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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

As we reach the end of another busy term, we reflect on all that we have accomplished together. Our students have participated in a wide variety of exciting activities, including sports events, a fascinating Mobile Planetarium visit where we explored the planets, and welcoming both visitors to our school and going on educational trips. We've also supported good causes, such as Red Nose Day, with help from our school ambassadors and clubs, who have played a key role in these efforts. Additionally, our children had the opportunity to enhance their cycling skills through Bikeability, and we welcomed visits from both Nourish and Ofsted!

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of our parents for their kindness this week – your thoughtful care baskets and encouraging words truly embody the spirit of community that we so value. It is often said that it takes a village to raise a child, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive village here at Thomas Bullock. As soon as the Ofsted report is returned to us, I will be sharing it with you.

A special thank you to those parents who joined us for our Easter Service on Thursday. It was a wonderful way to end the term, and the children did a fantastic job learning their songs and wearing their bonnets with pride. We hope you enjoyed being a part of this special occasion, marking such an important event in our school calendar.

To cap off the term, we were treated to a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny, who handed out Easter Chocolates to all the children, kindly donated by FOSS.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and we wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Shining Lights of the Half Term

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Kora** for always showing great perseverance in her learning. Kora has a great attitude, shares wonderful ideas and is a brilliant influence on her peers. It has been wonderful watching Kora's confidence with her learning develop, especially her ever growing impressive phonics knowledge. **Eli** has shown great perseverance with his independence and personal responsibility. It has been so wonderful to see Eli arriving to school proud to show off his school uniform with a smile on his face!
Antarctic Class (yr R)	**Eddie** consistently works with tireless enthusiasm; never giving up when things get tricky. **Grace** faces everything with enthusiasm and a contagious smile! Although not always finding things easy, Grace never gives up when faced with a challenge. We are so proud of her!
Oceania Class (yr 1)	**Amelia** consistently demonstrates this half term's value of perseverance. She tries so hard in all she does does and never gives up. **Arlo** consistently demonstrates this half term's value of perseverance. He has worked incredibly hard on his writing at school and home!
Africa Class (yr 2)	**Callie** for showing great perseverance in her learning. She has a wonderful attitude and motivation to learn. **Harry** for showing great perseverance and a positive attitude towards his work. Harry always has a 'can do' attitude and consistently demonstrates great enthusiasm.
Europe Class (yr 3)	**Frederick** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of perseverance in her work. He consistently engages in whole class discussions and adds great input. Fred pushes himself to reach his potential in all subjects. **Emma** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of perseverance in her work. She always tries her hardest and pushes herself in everything she does.
S America Class (yr 4)	**Kai** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of perseverance in his English and reading. Kai has worked so hard and made so much progress in both reading and writing and we are very proud of him. He is beginning to take time to read his work back through and uses resources around him to support him. **Lillie-May** for consistently demonstrating perseverance as well as all of our school values. Lillie-May works incredibly hard each lesson and strives to do her work to the best of her ability, challenging herself always. Lillie-May is also incredibly polite, kind and helpful. We are very proud of all her progress.
Asia Class (yr 5)	**Jake** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of perseverance in English. Each lesson, he challenges himself to write as independently as he can using all the resources available to him. He understands that great writers take the time to edit and improve their work and that this takes time and effort. **Theo** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of perseverance in Maths. Each lesson, he challenges himself to solve one, two and even multi-step problems taking the time to work out where to start and which steps to take. He understands that the path to success is not always straight forward and does not give up when the going gets tough.
N America Class (yr 6)	**Tom and Lily** are the Year 6 shining lights of the half term. They both put their minds to a challenge they see it through to the end.

This week's overall attendance 95%. South America Class (yr 4) 98.4%

WOW MOMENTS!

Autumn B (yr 6) entered her first ever in hand showing competition with her horse Fanta. She entered three classes and came placed in every one 3rd, 5th and 5th.
Jemima (yr 4) has been joining the girls golf at Norfolk Ladies Winter Training and completed her first 7 holes this weekend.
Paisley (yr 4) performed in Charlie and the Chocolate at the weekend at Dereham Memorial Hall and was amazing. All of the cast had worked really hard to put on a professional standard of show. She remembered here lines and said them perfectly.
Violet (yr 2) passed her bike riding course and can now independently ride her bike.

Please remember to continue to send in your ***WOW*** moments for achievements out of school
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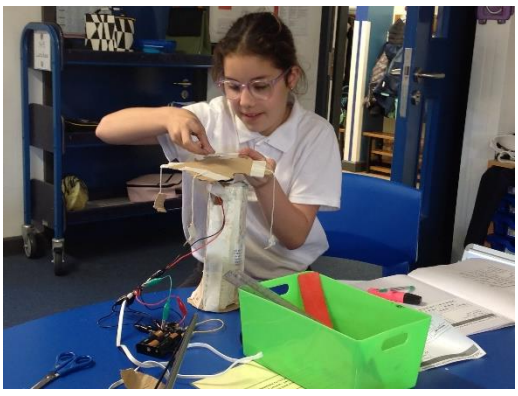
Asia Class (yr 5)

Year 5 completed their computing unit this week. In groups they create a moving Merry Go Round. They used a motor, sparkle and push button to create a crumble circuit and designed an algorithm.



South America Class (yr 4)

In DT this half term, Year 4 have been practicing their sewing skills to create tribal headdresses. This links to their Geography unit on The Amazon and their book of focus in English, 'The vanishing Rainforest'. Haven't they done a great job. We were so impressed!

Africa Class (yr 2)

Year 2 have finished sewing their finger puppets in DT and they have done an amazing job!

The Ark Nursery

This week

In phonics, we consolidated the sounds we have learnt so far. We have really enjoyed re-telling our story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' in and out of the classroom and we also compared it to 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt'. In our maths sessions, we looked at floating and sinking, as well as consolidating our maths learning from this half term too. We have been measuring height and length (tall, short and long), capacity (full, empty, nearly full, nearly empty, half full, half empty) and mass (heavy, light, heavier, lighter).

During our afternoons, we have explored growing, forces (pushing and pulling), as well as looking deeper into the Easter story. We are very excited to see that the beans and sunflower seeds we planted a while ago have started growing roots and shoots. We have spent lots of time outdoors, enjoying the spring sunshine, noticing more signs of spring and playing some lovely team games.

Back in our classroom, we have also been busy watching the frogspawn grow little tails and exploring the life cycle of frogs alongside this too. Finally, we sang 'Hot Cross Buns' confidently during our annual Easter Service in church on Thursday afternoon. We are so proud of our Ark Nursery children and we are looking forward to welcoming more friends into Ark Class after the Easter holidays.

Please see our Summer 1 newsletter when we return to school for our plans for next term! It will focus around the question 'How do we grow?'

Learning links at home

- Can you tell your family all about the lifecycle of a plant? We've learnt lots about plants this term and grown our own, watching them grow from seeds to seedlings. We have talked lots about all of the things plants need to grow!
- People often celebrate Easter by eating hot cross buns, chocolate and cakes. Enjoy making some sweet treats to share with your family and friends. Don't forget to post your activities onto Tapestry!
- Most of all, have a fun and restful time with your loved ones!

I look forward to seeing you all, with some new friends joining us, when we return 😊

DIARY DATES

Easter holiday 7th-21st April
22nd Inset Day – school closed
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
15th Yr 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach*
22nd Last day of term
Summer holiday commences 23rd July

* New addition