into: spring. As well as this, we have observed the signs of spring we could spot out in our outdoor areas: blossom, daffodils, birds, nests, green leaves, buds etc. Back in our classroom, we looked at the different parts of a flower – we looked at daffodil bulbs, as well as cut flowering daffodils too. This week also saw Red Nose Day, where we dressed up and made each other laugh!

Next week

Next week, we will be learning new sounds 'j' and 'v', before we begin recapping the sounds we have learnt so far in phonics. We will continue our learning based around 'The Train Ride'. During our maths sessions, we will continue with our capacity and floating and sinking learning, before we will consolidate our learning from this half term. We will be learning about how things work – exploring cause and effect toys and using tools. We will also have lots of Easter themed activities, as well as hosting our Mother's Day Stay & Play session on Friday 9-11am.

Learning links at home

- Go for a walk or visit a farm or park. What animals did you see? Can you see any flowers growing? You could take some photos or draw a picture of something.
- Which animals come from eggs? Talk about baby animals and how to care for them.
- At the sink or in the bath, play with a selection of different-sized containers. Can you fill and empty the containers? Can you show a container that is full, nearly full, nearly empty and empty?
- Take one container and fill it with water, rice or pasta. Can you find another container that would hold more? Can you find a container that would hold less? Can you put the containers in order?

DIARY DATES

March

26th FOSS Mother's Day Lunchtime Shop – years 3,4,5,6

28th FOSS Mother's Day Lunchtime Shop – years N,R,1,2

28th Reception Mother's Day Celebration 2pm*

April

3rd Yr 6 SATs Briefing to parents 3.30pm*

4th Yr 6 to Duxford *

Easter holiday 7th-22nd April

24th Yr 2 SATs Briefing to parents 3.30pm*

May

5th Bank holiday

6th Yr R School Nursing Team Vision & Hearing, Height & Weight

12th – 16th May KS2 (yr 6) SATs week

21st Year 5 Victorian Day at Gressenhall

Half term 26th – 30th May

June

2nd Inset Day – school closed

10th Reception Class to Gressenhall

25th Norfolk Show – yrs 3,4 and 5

30th – 2nd July Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

July

1st Yr 5 trip to Northgate to see Wizard of Oz

5th FOSS Summer Fete

22nd Last day of term

Summer holiday commences 23rd July

* New addition