



# Thorndown Primary School Newsletter



Hello,

What an incredibly exciting week we have had here at Thorndown.

Our new Reception play equipment was installed and opened during a special ceremony - more information can be found in this newsletter.

Toucans class had the great experience of a Local Heritage Day run by KICK and the Norris Museum which was fantastic and all the children enjoyed.

We also held an assembly to discuss why we have Remembrance Day and the importance of it. Poppies and associated items are available for children for a donation toward the Poppy Appeal.

Can I please remind you that as the weather turns wetter and colder to ensure your child has an appropriate coat with them. We try to ensure the children are outside as much as possible and this helps us keep children warm when outside.

Take care  
Mr Snape

## Term Dates

Final day of Autumn Term - 20th

December

4th/5th January 2024 - Training  
Days

8th January 2024—First day of  
Spring Term

19th-23rd February - Half Term

28th March - Last day of Spring  
Term

## Diary Dates

8th/15th November - Year 6 Local  
Heritage Project Days

8th November - Toddler Group

16th November— Girls Football  
Friendly Match

17th November - Walters Cup Football  
Match

21st-24th November - Y6 to Hilltop

21st November - Henson Cup Football  
Match

## Pre-School

The children have been busy exploring and learning about fireworks night this week. Our story of the week is Bonfire night and in the cube is a lovely fireworks display for the children to see and talk about.

Around the room we have had lots of activities linked to fireworks, black sparkly playdough, firework painting with paint and glitter and some lovely firework pictures to colour in.

At the end of the week the children will be joining in some science experiments, they will be creating their own using a range of different resources, making an exploding volcano, lots of slime and using the pipettes in trays using ice and exploding bath bombs.

## Mindful Monday and Children in Need

A quick reminder that next week we will be holding our first Mindful Monday of the school year - look out for a poster explaining what the children will be doing on this day.

We will also be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November for Children in Need. Children will be able to make a donation to Children in Need on the day

## Rugby Success!

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, some children from Year 5 /6 went to a rugby tournament hosted by St Neots Rugby club. We split into two teams: Thorndown Thunder and Thorndown Thistles. Thorndown Thunder played 5 games: first Little Paxton which ended in a Thunder win, second a friendly against Westfield ending in another win, Westfield in the official match which was our first loss and then our final group game we lost to Buckden. In the final position match we had a strong victory over Winhills. Thorndown Thistles played 6 games: our first game against Warboys ended in a Thistle win, our second game was another Thistle win against Westfield B, and our third game was our first draw against Westfield C. We played all these matches a second time and managed to beat Westfield C. This secured our place of first in the whole tournament. This means the rugby trophy stays at Thorndown for another year.

Written by Harvey and Caden



## EAL at Thorndown

Welcome to the EAL section of our school newsletter.

Did you know that there are 35 different languages spoken by Thorndown families?

We are really keen for our school to be somewhere that multilingualism is valued and celebrated.

Please keep an eye on this section of our newsletter for interesting facts about languages spoken at our school, events that are happening in the local area and ways that you can promote a rich multilingual environment for your child at home.



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The children in Reception were very excited to have the Mayor of St Ives and our Chair of Governors, Heather Wood, opening our new play equipment on Monday morning. The equipment was safety tested by the Reception Team prior to the opening!



The new play equipment is really important for developing the motor skills of the children. The FOTS team played a vital role in raising the funds to buy this equipment. Thank you to everyone involved, including everyone that supports the FOTS events.

