



Thorndown Primary School Newsletter



Hello,

It has been an incredibly exciting week at Thorndown as our EYFS and KS1 children have begun practicing for their performances and are very excited to present these to parents in early December.

We also have our Y6 residential children who have ventured to Norfolk for an exciting adventure and I know they will represent the school wonderfully whilst they are there.

Please can I remind you that if you would like to contact your child's class teacher please go via the office using the office@thorndown.cambs.sch.uk. This ensures we are able to direct your enquiry to the most suitable place.

Also, as we enter the colder months, please ensure your child has an appropriate coat for the weather - we are keen to ensure the children are outside as much as possible over the winter so the correct clothing is essential!

I hope you all have a great week,

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

27th November - Flu Vaccinations

28th November - Rec and Y1 (9-9.45am) and Y2 (10-10.45am) Open Classrooms

29th November Yr 4(9-9.45am) and Panda/Swifts (10-10.45am) Open Classrooms

30th November Y3 and Chameleons (9-9.45am) and Y6 (10-10.45am) Open Classrooms

Pre-School

This week the children are enjoying nursery rhyme week, in the cube each day we have had a different rhyme, with the children guessing what one it is. Our story of the week is Incy Wincy spider. They have also enjoyed hunting for leaves and then painting them, making nursery rhyme characters out of the play dough and exploring the sea creatures in the tuff spot.

The children are really enjoying their phonics sessions on the carpet each morning, this week we have focused on listening to different sounds and copying them in groups.

Becky Smith



OPaL (Outdoor Play and Learning) – Donations

Thank you so much for all those who have already donated items our OPaL initiative aimed at improving play during the school day. We are still keen for any donations so if you are able to donate any of the list below we would be very grateful!

- Lego/Duplo/construction bricks
- Small world toys (dinosaurs, animals, figures etc.)
- Cars
- Trains and train tracks
- Small world play mats (roads, tracks etc.)

Please drop any donations off in the large, yellow bin outside the office. It is labelled 'OPaL donations'.

Thank you!

Miss Sibanda



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Writers of the Week


Welcome to the newest part of our newsletter. Each week during Celebration Assembly children from each class are awarded for being 'Thorndown Writer of the Week'. Children from each class have the opportunity to display their work in the hall and receive a certificate. An overall winner is selected and they receive the trophy.

Congratulations to Ivy-Rose and Luke who were the winners on 17.11.23

Miss Fluffley is a proud, strong lady. Miss Fluffley is a bossy, mean lady to the workers and the workers wanted to have their tea break. Miss Fluffley is kind to the customers but not to the workers.

By Luke (Year 2)

This piece of writing was based on the story 'The Hippopandamouse'. Luke wrote a character description of Miss Fluffley using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions.



Sadly Mini Rabbit tiredly walked across he dripping, gloomy cave. His heart pulsed more and more from the fear. He truly was lost! But he then saw something creeping up on him out of the corner of his eye. He wanted to get home NOW! He tried to get home with his berry before the creature caught him! He bounded towards the light as he knew it was the only way to get out!


Mini Rabbit quickly climbed up the long rope because he saw two animals and he thought they would eat up because he was so tiny. But he said "Cake, cake, cake! I am going to bake a cake!"

Mini Rabbit leapt across the logs and rocks. He went back through the forest... And he went home! But when he got back, his Mum said "Would you like some cake?"

"No thank you. Can I have some ice cream instead?"

By Ivy-Rose (Year 3)

Based on Mini Rabbit Not Lost, Ivy-Rose wrote her own adventure story.





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EAL at Thorndown

Did you know that we are lucky enough to live within a half hour journey from the award-winning Cambridge Central Mosque? This beautiful, unique mosque is Europe's first Eco Mosque and was designed by the same architect as the iconic London Eye.

To book a free guided tour visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discover-cambridge-central-mosque-tickets-59345100794>

Children of all ages are welcome and the mosque is accessible to wheelchair users.

Tours run on weekend days at 11.30am.



Sport@Thorndown!

On Friday Year 5 had a Walters Cup match against St Helens school. In the first half, our team-mate Alan scored by chipping their keeper 1-0. Sooner after, they scored a goal to make it 1-1. Dylan had a shot but it hit the post. In the second half, Myles scored to make it 2-1. Soon after Romeo scored 3-1. We thought we had this in the bag but out of nowhere they scored 2 goals 3-3. Then Dylan scored a goal 4-3. Following that Alix scored and this was assisted by Stanley Carter. Suddenly we scored again to make it 6-4. We had loads more chances but we couldn't score anymore. At fulltime we thanked the ref Campbell and shook each other's hands.

Written by Dylan and Stanley Carter.

In the Pokemon football tournament we played very well. The first group stage we won 4:0 – the other team played well but we played better. The second game we won 2:1. Their goal was a chip from the half way line so there was very little we could do about that! The third game was the semi-finals and we played excellently. We won 1:0. Our goal was from a cross, the keeper fumbled it a bit and we scored. The fourth game was the final against Alconbury and we finished 0:0 but we played our best yet. The people running the tournament were behind schedule so we couldn't fit in extra time. So we came joint first. We will play against them in January to decide who goes through to the regional final representing Cambridgeshire. Our team decided that Zach was the player of the tournament.

Written by Ryan



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ONLINE FAIR PLAY The Dos and Don'ts of Online Conduct

Alongside individual skill, impressive teamwork and some truly epic matches, one of the most enjoyable things about this summer's European football championships has been the sense of sportsmanship and fair play. Players have competed fiercely, but they've (mostly) remembered that they're representing their country – and that bad behaviour, dangerous play or outright cheating tends to last in people's memories for a long time after tournaments are over. The same is true of how we act online – one error of judgement or loss of control might only take a second, but can have results that are difficult to forget. Instead, just like the heroes of the Euros, we should aim for people to see us and feel proud and inspired. So, in a five-a-side line-up (with five "dos" and five "don'ts"), here are our top tips for playing fair online.



FAIR PLAY

FOUL PLAY



1 Organise your defence

Use strong passwords to protect your personal information, accounts and data. A trusted adult, like a teacher or a relative, can help you choose one that's easy for you to remember but hard for anyone else to guess.



2 Keep possession

Only share personal information online with people you know well, like friends and family. A trusted adult will be able to help you change your online privacy settings so strangers can't find things out about you.



3 Use teamwork

Before you use a device for the first time or download a new app, always check with a trusted adult. They'll be able to check if it's safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right for you.



4 Be respectful

Treat people online like you would treat them in real life. Remember your manners and be polite and kind in your posts, comments and messages.



5 Catch attackers offside

If someone is trying to bully you online, a trusted adult can help you to gather evidence and report that person to the authorities. You should also tell a trusted adult if you see anything online that makes you feel worried, upset, frightened or sad.



1 Don't ignore possible danger

Never accept a friend request from a stranger. If somebody you don't know tries to contact you online, tell a trusted adult straight away.



2 Don't lose control & retaliate

Although it can be tempting, it's best not to respond if someone attempts to bully you online or sends you hurtful messages. Tell a trusted adult what happened, and then block the person from contacting you again in future.



3 Don't hurt people deliberately

It's important to behave online just like you would in real life. Don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person, because the things we put online can stay there for a long time.



4 Don't cheat your way to victory

Don't copy another person's work that you found online or pretend that it's yours. This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.



5 Don't play for extra time

It can be easy to spend too much time online. Instead, take a break to go outside for some fresh air and exercise. Not using your device just before bed will also help you get a good night's sleep so you can be fresh and focused the next day.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

